



the IW&FS Grapevine

OCTOBER 2015



NEW BRANCHES



DELHI (INDIA)



Led by Rajiv Kehr, August 2nd saw the opening of our second branch in India, IWFS Delhi, with 24 founding members. What a sensational inaugural dinner. Being a great celebration, the theme of the dinner was Champagne and the food was beautifully designed to suit. Mostly out of magnum, we enjoyed some brilliant

Champagnes including a comparison of the two great vintages – 02 and 96 – of Krug, Dom Perignon, Philipponnat Clos des Goisses, Diebolt Vallois Fleur de Passion and Pierre Peters Les Chetillons. Chair of Asia Pacific, Yvonne Wallis, presented the charter to founding president of the Delhi branch, Rajiv Kehr. Congratulations to you all!



BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)



On Thursday 27th Aug 2015, the EAZ welcomed our latest branch at an inaugural dinner in the traditional Thokoly Restaurant in Budapest. (The old towns of Buda and Pest straddle the River Danube where many centuries of history and culture can be explored.)

Here their charter was presented by EAZ Chair, Ian Nicol and Vice Chair, Michael Messent. Sixteen members and guests were welcomed by their Chairman Alexander Merezhko to enjoy typical Hungarian dishes accompanied by paired Hungarian wines, presented by sommelier Andrash Koloshvari. Already other branches are planning to visit, and the Americas' Danube Cruise will spend two days in Budapest before sailing the Danube next June.

OUR FESTIVALS



WASHINGTON DC (USA)

Members were treated to a fantastic **Great Weekend in Washington DC** in September and enjoyed some of the finest



wine, food and local experiences to be found. Highlights were suckling pig in *La Taberna Del Alabarder* (a top Spanish restaurant) and dinner at a James Beard's award winning restaurant, Chef RJ Cooper's *Rogue 24*.



A tour of Washington's Mount Vernon estate, a trip to Marjorie Merriweather Post's remarkable Hillwood Estate house and gardens plus a visit to an exhibition at the National Museum of American History called *FOOD: Transforming the American Table 1950-2000* were also a real treat. Thank you to Steven Greenwald (Washington) and Dale Springer (Baltimore), with help from Stephen Hipple (Chairman of the Festival & Events Committee), for all their hard work in making this a truly great weekend.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As you read this message, I'm preparing to pack for our trip to Australia. We're among nearly two hundred of our Society members from around the world who will be enjoying the many treats to be offered at the **IWFS Melbourne 2015 International Festival.**

Your Society organizes these multi-day special extravaganzas every three years, rotating among our three geographic regions.

The Melbourne planners not only have organized a main event, but they've also put together pre-and post-tours around the country, including visits to the great Australian Outback and travel along the far west's Margaret River. What a marvelous opportunity for these fortunate members.



(We'll be in London in 2018 for the next International Festival, and I'm planning a walk down the Beatles' Abbey Road and a big loop on the London Eye.)

But these large triennial festivals are only a small part of the deep calendar of events your fellow members are planning for our enjoyment. Take a look at the "Dates for your Diary" on page 3. These are the events already being planned. There are more, including shorter events both in your home region and beyond, still in the works.

I will hope to see you soon, ...somewhere around the world.

Warmest regards,

David R Felton, Chairman

IWFS International Council of Management

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The designers and printers have been working hard in the UK for our global membership over the last couple of months. Now available are the **IWFS 2015/16 Vintage Card** (which members can purchase at a special price and are perfect seasonal gifts to include with cards), the latest **IWFS Monograph** "Taming of the Screwcap, its evolution, present and future" by Dr Jamie Goode and the **IWFS 2015/16 Branch Directory** which is your gateway to some of the best contacts in food and wine around the world – something that money cannot buy!! These three publications are also available for you to access and view online too via the IWFS website (just remember to login first).



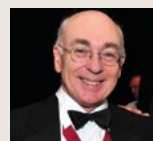
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WIKIPEDIA

Please note that the IWFS now has its own Wikipedia page, with thanks to Joe Temple of the Americas zone. Joe has worked his way through the do's and don'ts of setting up such a page. Click **here** to view the page and also please pass on the link to friends or colleagues who are interested to find out a bit more about your Society, but in a summary form.



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia



ZONE NEWS

AMERICAS CHAIR: Andrew Jones



IWFS Americas Inc. held its first AGM in Washington DC on Saturday 26, September 2015 - the first of its kind in the Americas to have ever taken place. Two new directors were appointed, reports were presented including the BGA accounts (to view please click [here](#) and go to Financial statements); the festival programme; the IWFS Foundation, Inc plus the generous bequest of the late Sherry Knott. Many thanks to Steve Greenwald and Dale Springer for putting together this great event and we look forward to welcoming more Americas members to our AGM in 2016.

ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis



Hi to Asia Pacific members. Please be sure to save the date – March 11-13 next year – for our AGM Weekend in Shanghai. We are hoping to be able to send some information out very soon. We are delighted to have opened the Delhi Branch in August, what an amazing branch of serious wine enthusiasts who are also at the absolute top of their game in the food scene. It's also exciting to be able to tell you that a third branch in Taiwan is set to open shortly with about 40 founding members. Stay tuned!

EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol



After busily opening new branches, we are letting them settle down, and giving any support needed. Our attention has turned to the forward events programme with **Cape Town, North Wales, and Edinburgh** confirmed for 2016. Merseyside & Mid Cheshire, Zurich and now Wessex Branch have organised significant events and invited fellow branches to participate. In this way the zone can offer a wider choice of both local and international events to members.

UPCOMING FESTIVALS

Edinburgh, 20-23 September 2016



Join us for a three-night Wine and Food Festival in Edinburgh - the inspiring cultural capital of Scotland, and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover stunning scenery, striking architecture, centuries of history and fine food, wine and whisky. The festival culminates in a unique opportunity to explore the 'Royal Yacht Britannia' with a reception and dinner in the State Drawing and Dining rooms. Click [here](#) to see what other attractions you might like to visit during your stay and click [here](#) to go to the event page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA), 11-15 NOV 2015

With only a few weeks to go... the next triennial International Festival will be in Melbourne with several pre- and post-tours. To see what is in store click [here](#).

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

The EAZ will host a 3-day event in Cape Town, visiting the Cape and holding a dinner in memory of our Late President, John Avery. Max 60. Filling fast so book [here](#).

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

Open first to APZ members, we will have a gorgeous weekend in Shanghai to hold our 2016 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. Watch this space for details.

WEEKEND IN NORTH WALES (UK), 15-18 MAY 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. Click [here](#) to find out more.

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE, PRE TOUR (HUNGARY), 2-5 JUNE 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) 20-23 SEPT 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), 13-16 OCT 2016

Stay tuned for details of a Great Weekend and AGM, hosted by the Americas in Niagara. Max 70.

TOKYO (JAPAN), 10-18 NOV 2016

Hosted by Asia Pacific, the primary festival will be in Tokyo Nov 10-13, with a post-tour to Kyoto Nov 14-16. More details as they become available. Attendees 100.

"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 60.

SONOMA, CALIFORNIA (AMERICA), JUNE 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 (EUROPE) JUNE 2017

A Regional Festival run by the Europe Africa Zone starting in Copenhagen and cruising to Sweden, Finland, Estonia, and St Petersburg (3 days). Attendees 40-60

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (USA), SEPT 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, following Melbourne 2015, will be in London. More later.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TREASURER



The International Wine & Food Society Limited (IWFS Ltd) is a Company registered in England and Wales, and as such is required to prepare and file financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act of 2006.

The financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 have been prepared by our accountants, K.A. Jeffries, and the appropriate filings have been completed. The comprehensive financial statements for 2014 have been posted to our website under the "Secretariat/Society Papers" tab or click [here](#) to view. Shown to the right is a summary of the financial performance for 2014.

IWFS Ltd. continues to operate on behalf of the Society and is carrying out essentially the same functions as before. The company now has only ten members comprised of the Council of Management, Council Alternates and the Honorary President. Under the new reorganization and licensing agreement, the International Wine & Food Society Limited (IWFS Ltd.) will no longer publish and mail a formal annual report to the worldwide membership. The member relationship has been transferred from IWFS Ltd. to the appropriate area company. Each area company now will provide pertinent financial reporting to their respective members. However, IWFS Ltd. will continue to prepare and post annual financial statements to our website, and will provide our members periodic financial performance updates through this newsletter.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST	2014	2013
Operating Income	£ 112,466	£ 113,218
Expenses (incl. taxes on interest)	(125,812)	(86,783)
Council Development Funds	-	(106,633)
Deficit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	(13,366)	(80,198)

BALANCE SHEET

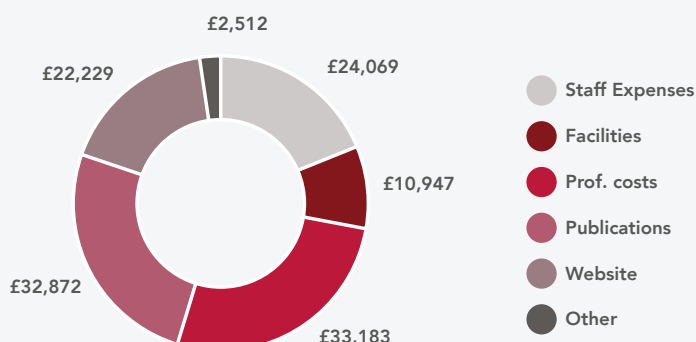
AS AT DECEMBER 31ST	2014	2013
Tangible Fixed Assets	£ 1,045	£ 1,874
Current Assets (stocks, debtors and cash)	241,906	244,701
Creditors	(18,096)	(8,354)
Net Current Assets	223,810	238,221
Total Assets less Current Liabilities (Accumulated Fund)	224,855	238,221



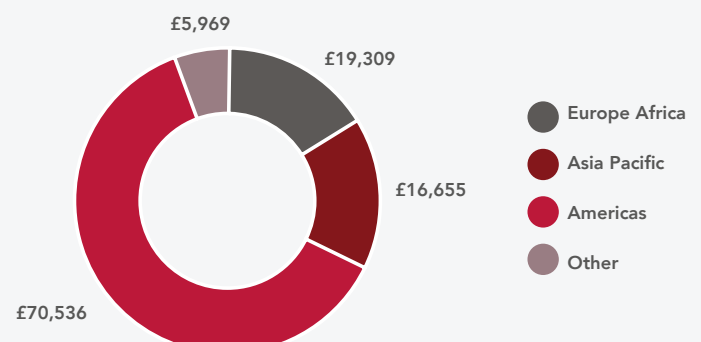
About 95% of our income is derived from subscriptions from the Area Companies. The remaining 5% comes from merchandise sales and royalties. In 2014 revenue was distributed as shown in the chart on the right.

Expenses were higher than the previous year due to the publication of a monograph provided at no cost to members and the supplements provided to the area companies for website training support to branches and members. Please refer to the chart on the left for a breakdown by major expense category.

EXPENDITURES



OPERATING INCOME



OUR IWFS BRANCHES



137 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

AMERICAS (76)

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
 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
 RENO
NEW MEXICO - SANTA FE
NEW YORK
 BUFFALO
 LONG ISLAND
 NEW YORK
OHIO - CLEVELAND
OKLAHOMA - OKLAHOMA CENTRAL
PENNSYLVANIA
 PHILADELPHIA
 YORK
SOUTH CAROLINA - AIKEN
TENNESSEE - MEMPHIS
TEXAS
 AUSTIN
 DALLAS
 FORT WORTH
 HOUSTON
 NORTHEAST TEXAS
WASHINGTON - SPOKANE
WASHINGTON DC - WASHINGTON DC

ASIA PACIFIC (27)

AUSTRALIA
 NEW SOUTH WALES
 VICTORIA
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA
CHINA
 BEIJING CITY
 CHAOYANG DISTRICT (BEIJING)
 SHANGHAI
HONG KONG - HONG KONG ISLAND
INDIA
 BOMBAY
 DELHI
INDONESIA - JAKARTA
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.
 TAICHUNG
 TAIPEI
THAILAND
 PHUKET
 BANGKOK
VIETNAM - SAIGON

EUROPE / AFRICA (34)

ESTONIA - TALLINN
FINLAND - HELSINKI
FRANCE - CHAMPAGNE
HUNGARY - BUDAPEST
IRELAND
 LEINSTER
 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
 ST JAMES'S (LONDON)
 MANCHESTER
 MERSEYSIDE & MID-CHESHIRE
 NORTHAMPTON
 SURREY HILLS
 SUSSEX
 THAMESIDE (LONDON)
 WESSEX
 WEST YORKSHIRE
ZAMBIA - LUSAKA
ZIMBABWE - HARARE

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