



the IWFS Grapevine

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NEW BRANCHES



TAIWAN BELLE (TAIWAN)

Under the leadership of Founding President Wendy Lee, 2016 kicked off with the launch, on January 5, of our third branch in Taiwan, Taiwan Belle, which translates to Beautiful Taiwan. A fabulous inaugural dinner at 'My Humble Home' in downtown Taipei saw over 30 guests celebrate the opening. IWFS Taiwan Belle has 42 founding members and some superb ideas about future events. Taiwan Belle is an exciting branch of young professionals - we offer a very warm welcome to Taiwan Belle. Thanks to Eddie Hu of Taipei Branch for assisting with this start-up, and to founding members Eva Tang and Tiffany Huang for their excellent work and enthusiasm in making it all happen. See below a photo of the presidents of our three branches in Taiwan. Click [here](#) for the menu.



SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (USA)

On October 17 2015, our first branch in Utah was launched – IWFS Salt Lake City. Under the leadership of Founding President Mindy Mason Gautreau, the inaugural event was held at a fabulous local restaurant – 'Red Moose Roasting'.



Congratulations to all the founding members, as it is exciting to have our first branch in Utah. IWFS Salt Lake City is the 77th branch in the Americas and number 136 worldwide.



TECATE (MEXICO)

Our second Mexican Branch, in Tecate, was launched on October 24 2015, joining a sister branch Tijuana. Founding President Federico Cota Trenti presided over a wonderful inaugural dinner at Chef Javier Plasencia's acclaimed Villa Saverios Restaurant in nearby Tijuana.



There were 14 founding members at this wonderful celebration, and we issue a warm welcome to this new branch, the 78th branch in the Americas.



OUR FESTIVALS

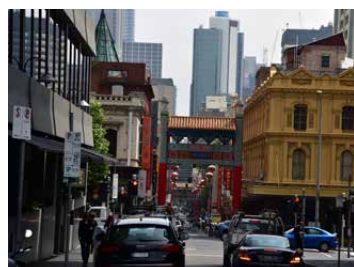


MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL (AUSTRALIA) NOV 11-15 2015



The Main Event - Melbourne

160 attendees enjoyed a fabulous 5 days in Melbourne. Opening the festival at Melbourne's premier Vue de Monde Restaurant was a special way to start. We then travelled to Cape Schanck on the Mornington Peninsula for a tutored tasting of local Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, to Circa for a great lunch prepared by Ashly Hicks and our Andre Simon lecture presented by wine guru Philip Rich. Dinner followed at The Point on the beautiful Albert Park Lake, prepared by Chef Andy Harmer. Then to the Lake House at Daylesford for a tutored tasting of Chardonnay and Pinot from the Mt Macedon region, led by Phillip Moraghan of Curly Flat and Michael Dhillon of Bindi. The food by Chef Alla Wolf-Tasker, focused on local produce from this charming area. We arrived back in good time for our Gala Dinner at Crown, where we feasted well and danced into the wee hours. Our final day saw us enjoy a delicious yum-cha luncheon at Red Emperor, and for those who didn't want to go home, an After Party Dinner at one of Melbourne's longest established restaurants – Matteo's.



We showed a good range of Australian wines, especially Victorian wines, where Pinot prevails. But we still brought out one of Australia's iconic wines – Penfold's Grange – from the brilliant vintage of 2004. We also showed old world wines alongside the local wines so that attendees

could compare the two origins, including the great Grand Crus of Clos de Beze, Clos de la Roche, Grands Echezeaux and Clos Vougeot. We also presented Australian produce such as kangaroo, marron, yabbies, wallaby and local cheeses. And yes, they got the chance to see kangaroos in their natural habitat!

Festival Co-Chairs Yvonne Wallis and Erik Lehnacker.

Outback Pre-Tour

From the Tiwi's Bathurst Island to the centre of Australia's heart, we traversed, suckered on freshly caught mud crab and tasted crocodile and pearl meat. We sipped and savoured at restaurants in Darwin, dining in splendour with the Parliamentary privileged of the Northern Territory. Visited the School of the Air and the Flying Doctor Service in a town called Alice; witnessed the sunset and the rainbow sunrise over Uluru. And throughout, we laughed, shared our thoughts, endured amazing heat, flies and humidity. My Highlight of this tour? My team. An eclectic group who rubbed along in an environment that was so very different to them. We felt privileged to be out there. We are all now fortunate to have forged such friendship only the love of good food, good wine and good fellowship can muster. Thank you team. You were fantastic! **Fran Gerard.**



Great Ocean Road Pre-Tour

For 3 days, 26 people explored one of Australia's most famous tourist routes - The Great Ocean Road. The tour went through the Otway Ranges around Lorne, a gorgeous tiny seaside village, past the sheer limestone cliffs of Port Campbell, stopping to explore the Twelve Apostles and dining at some of our best regional restaurants. On night one we enjoyed a 7 course degustation at Brae (Best Regional Restaurant 2015) at Birregurra. On night two we dined at the Pickled Pig in Warrnambool, which opened just for us and offered highly innovative food to go with a special selection of iconic Australian wines such as Penfolds Grange. Our final lunch was at the Royal Mail, a highly acclaimed restaurant in the Grampians. An excellent trip! **Janet Barton and Faye Bowyer.**



Melbourne Up-Close Post-Tour

20 foodie warriors explored some of Melbourne's smaller restaurants, culinary and cultural gems of Melbourne. It kicked off with a superb fusion meal at leading restaurant, Ezard. After a morning tour of the historic Queen Victoria Market we headed to Movida Acqui for a delicious Spanish wine and food experience. Then a tour of Aboriginal art to stimulate the mind prior to dinner at leading chef Scott Pickett's Estelle. On foot we explored Federation Square and many lively laneways and arcades prior to our Duck Waddle at leading Chinese restaurants, Bamboo House and Flower Drum. Peking duck and 2007 Bass Phillip Pinot was a lovely marriage. Transportation by limousine to Melbourne's highest rated restaurant, Attica, created a great buzz. The comradeship with this group was simply a joy to be part of. **Ian Westcott and Faye Bowyer.**



Margaret River Post-Tour

Some 33 members experienced a wonderful tour to Margaret River, including: Welcome cocktails with the Lord Mayor of Perth; exclusive residence at the delightful 'Basildene Manor'; master classes of renowned Chardonnays and Shiraz; visits to Leeuwin Estate, Cullen, Voyager Estate, Knotting Hill and Howard Park; sheep dogs and shearing show; speleology at Mammoth Cave; helicopter flights; spectacular waves and deserted beaches at Canal Rock, and, of course, tasting of local delicacies, like marron (fresh water lobster), venison, barramundi, Wagyu beef and Australian meat pies; and finally a sunset extravaganza at Cottesloe Beach. **Ulrich Kunzmann.**





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Ya shoulda been there!

Mitsuko and I were among a large group of Society members coming from all over the world to south-east Australia in mid-November to attend the IWFS Melbourne 2015



International Festival. It proved mightily memorable. We had the best foods and wines imaginable during our 5-day visit to this grand city. But there was more. The organizers from the Asia Pacific region (a strong team lead by co-chairs Yvonne Wallis and Erik Lehnacker from the Victoria branch) also added two pre-festival tours; one to Australia's famous Outback and the 2nd along the Great Ocean Road abutting the Tasman Sea. Both received rave reviews from participants. Yet there was even more! Two post-tours also had been organized – one in Melbourne, sampling an even greater selection of the culinary jewels in and around the city, and a 4-day visit to Perth and the Margaret River wine peninsula in Western Australia (WA). Having never been to Perth, Mitsuko and I joined about 30 others, all of whom were offered a fantastic introduction to this wonderful part of Australia. We helicoptered along the coast, explored caves, sheared sheep (well, not us actually) and tasted a panoply of the best wines of this important wine-growing region of Oz. We were hosted with superb élan by organizers Michael Tamburri and Ulrich Kunzmann, gentlemen who know and love their WA home.

How about joining me in Cape Town next month? There's still room.

David R Felton, *Chairman, IWFS ICM*

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

ANDRÉ SIMON LECTURE 2015

This annual lecture was presented to members, during the International Festival in Melbourne on 13 November, by renowned Australian wine writer Philip Rich. The theme of the 2015 lecture was "A golden age for Australian wine". Philip summarised the "third wave" of winemaking now gaining ground in Australia. He gave members an insight into the new styles of wines now emerging in Australia made from classic grape varieties – including chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon. Is it farewell to the blockbuster reds and hello to the influences of regionality, terroir, elegance and restraint? To read Philip's lecture and find out the full story, click [here](#). Thank you Philip.



OUR AWARDS

Americas - Mr Dale Springer, longstanding member of the Baltimore branch and also a member of the Board of Governors of the Americas for many years, was presented with the André Simon Bronze Medal on December 17, 2015, by former International Chairman and BGA Chairman Bruce Alderman and Branch First - Vice President David Morris. Dale continues to be actively involved with the activities of the Americas zone.



Asia Pacific – Mr Erik Lehnacker, Treasurer of IWFS Asia Pacific, Co-Chair of the Melbourne International Festival held in November 2015, and President of the Victoria (Australia) Branch, received the André Simon Bronze award on November 14 2015 for his immense contribution to IWFS.

Congratulations to both Dale and Erik who are worthy recipients of this prestigious award for meritorious service to their zone and the Society.

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ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



I am pleased to welcome the members of two new branches in the Americas. On October 17, 2015 the Salt Lake City Branch (Utah) held its inaugural event, organized by Mindy Mason Gautreau at the Red Moose Roasting. A week later, the Tecate Branch (Mexico) held its first event, which was a formal dinner organized by Frederico Cota Trenti at Chef Javier Placencia's acclaimed Villa Saverios Restaurant in Tijuana.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



What a wonderful start to the new year, travelling to Taiwan to visit our Taichung and Taipei branches, and to open our latest branch in Taiwan – Taiwan Belle – which translates to Beautiful Taiwan. Taiwan is about the same size in population as Australia, and both now have three branches. We are in the process of getting ready for our APZ AGM Weekend in Shanghai, March 11-13, hosted by our Shanghai Branch and led by Yi Wang. Yi will give our inaugural APZ Lecture on the topic of the Development and Consumption of Wine in China.

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



One of the strengths of our Society is sharing knowledge, whether through our branches, festivals, or publications. We have to say thanks to Pam Brunning for editing and publishing our Food & Wine magazine for the last nine years. Pam has now stepped down, and we are seeking a new Editor for our thrice yearly magazine, which runs alternately with our new Food & Wine Online newsletter. If you have any articles or views you can send them to editor.eaz@iwfs.org or click [here](#) to read our publications.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

North Wales, UK



Don't miss the best of the region and join this EAZ weekend in May 2016, based in the seaside resort of Llandudno. Visit great restaurants The Quay (Deganwy) and Bodysgallen Hall, as well as the famous Bodnant Gardens and Gwillan Pant Du Vineyard. Click [here](#) for further information.

Niagara, Canada

The Niagara branch, of the Americas, invites you to join 120 IWFS members worldwide experiencing the wonderful wines and cuisine of Niagara, Ontario, Canada during a Great Weekend, running from 13-16 October, 2016. Come and discover one of the least known great wine regions of the world. Visit our [website](#) for booking information.



Image courtesy of: Wine Country Ontario

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



CAPE TOWN (SOUTH AFRICA), FEBRUARY 23-25 2016

Join the EAZ at this 3-day food and wine extravaganza in Cape Town this month, including the John Avery Memorial Dinner - and enjoy their summer sunshine too. Max 60. Click [here](#) to book.

SHANGHAI, CHINA APZ AGM WEEKEND, MARCH 11-13 2016

We will have a gorgeous weekend in Shanghai to hold our 2016 Asia Pacific AGM and then have a wonderful look at the glorious food options in this city, considered by many to be the cultural capital of China. Almost sold out.

WEEKEND IN NORTH WALES (UK), MAY 15-18 2016

Showcasing North Wales, members are invited to join the EAZ for a weekend visiting beautiful gardens, a local vineyard visit plus dining at some truly superb hotels. See further details bottom left of this page or click [here](#) to find out more.

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE, HUNGARY, JUNE 5-12 2016

Hosted by the Americas, a pre-tour to Budapest (Hungary) (sold out, welcome to wait list), and a River Cruise of the Danube visiting Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany (places still available). Click [here](#) for details.

EDINBURGH (SCOTLAND) SEPTEMBER 20-23 2016

The EAZ's three-day event in Scotland's capital city - visiting historic venues and enjoying a city renowned for its restaurants and culture. Attendees 40-60. Click [here](#) for details.

NIAGARA, ONTARIO (CANADA), OCTOBER 13-16 2016

A Great Weekend and AGM, hosted by the Americas in Niagara. Max 70. See further details bottom left of this page.

TOKYO (JAPAN), NOVEMBER 10-18 2016

Hosted by Asia Pacific, the primary festival will be in Tokyo Nov 10-13, with a post-tour to Kyoto Nov 14-16. Main festival now fully booked, please email to be added to the wait list. Attendees 100. Places still available for Kyoto post-tour, for details please click [here](#) or email apz@iwfs.org.

MUMBAI, DELHI, FEBRUARY 24-28 2017

APZ will hold its 2017 AGM weekend in Mumbai Feb 24-26. Post-Tour to Delhi, Feb 27-28.

"A VISIT TO VIRGINIA", IN VIRGINIA WINE COUNTRY, APRIL 2017

A visit to the US East Coast, hosted by the EAZ, where both Washington & Jefferson experimented with grape growing and winemaking. Today's wines are winning taste-offs and making headlines. Max 50.

SONOMA, CALIFORNIA (USA), MAY 2-6 2017

An Americas Regional Festival is in the pipeline in this beautiful wine region, home to many prominent California wine producers. More details to follow.

BALTIC CRUISE: 29th June – 7th July 2017 on board Silversea's 'Silver Whisper'

An EAZ Regional Festival, about 8 days, starting in Copenhagen and cruising to Sweden, Finland, Estonia, and St Petersburg. Members, who have pre-registered, can now reserve their suite. If you are interested and would like to receive updates email the trip organiser, Stephanie Shepherd, click [here](#). 2017 seems like a long way off but you will get the best choice of suites by booking early. Attendees 40-60. Click [here](#) to find out more.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (USA), SEPTEMBER 2017

Stay tuned for details of a Great Weekend and AGM, hosted by the Americas in Baltimore. Max 60.

LONDON (UK), LATE MAY 2018

The next tri-annual International Festival will be in London. More later.

OUR IWFS BRANCHES



137 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (78)

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
 TECATE
 TIJUANA
PUERTO RICO - PUERTO RICO
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ALABAMA - BIRMINGHAM
ALASKA - ANCHORAGE
ARIZONA
 PARADISE VALLEY
 PHOENIX
 TUCSON
CALIFORNIA
 CHULA VISTA
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 EAST BAY
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 LA JOLLA
 LAGUNA BEACH
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 ORANGE COUNTY
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 RIVERSIDE
 SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN
 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
 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
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 NORFOLK
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NEVADA
 LAKE TAHOE
 RENO
NEW MEXICO - SANTA FE
NEW YORK
 BUFFALO
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 NEW YORK
OHIO - CLEVELAND
OKLAHOMA - OKLAHOMA CENTRAL
PENNSYLVANIA
 PHILADELPHIA
 YORK
SOUTH CAROLINA - AIKEN
TENNESSEE - MEMPHIS
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WASHINGTON - SPOKANE
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ASIA PACIFIC (28)

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INDONESIA - JAKARTA
JAPAN
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 KUALA LUMPUR
 PENANG
NEW ZEALAND - AUCKLAND
PHILIPPINES
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 MANILA LADIES
 PHILIPPINES
SINGAPORE - TANGLIN
SOUTH KOREA - SEOUL
TAIWAN R.O.C.
 TAICHUNG
 TAIPEI
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THAILAND
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RUSSIA - MOSCOW
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 CAPITAL
 DEVONSHIRE
 HEREFORDSHIRE & MONMOUTHSHIRE
 LEICESTER
 LIVERPOOL
 LONDON
 ST JAMES'S (LONDON)
 MANCHESTER
 MERSEYSIDE & MID-CHESHIRE
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