

the IW&FS Grapevine



IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS DECEMBER 2013



NEW BRANCHES



LATVIA

Bordered by Estonia, Russia, Lithuania, Sweden and Belarus, we are delighted to announce our new branch in Latvia with Ilja Aizikovics as Chairman. Assisted by Leonid Gelibtermann, Chair of Moscow, IWFS Latvia officially opened in November. Our thanks to both Illya and Leonid and very best wishes for the success of the new branch.



MUNSTER, IRELAND

Also in November, a very special dinner at Ballymaloe in Cork, Ireland, marked the opening of this fabulous new branch. Fanatical about the quality of their local produce, this 'foodie' branch hosted a splendid opening dinner with guests from all Zones on November 15. Congratulations to founding Chair Richard Nash and all members.



OUR FESTIVALS

LONDON – 80TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

The Society celebrated this milestone on November 13 with members worldwide attending lunches at two venues in London, Roux at The Landau and Roux at Parliament Square, both run by the famous Roux family. These stunning and luxurious dining rooms, and exquisitely designed menus, provided a perfect way to mark our 80th Anniversary. Member Michael Broadbent MW spoke on the wine.



LONDON – JOHN AVERY MEMORIAL DINNER

On November 12, members from all over the world celebrated Past President John Avery's life and his contribution to the Society. The venue, Vintners' Hall, was most befitting of this special occasion. A very personal tribute to the memory of John was eloquently and movingly given by Chris Bonsall, a former International Chairman. John's daughter, Mimi, chose the wines which were both eclectic and reflective of John's early ventures into 'New World' wines.



MEXICO, PUERTO VALLARTA

IWFS members from as far away as Australia and Anchorage met in Puerto Vallarta in late November where Americas Governor Sherry Knott had organized four days of wining, dining oceanside and sightseeing. The highlight: Café des Artistes where we enjoyed soft shell crab and filet mignon with excellent wines underneath the stars on terraces filled with plants, flowers and objets d'art—perfect!





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to our final edition of the Grapevine for 2013. It has been a big year including the opening of six new branches, two in each of each our three Zones, and at least as many more on the drawing board for the coming year. Not a dull moment but very exciting.

We have also just concluded our celebration of the Society's 80th Anniversary, with two splendid lunches in London. Many branches have also had their own celebrations to mark the event and I am delighted to hear about the lengths taken by some to mark this auspicious occasion. I can also report that the 80 year old 1933 Seppelt Para Port, courtesy of our Western Australia branch, is drinking beautifully and should do the distance to our 100th.



A poignant but very lovely dinner was held in London to commemorate the life of our Past President, John Avery MW. John's daughter Mimi delighted us when she spoke to the wines.

We have some wonderful festivals coming up in 2014, including Santorini (Greece), a Rhône River cruise, and a very special weekend in Taipei (Taiwan). See Dates for Your Diary on the next page for details.

In closing, I would like to wish all of our members the very best for the festive season. I do hope you enjoy some excellent wine and food with friends and family over this time and I look forward very much to visiting more of our branches in 2014.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Yvonne Wallis, Chair – IWFS Council of Management.

NEW VINTAGE CARD - NOW AVAILABLE

The latest Vintage Card has been expanded to a four-drop and with easier to read symbols – and still slimline! There are new regions plus a list of the consultants who provide us with their invaluable wine knowledge in their specialist field. A must for all those wine lovers you know.

Orders can be placed via email to: sec@iwfs.org or click [here](#) to order via the website.



OUR AWARDS

ANDRÉ SIMON SILVER

On November 12 the Chair of our Europe and Africa Zone, John Legg, was awarded the André Simon Silver Medal to recognise his lengthy and dedicated service to IWFS. Congratulations John - so highly deserved!

IWFS Council of Management

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(London, UK)





ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS



CHAIR: Dave Felton

Following the successful Great Escape to Puerto Vallarta (Mexico) in late November, which was a 4-day event open to all Society members, the Americas' Board next has organized a Rhone River cruise scheduled for June of 2014. Please consider joining us for similarly wonderful excursions in the future.

ASIA PACIFIC



CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis

I was fortunate to be able to return from London via Taiwan in November and talk with our Taipei branch about our upcoming weekend in that city (scheduled for 14-16 November 2014). A word of advice – don't miss out on this opportunity. Our Taipei branch is pulling out all stops to impress. More details on that soon. I'm also looking forward to visiting our three branches in Tokyo in February, including a celebratory dinner for our newest Tokyo branch – Roppongi, then to Mumbai and later Phuket. A lot happening in Asia Pacific!

EUROPE AFRICA



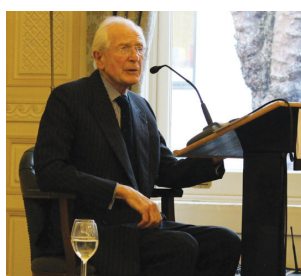
CHAIR: John Legg

It was a great pleasure to welcome two new branches in November – Munster (Ireland) and Latvia (now our second Baltic Branch). Hot on the heels of the 80th celebrations in London, the Chairs of all three Zones were able to attend Munster's inaugural dinner. We wish Munster and Latvia every success in the future. Our 3 days in Norfolk were most enjoyable (thank you Michael Messent!). Members also recently enjoyed a seminar on photographing food and wine events. Don't forget that places are still available for the 'Best of British' event in Yorkshire, February 18-21 (see Dates for Your Diary opposite). Sending Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for 2014 to all members.

2013 AGM AND ANDRÉ SIMON LECTURE

The 2013 AGM was a convivial occasion attended by around 100 members. Yvonne Wallis (Chairman) and Dwight Catherwood (our newly appointed Treasurer) ran through key highlights for the Society over the past year. We also welcomed Ian Nicol as Council Member and Michael Messent to his new role as Society Secretary. A sincere vote of thanks to outgoing Treasurer/Secretary Bob Gutenstein and Council Member Shirley Kilian was offered.

The AGM was followed by the André Simon Lecture, presented by Michael Broadbent MW. Michael seriously entertained his audience with insights from his most accomplished career in the wine world.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



YORKSHIRE – ENGLAND

18 - 21 February 2014

A luxury "Best of British" break in Yorkshire, coinciding with the 'Wakefield Rhubarb Festival'. Experience some of the best hospitality the region has to offer. Open to all members. Please click [here](#) for details of this wonderful program on the IWFS website.

SANTORINI (GREECE)

6 – 11 May 2014

This is now booked out but you are welcome to join the waitlist. Click [here](#) for details.

RHONE RIVER CRUISE (FRANCE)

8 – 15 June 2014

A few places have become available on this magical journey along the Rhone sailing through the heart of Burgundy & Provence. For the itinerary, to view cabin selection and register online, visit the IWFS website by clicking [here](#). Otherwise, please email Steve Hipple by clicking [here](#).

TAIPEI (TAIWAN R.O.C.)

14 – 16 November 2014

Asia Pacific AGM Weekend – Open to all members, but priority is given to APZ members. Bookings will not open until mid-2014, but please save the date. Our Taipei Branch is planning a wonderful weekend for us.

MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA)

11 – 15 November 2015

The next International Festival will be held in Melbourne with several pre and post tours. To see some preliminary details please click [here](#).

OUR IWFS BRANCHES



131 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (77)

CANADA

ALBERTA - EDMONTON
BRITISH COLUMBIA
VANCOUVER
VICTORIA (BC)

ONTARIO

KITCHENER-WATERLOO
NIAGARA
OAKVILLE
TORONTO
QUEBEC - MONTREAL

CAYMAN ISLANDS - CAYMAN ISLANDS

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MEXICO - TIJUANA

PUERTO RICO - PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA - BIRMINGHAM

ALASKA - ANCHORAGE

ARIZONA

PARADISE VALLEY
PHOENIX
TUCSON

CALIFORNIA

CHULA VISTA
COACHELLA VALLEY
EAST BAY
HOLLYWOOD
LA JOLLA
LAGUNA BEACH
LOS ANGELES
MARIN COUNTY
MONTEREY PENINSULA
NAPA VALLEY
ORANGE COUNTY
PASADENA
PHYSICIANS OF LOS ANGELES
RANCHO SANTA FE
RIVERSIDE
SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

SAN FRANCISCO
SANTA BARBARA
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE
MIAMI
NAPLES
ORLANDO
PALM BEACH

GEORGIA - ATLANTA

HAWAII - HONOLULU

ILLINOIS - CHICAGO

INDIANA - INDIANAPOLIS

IOWA - COUNCIL BLUFFS

LOUISIANA - NEW ORLEANS

MARYLAND - BALTIMORE

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON
CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL
ROCHESTER

MISSOURI - KANSAS CITY

MONTANA - BOZEMAN

NEBRASKA

GREATER OMAHA
NORFOLK
OMAHA

NEVADA - LAKE TAHOE

NEW HAMPSHIRE - NASHUA

NEW MEXICO - SANTA FE

NEW YORK

BUFFALO
LONG ISLAND
NEW YORK

OHIO

CLEVELAND
COLUMBUS

OKLAHOMA - OKLAHOMA CENTRAL

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA
YORK

SOUTH CAROLINA - AIKEN

TENNESSEE - MEMPHIS

TEXAS

AUSTIN
FORT WORTH
HOUSTON
NORTHEAST TEXAS
WASHINGTON - SPOKANE
WASHINGTON DC - WASHINGTON DC

ASIA PACIFIC (23)

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES
VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHINA

BEIJING CITY
CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
SHANGHAI

HONG KONG - HONG KONG ISLAND

INDIA - BOMBAY

JAPAN

ROPPONGI
TOKYO
TOKYO BAY

MALAYSIA

IPOH
KUALA LUMPUR
PENANG

NEW ZEALAND - AUCKLAND

PHILIPPINES

CEBU
MANILA LADIES
PHILIPPINES

SINGAPORE - TANGLIN

SOUTH KOREA - SEOUL

TAIWAN R.O.C. - TAIPEI

THAILAND - BANGKOK

VIETNAM - SAIGON

EUROPE / AFRICA (31)

ESTONIA - TALLINN

FINLAND - HELSINKI

IRELAND - MUNSTER

LATVIA - RIGA

NORWAY - OSLO

RUSSIA - MOSCOW

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN
JOHANNESBURG

SWEDEN - MALMÖ

SWITZERLAND - ZURICH

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - DUBAI

UNITED KINGDOM

BATH & BRISTOL
BERKSHIRE
BLACKPOOL & FYLDE COAST
CAPITAL
DEVONSHIRE
HEREFORDSHIRE & MONMOUTHSHIRE
LEICESTER
LIVERPOOL
LONDON
MANCHESTER
MERSEYSIDE & MID-CHESHIRE
NORTHAMPTON
NORTHERN DALES
ST JAMES'S (LONDON)
SURREY HILLS
SUSSEX
WESSEX
WEST YORKSHIRE

ZAMBIA - LUSAKA

ZIMBABWE - HARARE

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