



# the <sup>IWFS</sup> Grapevine

IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS  
DECEMBER 2019



## OUR FESTIVALS

### Valencia <sup>OCTOBER</sup> 4 – 7, 2019 EAZ AGM & GREAT WEEKEND



In October members exchanged late summer greyness for an autumnal kaleidoscope of golden trees, wide boulevards, street cafes and parkland that lure you to the Mediterranean coast. We speak of Valencia - city of Arts & Science – along with Europe Africa Zone playing host to members from branches around the globe – from Bombay to Boca Raton, Hong Kong and Cape Town. [Click here](#) to read more.

OCTOBER 16-20, 2019

### CHARLESTON AMERICAS AGM & GREAT WEEKEND

If experiencing the finest food of the Low Country of South Carolina, climbing around an American icon of an historic aircraft carrier, mingling with wine and food lovers from around the world, meeting owners of great American wineries, and staying in the poshest new hotel in town is right up your alley, you were well suited to the Great Weekend in Charleston. [Click here](#) to read more.



## OUR BRANCHES

**JAPAN** excels with three new branches - welcome to EDO, KYUSHU and NAGOYA - plus expansion in **TAIWAN** and welcome to CHUNGNAN.

### EDO (JAPAN)

Edo is the historical name for Tokyo. It is also the name of one of our newest branches in Japan. Led by Founding President Naoki Sato, IWFS Edo opened in Tokyo on September 17 with 159 members – it is now the largest of our 5 branches in Tokyo and is also the largest branch worldwide. Congratulations Edo! Thanks to Naoki, Akira and the committee for your hard work and a brilliant opening party at *Trattoria Creatta*.

See page 2 for a review of the other exciting opening events





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### KYUSHU (JAPAN)

With members from the cities of Fukuoka and Kagoshima on the island of Kyushu, IWFS Kyushu opened on September 21 under the leadership of Founding President Chin Jukan 15th and Vice-President Fumio Watanabe. This wonderful branch enjoyed two opening dinners, one in Fukuoka at the 2 Michelin star *Ryotei Sagano* Japanese restaurant, and one in Kagoshima at the *Shiroyama Hotel* ballroom. Wonderful that we have expanded our presence in Japan to Kyushu Island. Well done IWFS Kyushu, and thanks to Chin Jukan, Fumio Watanabe, Makoto Takagi and Tony Narisawa for bringing this branch to life.



### NAGOYA (JAPAN)

With 85 members, IWFS Nagoya opened on September 15 under the leadership of Sachiko Yanagisono, and assisted by Hiraiwa, Aoki, Naoki Sato and a wonderful committee. Nagoya is South West of Tokyo, 90 minutes away by bullet train. It is a serious foodie city. The opening dinner saw some serious taste delights, culminating with some of the best Wagyu available. This branch will eat and drink well at a very high level indeed. Well done IWFS Nagoya!



### SPOKANE MEMBER STOPS-OFF IN LONDON

Americas branch member Tom Fawcett, from Spokane, took advantage of IWFS contacts with a stop-off in London recently. He joined the London branch Rhone Tasting Dinner at *The Naval Club* - which he described as "good commentary, conversation and camaraderie". [Click here](#) to read Tom's report.

Do let us know if you have a similar IWFS international branch experience. [Contact us on email](#).

### CHUNGNAN (TAIWAN)

Led by Lee Hsu Tung, our second branch in Taichung, Chungnan, opened with 33 members on September 24. Taichung is located in the centre of Taiwan about an hour from Taipei. We now have 2 branches in Taichung and 5 branches in Taiwan – Taiwan is fast becoming a major force in IWFS Asia Pacific. We enjoyed a fabulous western based dinner at the *Huan Hotel* in Taichung, along with some truly excellent French wines. Thanks to the team who made this happen, including Lee Hsu Tung, James Lin, George Lin, Eddie Hu and many others.



### SELOSSE CHAMPAGNE DINNER, TOKYO BAY

20th September saw the Tokyo Bay branch host an incredible Champagne dinner, showcasing one of the most highly revered champagne makers in existence – Anselme Selosse. We tried eight different cuvees, from the *Initial* and *VO* to the *Exquise*, *Millesime*, *Substance* and several *Lieux Dits*, all with a bit of age. What amazing fun! Well done Tokyo Bay for giving your members the opportunity to explore such a tremendous champagne house.





## NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

### NEW BENEFIT

Keep up-to-date with fine wine news and recent tastings with a subscription to [Decanter Premium](#) – members receive 20% discount for a year's subscription (£60/\$80). Plus – sign up before 31 December 2019 and you will get their new app for free (saving £50/\$70). If you prefer your news in print save 50% on a year's subscription to [Decanter magazine](#). For full details of both offers [click here](#).

# Decanter

## PREMIUM



### VINTAGE APP

Calling all keen app users – the latest IWFS Vintage App is now available to [download](#) from the IWFS website. The latest vintage assessments have been added – check out 2018 Bordeaux plus 2019 in the Southern Hemisphere. Drinkability of older vintages have also been updated by our expert consultants around the globe.

### VINTAGE CARD – BRANCH PROMOTION

At the last meeting of Council, in Charleston, it was agreed to provide a supply of non-member Vintage Cards to each branch to assist you when introducing and promoting the IWFS to potential new members. These will be forwarded to your branch contact in the coming months, if you haven't already received yours – do watch out for them. We would encourage you to hand them to lovers of food and wine you meet. We wish you success and Season's Greetings too.



## OUR AWARDS

Congratulations to these members, who were recently awarded the André Simon Bronze Award.

**Andy Anderson** (centre) received his medal in Lusaka on 29 September recognising his 50 years of membership, Chair and committee member of the Lusaka branch and his stint as the African representative of the Europe Africa Committee.



Americas member **Steven Greenwald**, (centre) received his medal on 19 October, during the Charleston Festival, for his exceptional work as a member of the Washington DC branch over the past 20 years and his recent successes as Vice-President of the Americas Festivals and Events Committee.



**Margaret Chippendale** (right) received her medal during the Valencia Great Weekend on 4 October, which recognised her membership of the EAZ Executive Committee since 2015 and her dedication as Membership Registrar, as well as her work as a member of the Manchester branch.

## IWFS International Council of Management (ICM)



### CHAIRMAN:

Andrew Jones  
(Cayman Islands & New York)



### TREASURER:

Dwight Catherwood  
(Los Angeles, USA)



### COUNCIL MEMBER & GLOBAL BRANCH AMBASSADOR:

Yvonne Wallis  
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(Blackpool & Fylde Coast, UK)



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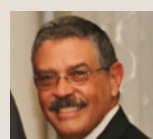
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Mike Donohoe  
(Houston & Santa Fe, USA)



### COUNCIL MEMBER:

James Lin  
(Taipei, Taiwan ROC)



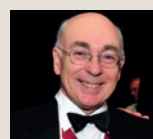
### COUNCIL MEMBER:

Antonio Escudero-Viera  
(Puerto Rico, USA)



### HONORARY PRESIDENT:

Dave Felton  
(Pasadena, USA)



### SECRETARY:

Michael Messent  
(Wessex, UK)



### INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT:

Andrea Warren  
(London, UK)



## ZONE NEWS



### AMERICAS CHAIR: Mike Donohoe

With 2020 on the horizon, the Charleston Great Weekend is in the rear view mirror, and we look forward to great experiences in Paris/Bordeaux and San Antonio. A permanent charter was well-earned and granted to the Okoboji branch in Iowa – and we look forward to reporting on the successes of others in the near future.



### ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: James Lin

How exciting that with 6 new branches in Asia Pacific during 2019, we now have 37 branches and 1500 members, up by 300 from last year. There is clearly mounting enthusiasm for sharing good wine, food and camaraderie in our part of the world. We warmly welcome our new branches in Japan, Taiwan, China and Thailand.



### EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: John Nicholas

As the newly elected EAZ Chair, I must first thank Ian Nicol for his six-years in the role. He guided the EAZ through the IWFS re-structure and, with Chris, attended many branch events and international festivals. My focus will be to sustain the future of EAZ through development of our branches and ensure succession planning for Exco.

## HONORARY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



Mitsuko and I recently returned home after a nearly month-long visit to Africa. Our experience there highlights one significant benefit of Society membership – friendship with a global reach. A number of years ago, we met Emily & Arne Luring at an IWFS festival and very much enjoyed their company. We learned that they lived in Lusaka, Zambia, and so we talked about a possible visit. On a completely separate occasion, I met Shirley Guy Kilian at a Society business meeting, became friendly, learned that she lived outside Cape Town, South Africa and so we talked about a possible visit... [Click here](#) to read more.

**Dave Felton** Honorary President

## UPCOMING FESTIVALS

# CHINA SHANGHAI & HANGZHOU

## APZ FESTIVAL • 12-19 NOVEMBER 2020

You are invited to join the APZ for an amazing festival in China. You will begin the weekend enjoying some of the finest cuisine in the vibrant city of Shanghai before heading off to the beautiful UNESCO designated city of Hangzhou. Three days will be spent exploring this beautiful city. The festival then returns to Shanghai where members will have the chance to be part of their exciting food and wine scene as well as seeing the sights. A truly exceptional opportunity not to be missed.



# DATES

## FOR YOUR DIARY



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

Join the wait list to be part of this amazing event visiting some of the most exclusive venues in Paris including dining at Le Laurent and a private tour of Le Fondation Louis Vuitton; then in Bordeaux a stunning itinerary includes private tours and tastings of chateaux Mouton-Rothschild and Cheval Blanc. For more details [click here](#).

### 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), 2-8 NOVEMBER 2020

Join the EAZ to explore this historic island; 'the pearl of the Atlantic' and learn about its world famous wine, Madeira. You will stay in the capital Funchal and visit the major producers – Barbeito, Blandys, Henriques & Henriques, and D'Oliveiras. You will also have the opportunity to discover something of the local cuisine. This is a unique opportunity to discover Madeira wine in its home setting. [Click here](#) to find out details. Now full but let us know if you wish to be added to the wait list.

### HANGZHOU & SHANGHAI (CHINA) 12-19 NOVEMBER 2020

Join the APZ for a wonderful festival in China. Key dates are: arrival dinner in Shanghai, east China's cultural centre, on the 12th; the main festival will be in Hangzhou 13th-15th – a UNESCO site and one of China's most beautiful cities; the post-tour will be in Shanghai from 16th-19th. See Upcoming Festivals. Invitations will be sent out in January 2020.

### 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. Put the date in your diary for now and details to be sent out around September 2020. 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 141 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

### AMERICAS (79)

#### CANADA

**ALBERTA** - Edmonton

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Vancouver  
Victoria

**ONTARIO**

Kitchener-Waterloo  
Niagara  
Oakville  
Toronto

**QUEBEC** - Montreal

#### CAYMAN ISLANDS

Cayman Islands

#### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dominican Republic

#### MEXICO

Tecate  
Tijuana

#### 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  
Santa Barbara  
Southern California

#### FLORIDA

Boca Raton  
Jacksonville  
Miami  
Naples  
Palm Beach

**GEORGIA** - Atlanta

**HAWAII** - Honolulu

**ILLINOIS** - Chicago

**INDIANA** - Indianapolis

**IOWA**

Council Bluffs  
Okoboji

**LOUISIANA** - New Orleans

**MARYLAND** - Baltimore

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Boston  
Central Massachusetts

**MINNESOTA**

Minneapolis/St Paul  
Rochester

**MISSOURI** - Kansas City

**MONTANA** - Bozeman

**NEBRASKA**

Greater Omaha  
Norfolk

**NEVADA**

Lake Tahoe  
Reno

**NEW MEXICO** - Santa Fe

**NEW YORK**

Buffalo  
Hudson Valley  
New York

**OHIO** - Cleveland

**OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma Central

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Bucks County  
Philadelphia  
York

**PUERTO RICO** - San Juan

**SOUTH CAROLINA** - Aiken

**TENNESSEE** - Memphis

**TEXAS**

Austin  
Dallas  
Fort Worth  
Houston  
Northeast Texas

**WASHINGTON** - Spokane

**WASHINGTON DC**

Washington DC

### ASIA PACIFIC (37)

#### AUSTRALIA

Margaret River  
New South Wales  
Victoria  
Western Australia

#### CHINA

Beijing City  
Chaoyang District (Beijing)  
Huangpu (Shanghai)  
Shanghai

#### HONG KONG

Hong Kong

#### INDIA

Bombay  
Delhi

**INDONESIA** - Jakarta

#### JAPAN

Edo (Tokyo)  
Jiyugaoka  
Kyushu  
Nagoya  
Roppongi  
Tokyo  
Tokyo Bay

#### MALAYSIA

Ipoh  
Kuala Lumpur  
Penang

**NEW ZEALAND** - Auckland

#### PHILIPPINES

Cebu  
Manila Ladies  
Philippines

**SINGAPORE** - Singapore

#### SOUTH KOREA

Decanting Soul  
Seoul

#### TAIWAN R.O.C.

Chungnan  
Kaohsiung  
Taichung  
Taipei  
Taiwan Belle

#### THAILAND

Bangkok  
Phuket

**VIETNAM** - Saigon

### EUROPE AFRICA (25)

**ESTONIA** - Tallinn

**FINLAND** - Helsinki

**NORWAY** - Oslo

**RUSSIA** - Moscow

**SOUTH AFRICA** - Cape Town

**SPAIN** - Valencia

**SWITZERLAND** - Zurich

#### UNITED KINGDOM

Bath & Bristol  
Berkshire  
Blackpool & Fylde Coast  
Devonshire  
Herefordshire & Monmouthshire  
Leicester  
Liverpool  
London  
St James's (London)  
Manchester  
Merseyside & Mid-Cheshire  
Northampton  
Surrey Hills  
Sussex  
Wessex  
West Yorkshire

**ZAMBIA** - Lusaka

**ZIMBABWE** - Harare

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