



the IWFS Grapevine

IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS JUNE 2013



NEW BRANCHES



BANGKOK, THAILAND

Under the leadership of President Geoffrey Bond, our new Bangkok Branch was founded on April 24 2013. What an exciting location for a new branch, with five of Asia's top 50 restaurants located in this city. See [here](#) for their Opening Dinner.



LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

André Simon most certainly envisioned numerous branches in Southern California when he visited LA in 1934. With the opening of Laguna Beach, the Americas has added yet another branch to fulfill his dream. Click [here](#) to contact founding president of Laguna Beach, Bart Zandbergen.



RECENT FESTIVALS

VANCOUVER FESTIVAL

Two hundred IWFS members from around the world met in early September 2012, for the Society's triennial International Festival, Culinary Crossroads in Vancouver. The cuisine and the wines were very special and the camaraderie, the best. For menus, photos and other details, sign in first to the IWFS website, then click [here](#).



HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON) FESTIVAL

November 2012 saw 130 members from Asia Pacific gather in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Hosted by our Saigon Branch, we saw the best of what this bustling city has to offer. George Riedel flew in from Austria to personally host a glass tasting, demonstrating the very significant difference that glassware has on the taste of wine. Great camaraderie, fabulous wine and food – thank you Saigon! For photos click [here](#)



MIAMI & GULF CRUISE

In February 2013, Steve Hipple and Mike Bittel indulged just over 50 IWFS members from around the world in a wonderful culinary adventure in Miami, followed by a cruise of the Caribbean. Highlights included a 'butterfly release' at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, some terrific wines presented by Mike, and a special dinner at Bob and Edith Hudson's glorious home overlooking the bay.





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the first edition of The Grapevine! The Society's global e-Newsletter is designed to keep IWFS members around the world abreast of our international news on a quarterly basis. We hope you enjoy it and look forward to your feedback.

It's very exciting when new branches join the IWFS family so we will let you know each time a new branch comes on board. Please consider visiting them when you travel. You can contact any branch, old or new, by visiting the IWFS website at www.iwfs.org and clicking on 'contact us' for the branch you wish to contact.



Founded on October 20 1933, the Society will observe its 80th anniversary this year. I look forward to seeing many of you in London in November to celebrate this event. See all of our fabulous upcoming festivals and events under 'Dates for Your Diary' on page 3.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Yvonne Wallis, Chair - IWFS Council of Management

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The opportunity to share in branch events and festivals all over the world, with like-minded people, is a major benefit of IWFS membership. You will also find a host of benefits for IWFS members on the IWFS website, including discounts on travel packages, accommodation and wine magazines.

Sign in to the IWFS website then click [here](#) for more. Or contact the International Secretariat at sec@iwfs.org

MERCHANDISE

IWFS has merchandise available for members, including silk ties, medallions (worn by members of some branches at all events and by others at formal occasions), cuff links and lapel pins. Contact the International Secretariat at sec@iwfs.org if you would like to purchase any of these items.



IWFS Council of Management

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



CHAIRMAN:
Yvonne Wallis
(Victoria, Australia)



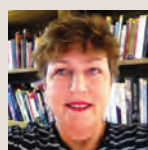
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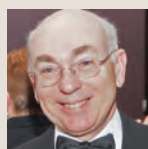
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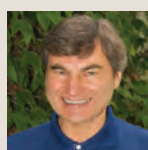
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ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS



CHAIR: Dave Felton

2013 sees the Americas region with 4000 members and 78 branches. The first branches in the Americas were established shortly after a whirlwind tour by André Simon in late 1934 of New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Now some 80 years later, branches continue to thrive in these cities and well beyond. Click [here](#) for more.

ASIA PACIFIC



CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis

Since the founding of our first branch, Victoria (Australia) in August 1936, the Asia Pacific region has grown to include almost 800 members and 22 branches in thirteen countries. We welcome Thailand (Bangkok), China (Shanghai and Beijing) and South Korea (Seoul) as our most recent additions. Watch this space for two new branches coming soon. Click [here](#) for more.

EUROPE AFRICA



CHAIR: John Legg

With 30 branches and 1250 members in 2013, the Europe and Africa Zone looks forward to organising two landmark events in London in November and to welcoming members from around the world. See Dates for your Diary – London 2013. We continue to encourage the establishment of new branches in the region – more news on new branches very soon. Click [here](#) for more.

MELBOURNE 2015

Following on from the fabulous International festival held in Vancouver in September 2012, the next IWFS International Festival will take place in Melbourne: November 11-15 2015.

Planning is well underway for what will be a very special opportunity to explore and discover the heart of Melbourne. Bookings will not open until 2014, but make sure you keep the dates free. There will be some Pre and Post Tours for those who wish to see more of Victoria and Australia, including Pre Tours to Outback Australia and Victoria's Great Ocean Road, and Post Tours to Margaret River (Western Australia) and a Gourmet Melbourne Indulgence. Expressions of interest will open shortly and will be emailed to all members. Contact apz@iwfs.org or click [here](#) for further details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



KUALA LUMPUR (MALAYSIA)

28 June – 2 July 2013

Open to all members, we will be meeting very soon in Kuala Lumpur. To see the full program on the IWFS website, click [here](#).

LONDON

12 – 13 November 2013

To celebrate the Society's 80th Anniversary and to enjoy a Memorial Dinner for our late President John Avery MW, please join us in London in November. Click [here](#) for details.

MEXICO – PUERTO VALLARTA

17 – 21 November 2013

A Great Escape to beautiful Puerto Vallarta – open to all members. This is now booked out but you are welcome to join the waitlist. Click [here](#) to email Christy Marsh.

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

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

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. Expect to see some preliminary information on this soon! Click [here](#) for details.

OUR IWFS BRANCHES



130 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 - 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
TAMPA BAY

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 (22)

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES
VICTORIA
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHINA

BEIJING CITY
CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
SHANGHAI

HONG KONG - HONG KONG ISLAND

INDIA - BOMBAY

JAPAN

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 (30)

ESTONIA - ESTONIA (TALLINN)

FINLAND - HELSINKI

NORWAY - OSLO

RUSSIA - MOSCOW

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN
JOHANNESBURG

SWEDEN - MALMÖ

SWITZERLAND - ZURICH

TURKEY - ISTANBUL

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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