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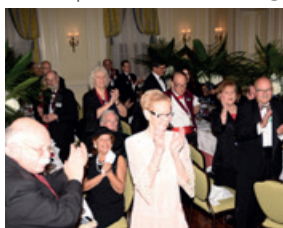
IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS
MAY 2019



OUR 85TH ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION

And the winner is... BOSTON, USA

Many congratulations to Sandra Kraft and her team for organising a [truly spectacular event](#). Their attention to detail for all aspects of the evening shone through with the exceptional touch being the skit performed on the evening where members' role-played the 'conception' of André's idea for a wine and food society. The prize was a \$653 donation to the branch for maybe some nice additions to their cellar!



OUR FESTIVALS

NEW ZEALAND

APZ AGM WEEKEND
8-10 MARCH 2019

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Many thanks to Rowan Moss, President of Auckland Branch, for a wonderful festival program in New Zealand in March. 85 members attended the main festival in Auckland.



Highlights included the opening dinner on the marina at *Sails* where we enjoyed a Maori welcome, a menu including some of New Zealand's amazing lamb – wickedly good – and examples of NZ's top two grape varieties, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. We had excellent practice with these over the weekend. Then lunch at *Giraffe* on the harbour – more lamb – maybe even better than at *Sails*. We became willing experts.

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OUR BRANCHES

HUANGPU (SHANGHAI), CHINA



Under the leadership of Robin Saby, a second branch opened in Shanghai on April 16 – *Huangpu*. Huangpu is the name of the river that flows through Shanghai as well as the name of the most central district of Shanghai.



The branch opened with 24 founding members with a dinner at *Kee Club*. Michelin Chef Jerome Laurent cooked a great meal, following the original design of André Simon's menus. This branch is young, professional and very serious about wine and food. It was excellent that the President of our first branch in Shanghai, Yi Wang, was able to be there to give a warm welcome to this exciting new branch.



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NEW ZEALAND APZ AGM WEEKEND 8-10 MARCH 2019

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (continued)

No more lamb! Our gala dinner at the *Stamford* served the most tender beef short rib you can imagine. Nine members received awards at this dinner – it's always great to recognise the service of our members. Bob Campbell MW gave an excellent lecture on NZ wine and APZ's AGM ran smoothly.



The final dinner saw us sailing to Waiheke Island to dine at the very pretty *Tantalus Estate* winery, a terrific wind down. Fish and pork, no lamb, but pretty good. Lonely Planet suggests that this island is in the top five best islands to visit. Nice finish. Well done Auckland branch. See photos from Auckland [here](#).

NAPIER/HAWKE'S BAY PRE-TOUR

Prior to the main festival in Auckland, a charter flight to Napier from Auckland found almost 40 members arrive in New Zealand's oldest and second largest wine region, Hawke's Bay. Known for its full bodied reds such as Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet, as well as rich Chardonnays, it provided a mecca of wineries for our attendees to visit, such as *Craggy Range*, *Church Road*, *Mission Estate* and *Brookfields*. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Church Road Winery where a terrific final dinner included a demonstration of the synergy to be gained with appropriate food and wine pairing. A very insightful and memorable experience.



Napier is also considered to be the Art-Deco capital of New Zealand, very quaint and full of character. Rebuilt in 1931 after an earthquake, members enjoyed the tour of this historic city with its many art deco landmarks. See photos from Napier [here](#).

ANDRÉ SIMON LECTURE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW ZEALAND WINE INDUSTRY - 1954 TO THE PRESENT DAY

Bob Campbell MW, also recognised as Mr New Zealand for wine, presented the 2019 André Simon Lecture to close the Auckland festival weekend. His lecture focussed on how the New Zealand wine industry has evolved – touching on failures in the vineyards, their first wines and key grape varieties. In addition he highlighted the individuals and companies who have played a part in shaping an industry which has commanded the highest average bottle price in both the US and the UK and also triumphed in international competitions. [Click here](#) to read the lecture and find out the successes and failures they had to endure to reach this enviable position today.



QUEENSTOWN/CENTRAL OTAGO POST-TOUR



Following our stay in Auckland, 45 members boarded a flight to Queenstown in the South Island of New Zealand. Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Remarkables mountain range, where *Lord of the Rings* was filmed, we arrived (after two unsuccessful attempts to land due to heavy tail winds), in the picturesque city of Queenstown.



Now within spitting distance of NZ's famous Pinot Noir wine country, Central Otago, we were keen to start the Pinot pilgrimage. Highlights were many. Highly regarded Grant Taylor of *Valli Wines* gave us a wonderful insight to the area and Valli wines. At *Felton Road*, Blair Walter conducted a tutored tasting, including the recently awarded 2017 Felton Road Pinot which Bob Campbell had given 100 points – only the second time he has awarded 100 points. Visits to *Carrick* and *Mt Difficulty* wineries were also excellent.



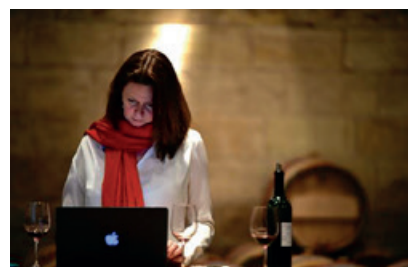
We ate well but of special note must be the oysters. Bluff oysters are expensive, larger than most, very creamy, and are considered to be the South Island's most famous delicacy. Very glad they were in season while we were there – we couldn't get enough. Auckland President Rowan Moss made it clear he pays homage to them on a regular basis – we understand Rowan.

See photos from Queenstown [here](#).



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am pleased to announce that next year's André Simon Lecture will be delivered by Jane Anson. She is the Bordeaux correspondent and columnist for *Decanter Magazine* and has won several awards for her writing, including the *Louis Roederer Wine Feature Writer of the Year*. Jane has lived in Bordeaux since 2003 and is an accredited wine teacher at the *Bordeaux Ecole du Vin*. She is the author of *Bordeaux Legends* (2013), *The Club of Nine*, (2016), *Wine Revolution* (2017) and co-author of the *Michelin Guide to the Wine Regions of France* (2010).



She is currently working on a definitive guide to Bordeaux wines which will be published in the Spring of 2020. Her lecture will be delivered during the Paris and Bordeaux Festival on 24 April 2020.

Meanwhile you can now read our 2019 André Simon Lecture presented by Bob Campbell MW during the Auckland festival in March ([click here](#)).

Bob looks at the Development of the New Zealand Wine Industry from 1954, when the Auckland branch was itself formed, to the present day. A fascinating read.

Andrew Jones Chairman,
International Council of Management (ICM)

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

A new item, champagne stopper, will soon be added to the range of branded IWFS items available to branches and members. This fits securely to your open bottles – to keep the fizz within. Each branch will receive three of the champagne stoppers, with compliments of the International Council of Management, who trust they will be useful at your events in the future.



OUR AWARDS

Rajan Karunakaran (Kuala Lumpur) was awarded the André Simon Bronze Medal on March 9 at the Auckland Festival. His award recognises his long term service to his branch, serving as Cellar Master, Branch President and co-organiser of the KL Festival. It also recognises his services to APZ as Committee Member, Secretary and Alternate Council Representative. Well done Rajan!



Rajan Karunakaran

Harriet Lembeck (New York) was awarded the André Simon Silver Medal on 10th April 2019 at the branch's Annual Black Tie Gala which was held at Manhatta, Danny Meyer's newest restaurant located on the 60th Floor of 28 Liberty Street, New York.



Harriet Lembeck with her husband Bill

Harriet is a very well-known wine educator who has been a member of the Society's New York branch for close to 50 years. She was presented with this award by the Chairman of the International Council in recognition of her significant contribution to the branch and for her work since 2009 as the Americas' only representative on the Wines Committee, whose function is to produce the Society's annual Vintage Card.

Harriet is responsible for organizing the consultants and obtaining ratings for the wine regions of North America. A well-deserved award for one of the Society's longest standing members.

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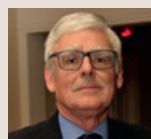
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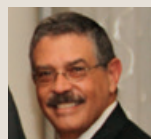
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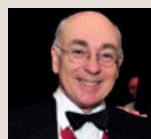
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ZONE NEWS



AMERICAS CHAIR: Mike Donohoe

In June, 100+ IWFS members from the three zones head to Portugal for a trip to remember. For many of us, it will be our first trip to this unique wine region, and we will experience many wines for the first time, from grapes of which we are unfamiliar. Just another special IWFS educational opportunity. In our Fall Great Weekend, we will enjoy the special charm of Charleston, South Carolina and savor the regional cuisine of the Low Country. The camaraderie is contagious; the memories lasting.



ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: James Lin

I am delighted that members enjoyed our recent festival in New Zealand. We indulged in New Zealand's world famous lamb, Central Otago's wonderful Pinots and saw the magic of appropriate food/wine matching in Hawke's Bay. The camaraderie was excellent – this is what makes IWFS so special. Good news that we now have a fourth branch in China. Be sure to contact Huangpu Branch if you visit Shanghai.



EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol

Our EAZ event in Bordeaux will soon be welcoming participants from all zones. Similarly our AGM weekend event in October hosted by Valencia Branch, one of our newest branches, is also waitlisted. Our marketing initiatives to attract new members started with the production of new leaflets to distribute at events, wine & food shows etc. and we are sponsoring other branch initiatives.

HONORARY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



I recently had the pleasure of corresponding with a couple of young people who are directly benefiting from IWFS Foundation scholarship funding in the Americas. One of the students was a young lady from Venezuela studying at the *Culinary Institute of America* (CIA) in Hyde Park, NY. The CIA is one of many schools catering to students from around the world. Hopefully, you are aware that the International Wine & Food Society Foundation has been active in assisting appropriate programs in oenology, cooking and hospitality from accredited schools. These young future winemakers, chefs, sommeliers and hospitality professionals can receive significant funding toward their studies. The Society is working to source similar funding in Asia Pacific and Europe Africa, to allow all students from around the globe to have these opportunities.

Dave Felton Honorary President

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

PARIS & BORDEAUX

APRIL 16 – 25, 2020

Stay at the Mandarin Oriental for a three day cultural and gastronomic tour of Paris including a gala dinner at *Le Laurent* and dinner at a Michelin ★★★ restaurant – *Pavillon Ledoyen*, *Guy Savoy* or *Le Pré Catelan*. Lunch cruise on the River Seine. Private tour of *La Fondation Louis Vuitton*. Transfer by TGV to Bordeaux. Stay at *Intercontinental Bordeaux - Le Grand Hotel* for an intensive six day tour of the wine region.

Opening reception with Sylvie Cazes at *La Cité du Vin*. Private visits and tastings at ten leading estates including *Château Haut-Brion*, *Château Mouton-Rothschild*, *Château Lafite-Rothschild*, *Château Cheval Blanc* and *Château d'Yquem*. Dinners at Michelin starred restaurants. Gala dinner at the Opera House. Open to all members. Registration will begin in May.



DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY



BORDEAUX (FRANCE), 4-8 JUNE 2019

Visits to chateaux in Pessac-Léognan, Pauillac, Margaux and St-Emilion are amongst those on the itinerary to this classic region. This event is now sold out. [Click here](#) to see the details and [email us](#) to be placed on the wait list.

LISBON (PORTUGAL), 6-9 JUNE 2019

Ninety-three members will stay at *The Four Seasons Hotel Ritz* for a three day tour of the historic city, including a trip to Sintra. Dinners at Michelin starred *Eleven Restaurant* and *Restaurante Feitoria*. [Click here](#) to read more. Open to all, in the event of cancellations. [Click here](#) to email.

DOURO RIVER VALLEY (PORTUGAL), 9-16 JUNE 2019

One hundred and six members will have the exclusive use of the *Queen Isabel* for a cruise along the Douro River in the company of Richard Mayson, a leading expert on Portuguese wines and author of *Port and the Douro*. [Click here](#) to read more. Open to all, in the event of cancellations. [Click here](#) to email.

VALENCIA (SPAIN), 4-6 OCTOBER 2019

An EAZ Great Weekend plus our AGM and Members' Forum. All members are invited to experience the cultural and culinary delights of this coastal city port. Full details are now available on the website. [Click here](#) to view.

CHARLESTON (AMERICA), 16-19 OCTOBER 2019

One hundred and thirty members are booked into the newly opened *Hotel Bennett* for a Great Weekend and Americas' AGM in Charleston, Condé Nast Travel's top tourist city in the USA. Tour of two historic houses. Tour of USS Yorktown and Fort Sumter. Gala dinner at Chef Michel Sichel's highly acclaimed new restaurant. [Click here](#) to read more. Open to all, in the event of cancellations. [Click here](#) to email.

PARIS & BORDEAUX (FRANCE), 16-25 APRIL 2020

See Upcoming Festivals, left, for details. Registration will begin shortly.

CAMBRIDGE (UK), 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2020

An EAZ Great Weekend (plus our AGM and Members' Forum). All members are invited to join us visiting this historic city, dining in two of the University's historic Colleges. We plan to spend a full day visiting Ely to explore the historic cathedral and the stained glass museum. Further details to follow.

MADEIRA (PORTUGAL), 1-7 NOVEMBER 2020

The Europe Africa Zone is planning an event to this historic winemaking island and you will have the chance to taste Sercial, Verdelho, Bual and Malmsey on home ground. More details as they become available.

HONG KONG 10-13 NOVEMBER 2020

The Asia Pacific Zone is planning a wonderful festival in Hong Kong open to all members. There will be a pre-tour on the island of Macau from 8-9 November and a Gourmet HK post-tour from 15-16 November. Stay tuned for further details.

BUENOS AIRES & MENDOZA (ARGENTINA) OCTOBER 2021

The next Triennial International Festival will be held in South America's most sophisticated city and its most important wine region. Open to all members.

If you are interested in joining an event that is full, or reservations closed, then please contact the organiser in case space is available.



OUR IWFS BRANCHES 137 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

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Dominican Republic

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Paradise Valley
Phoenix
Tucson

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East Bay
Hollywood
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Orange County
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Roppongi
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