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Dear Members,

As we welcome 2023, we look back at the significance of the past year. Branches in the Asia Pacific Zone have emerged from forced hibernation with a bang. We have yet another bumper issue with news from 13 branches.

The New Year has us welcome a new branch to our APZ family. The TaoChuMiao branch in Taiwan held its inaugural dinner on 14 January with 17 members.

In India, the Bombay Branch welcomed its new President Sameer Hiremath. Sameer takes over from Chintamani Kaigaonkar who has served for 4 years.

In Kuala Lumpur, members gathered for its annual Christmas charity dinner to raise funds for 3 children's charities in Malaysia.

2023 marks 90 years of the International Wine & Food Society, founded by Andre Simon and A.J.A Symons in 1933. A special logo to mark this occasion will be released to all branches soon.

A huge thank you to all branches for your contributions. Please continue to send us your stories and feedback as we seek to improve our communication with you.

Wishing everyone a great 2023.

The APZ Editorial Team

A Message from the APZ Chair



Dear Members

In September 2022 it was exciting to finally have undertaken an in-person festival / AGM weekend in Singapore. The Singapore branch created an inspirational event for all attendees, and I was honoured to be part of it. A special thank-you to all the attendees given the numerous travel restrictions.

In November 2022 I was delighted to travel to the Philippines to attend the 40th anniversary of the branch foundation. I was honoured to present 8 white medallions to members for their voluntary exceptional service to the IWFS. My sincere gratitude to President Jay Labrador for coordinating an incredible wine and food experience. I also attended the Manila Ladies branch and was hosted by Vice-Chair Christine (Tina) B. De Jesus and fellow committee members including Glenda Barreto who is the pioneer of Filipino cuisine.

We're now looking forward to the proposed Sydney festival from the 18 – 22 October 2023, which is to be hosted by the New South Wales branch Chaired by Jim Anderson and his team. The branch is finalising arrangements for the festival and please look out for updates on our APZ website.

I trust that all the branches and members have received the latest Monograph – A Guide to Modern Madeira, vintage guide and IWFS gift bags. We are constantly updating the content of our IWFS webapp and encourage all our members to download the members app to facilitate better use of our website at: <https://www.iwfs.org/membersapp>

I'm looking forward to the full resumption of activities amongst our APZ branches. I'm planning to visit a number of branches in person to further build relationships given the challenging times we have experienced. I'm delighted with the encouragement from our Exco members Eddie Hu and Dominique Levy from our Taipei branch who nominated a successful opening of a new branch being TaoChuMiao under the leadership of Dr Chih Shan Coralie Yuan. I welcome them to the IWFS family and look forward to sharing some great food, wine and friendship and hope to visit later this year.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to the voluntary contribution of our APZ Board and Executive Committee Members for their continued commitment to the advancement of the APZ.

Michael Tamburri
Chair, IWFS Asia Pacific Limited



News From the International Secretariat London



Andrea Warren

In order to assist Society members to make a more informed choice about which wines to buy, either for laying down or for drinking, this year we have sourced the latest vintage reports from all the regions featured on our 2023 Vintage Card and App <https://www.iwfs.org/secretariat/iwfs-merchandise/latest-vintage-card> (2021 in the northern hemisphere and 2022 in the southern hemisphere). We have been able to do this with the kind assistance of many of our expert Wine Consultants around the globe and also our Wines Committee member Charles Taylor MW who has allowed us to use the vintage reports he has written for his clients for wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy.



Wine articles – have you read our latest commissioned article “[Oregon Wine Matures](#)” written by Katherine Cole? Katherine provides a gentle introduction into how it all began and then features some of the main players who have forged Oregon’s global reputation for Pinot Noir today and introduces exciting wines to watch out for in the future.

Due to space limitations we are featuring vintage reports for a number of the classic European wine producing regions for the 2021 vintage. We will publish the remaining regions, not included here, in a pdf document available on our website (www.iwfs.org/vintage-charts---cards).

We trust you find this useful in months to come.

All best wishes for 2023

Andrea Warren
Secretariat



IWFS Singapore

Singapore Festival & AGM **16 to 18 September 2022**

Over 40 members from branches of the IWFS in the APZ gathered in Singapore in September for the APZ Festival. This was the first time in over 3 years that members from different branches in the region were able to gather face to face.

Members enjoyed a full programme - from local eats by the beach front facing the South China Sea to curry tiffin at the Raffles Hotel, there was lots of merry making and toasting. On the formal front, a tutored tasting of 5 vintages of Domenico Clerico's Pajana wine was led by brand representative Mr. Domenico Luccio. This was followed by the gala dinner which featured Tenuta San Guido's Sassicaia (vintages 2014 and 2015). The weekend ended with a Michelin starred meal at the National Gallery's ART restaurant where Chef Daniele Sperindio and his team wowed us with his interpretation of modern Italian cuisine.

A huge thank you to all Singapore members and the organising committee for making this event a success. All the professional photos from the festival have been saved on a Google Drive. If you wish to have access to the photos, please email us at apz@iwfs.org



*Opening night on 16 September 2022 on
Santosa Island*



*Group Photo at the Raffles Hotel on
17 September 2022*



NEW BRANCH - TaoChuMiao, Taiwan

14 January 2023

The APZ welcomed a new branch to the IWFS family. The TaoChuMiao branch had its inaugural dinner on 14 January 2023 founded by Dr. Chih Shan Coralie YUAN and Ms. Chia-Yuan Corsa Peng as the Vice President along with 17 founding members.

“TaoChuMiao” is short for the 3 cities between Taipei (north of Taiwan) and Taichung (middle of Taiwan): Taoyuan, Hsinchu and Miaoli. The branch is located in Hsinchu city and is renowned for the world famous Taiwanese semiconductor industry in the HsinchuTech Park, as well as for its local cuisine and its delicate Hakka cuisine of high quality. We look forward to hearing about their activities in the next newsletter. Congratulations.



TaoChuMiao Branch Members



President Coralie Yuan receiving the provisional charter from APZ Board Member Eddie Hu



*President Veronica Hsiung, President Coralie Yuan
President Dominique Levy & Eddie Hu*



TaoChuMiao Branch Provisional Charter

IWFS Bombay Branch

Event with Domaine Tissot, Jura November 18, 2022

IWFS Bombay Branch President, Chintamani Kaigaonkar handed over the baton to Sameer Hiremath after a successful stint of four years. The new term at IWFS started with an event with Domaine Tissot, Jura - a vineyard that has garnered much interest amongst collectors in recent times. After this tasting, we learnt that this attention is not only much deserved but extremely accurate.

Accompanying these elegant and complex wines was a delicious menu curated by Chef Varun, from the avant-garde restaurant Masque, which rates in the top 50 restaurants in Asia.



DINNER WITH DOMAINE TISSOT

18.11.22

Tender Coconut | Gondhoraj Kosho
Cured Barramundi | Gondhoraj Kosho
2017 Arbois Traminer
2020 Chardonnay Rose Massale

Stracciatella & Truffle Tortellini
2019 Chardonnay Les Gravières
2019 Chardonnay Clos Tour de Caron

Black Garlic | Potato | Morels
Black Garlic | Chicken | Morels
2018 Pinot Noir Sous la Tour

Butternut Squash | Xec Xed | Ladi Pav
Confit Duck | Xec Xed | Ladi Pav
2019 DD
2019 Trousseau En Amphore

18 & 30 Month Aged Comté | Seeded Cracker | Berry Jam
2013 Vin Jaune Les Bruyères

Cacao | Chocolate | Gondhoraj

MASQUE

Châteaux Haut Brion, Châteaux La Mission Haut Brion, Four Seasons Hotel, December 17th, 2022

Following the Tissot event was another special and exciting evening. A favourite wine maker, Chateau



Haut Brion and Chateau La Mission Brion returned to IWFS to showcase a stellar line up. It truly was a perfect Christmas celebration!

The festivities got better with two 100-pointers and two mature wines from the Eighties and Noughties in Double-Magnums. The wines were superbly introduced by Gérard Blanloeil, Managing Director of Clarence Dillon Wines.

Members, who attended a similar dinner, almost 10 years ago, recollected the equally superb lineup presented by Prince Robert de Luxembourg, the owner of the Châteaux. Some of us were also privileged to dine at Château Haut Brion, a couple of years prior, when Prince Robert treated us to 4 x 100 – pointer wines, over a fabulous lunch!

We checked the two Double Magnums out of straw and decanted the 1980 Haut Brion directly into the glass, using a virgin draught beer pipe and the case of the 2002 La Mission Haut Brion.



...continued IWFS Bombay Branch

We decanted into bottles, sing the same pipe, 30 minutes prior to service and then poured into glasses from the bottles. The 1980 Haut Brion stole the show in the Double Mags face-off and in the case of the younger 100-pointers, it was La Mission Haut Brion that won the majority vote.



Four Seasons Hotel



Chateau Haut Brion + Chateau La Mission Brion

IWFS Hong Kong

The Hong Kong branch held 3 events in the last quarter of 2023. From German food and wine to the traditional Shanghai Hairy Crab to Christmas Cheer, the Hong Kong members toasted and celebrated food wine and friendship.

OKTOBERFEST AND PAIRING SENSATION

The Hong Kong Branch held an Oktoberfest dinner at HEIMAT. 30 members gathered to experience German Chef supremo Peter Find and Sommelier Wallace Lo's food pairings. The pair are winners of the prestigious Authentic Pairing Sensation of the Year Award 2022.



Koenigberger Klopsx, one half of the award-winning duo...



and the other half, Tement Ehrenhausen Sauvignon Blanc<Korallenkalk> 2019.

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HAIRY CRAB FEAST v2022

The Hairy Crab Feast is Hong Kong Branch's annual signature event. Also known as the Chinese mitten crab, it is only available annually from October to November. The team at 10 SHANGHAI created a crab-themed menu that emphasised the delectable sweet flesh and creamy, buttery roe of this Chinese delicacy. While traditionally-paired with Chinese yellow wine, we also explored creative pairing options using Scotch whisky, aged Japanese sake, and the incomparable Puro Movla White 2012, which must be disgorged by opening each bottle upside down into a bowl of water. If for some reason you missed out this year, be sure to sign up for our 2023 Edition next year!

COZY - JAZZY - COFFEE
CHRISTMASY PARTY

Hong Kong Branch Committee Mr. Ricky Hung is a man of many talents. This year, he showcased them all by establishing Hong Kong's newest jazz bar and café, KIND OF BREW. He graciously hosted a Christmas Party for a small group of members.

Jazzed up with the best contemporary Christmas songs, and a real Christmas tree, those who attended were furthered pampered by traditional festive dishes. This included the most sumptuous of lamb racks and Ricky's own brew of spiced mulled wine. By the time everyone realised that the champagne and wine bottles ran dry, it was way past midnight!



Hairy Crab Feast



Branch President Ms. Karen Leung (second from left) toasted fellow members with a glass of Puro Movla.



Mr. Ricky Hung (in the middle) – foodie, jazz aficionado, and boss.



IWFS Kuala Lumpur

The IW&FS Kuala Lumpur branch held its Annual President's Dinner at the newly refurbished ParkRoyal Collection Hotel Ballroom in the city on December 10th. 50 members and guests attended and enjoyed a "Five Hands" menu from chefs at the hotel with expertise in different cuisines including Cantonese, Southern Indian and Malaysian.

Branch President Brian McIntyre awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Dato' Jeremy Diamond to mark his fifty years of membership of the IW&FS. The branch also held its annual auction of high calibre wines donated by the members and raised RM141,700 which will go to three children's charities in Kuala Lumpur.



Certificate of Appreciation to Dato' Jeremy Diamond



*President Brian McIntyre
and Ms Edna Tan*



"Cheers everyone!!"



"Goan Fish Curry with Fenugreek Potatoes"



IWFS Taiwan 5 Branches Combined Gathering



APZ Board member Eddie Hu, President Dominique Levy, President Veronica Hsiung, President Charles Lin, President Chris Chien, President Lee Hsu-Tung

17 December 2022

The 5 branches in Taiwan (Taipei, Taiwan Belle, Kaohsiung, Taichung and Chungnan) gathered for their annual year end dinner and awarded the IWFS White medallion to Howard Chen of the Taipei branch. Howard joined the Society in 2013 and was in charge of the wines and wine tasting sessions at the APZ festival that was held in Taipei in 2014. Howard is currently serving on the committee of the Taipei branch.

Dinner was held at Stage 5 restaurant located at the Centre of Art & Culture in Kaohsiung. Members enjoyed a 6 course meal prepared by Chef Jason Wang. A graduate from Le Cordon Bleu, Chef was based in the United States before returning to Taiwan as part of the L'Atelier Joel Robuchon team. Paired with wines from Burgundy, Italy and Australia it was a celebratory year end for everyone.



2022 End of Year Dinner for Taiwan Branches



White Medallion award for Howard Chen with Eddie Hu and Dominique Levy



Pair Wines for the Celebratory Dinner

IWFS Taiwan Belle

Sunset White Party, October 2022

The Taiwan Belles gathered at member Nicole Sung's new restaurant Hooters for a relaxing evening. A lovely, celebratory evening was had while enjoying the view of Xinyi District, home of the world famous Taipei 101, one of the tallest buildings in the world.



Taipei 101 in the backdrop



Above- Group photo at Hooters



Below - Dinner at Clover Bellavita

Bling Red Carpet Festival, December 2022

The year ended with a magnificent dinner at Clover Bellavita by Chef Jean-François Piège. Held at the Chef's table, our members enjoyed a full view of the kitchen and enjoyed all of Chef's classics. Chef Jean-François Piège's illustrious career started at the Plaza Athenee in 2001. He has gone on to helm numerous restaurants which have all received the coveted Michelin star – this includes Les Ambassadeurs and Le Grand Restaurant in Paris. He has also been voted Chef of the Year by Gault et Millau. The Clover Bellavita is the first of the Clover brand under Chef to open outside of France.

The Taiwan Belles also toasted the full recovery of branch President Veronica Hsiung who had missed previous events due to an ankle fracture. So glad you are better now Veronica!

The Taiwan Belle branch wishes all members a very happy 2023.



Happy 2023!



IWFS Tokyo Bay

Italian Black Tie Dinner with Pianist Yukio Yokohama

The Tokyo Bay branch held a Black Tie Dinner on December 9, 2022. 30 members gathered at the Ristorante Italiano PEGASO in Minami-Aoyama in Tokyo for an evening of fine Italian food paired with wines from the branch cellar.

Ristorante Italiano PEGASO is owned by renowned Japanese pianist Yukio Yokoyama. Yukio Yokoyama is the 3rd prize winner for the 12th Chopin International Piano Competition and holds the Guinness World Record for playing 166 Chopin pieces in 16 hours. He very kindly gave members a short performance of Chopin.



Tokyo Bay Branch Members enjoyed their Black Tie Dinner with Ristorante Italiano PEGASO Owner/Pianist Yukio Yokoyama





IWFS Victoria

In the last quarter of 2022 IWFS Vic Branch hosted two fabulous dinners a 'specialised tasting dinner at the acclaimed restaurant Aru on 26th October 2022 and end of year function at Rosella Dining Room and Bar 29th November 2022.

At Aru, chef Nguyen effortlessly blends Southeast Asian flavours, native Australian ingredients and ancient techniques. This produces dishes that are familiar yet have flavours that are nothing short of a revelation and along with a beautifully curated matching wines.



Our final function for the year was held at Rosella Dining Room and Bar where we were treated to quintessential Italian dishes of baked rice with mussels and potato, were among the interesting regional choices on the menu. Rosella's excellent snapper crudo a highlight with other dishes of beef carpaccio and swordfish carbonara, it is easy to see why the restaurant has receives such favourable reviews.

A perfect match for Italian food is, not surprisingly, Italian wine. For this function we selected from the many great mature Italian wines in our cellar, supported by a few wonderful non-Italian old and new world wines.

At the end of 2022 we thanked and acknowledged our appreciation for the outgoing President Erik Lehnacker, after an 8-year term! We are grateful for all his hard work and contribution as President and steering us through the difficult period of the Covid19 pandemic.

Victoria Branch look forward to many more memorable functions in 2023 - good food, good wine and good friends.



IWFS Western Australia Branch

Royal Perth Yacht Club

In October, we dined at the Royal Perth Yacht Club on Friday. Another change of day to see if it suited more members. (It didn't seem to.) The evening featured Mazza Wines with a paired menu from the Chef at RPYC. Both David and Anne Mazza attended and David was most informative and entertaining about his and Anne's history in the wine industry and of course their Donnybrook winery. Mazza wines produce little known Spanish & Portuguese varietal wines grown on their vineyard in Donnybrook. It was a very enjoyable evening and attendees had the opportunity to purchase Mazza wines with a 20% discount.



*Mazza Wines, Donnybrook, Western Australia
Tempranillo 2020*



View from the Royal Perth Yacht Club



*President Steve Newland with owners of
Mazza wines and fellow members*

Annual Black-Tie Dinner

With the success of 2021 BT dinner at ANZAC House we repeated the event so all those who missed last year had a second chance to attend. It was another wonderful evening, enjoying the fine food, good wine and wonderful views. We were even treated to the night sky show of drone - in the comfort of the venue. It was a magic view enhanced by a magician we had employed just for this time.



...continued IWFS Western Australia Branch

We sat down to four courses of fine food paired with wines and interspersed with the induction of three new members and presentation to our President, Steve Newlan, the APZ White Medallion for Commendable Service. During the evening Michael Tamburri reminded members of the Batista auction. This is for 12 museum Batista wines from 1996 plus the latest vintage release. We now have 2 x dozens up for auction. Highest bid to date is \$2000. Money raised from this will go into our Youth Development Fund.



APZ Chair Michael Tamburri, President Steve Newlan
with 3 new WA members



Perth Christmas Sky Drone Light Show 2022



WA members celebrating at ANZAC House

From the APZ Administration

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Shirley Tsao, APZ Administrator

18-22 October 2023

Sydney APZ AGM 2023

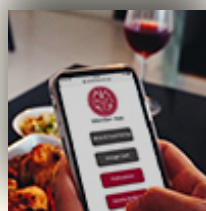
Save the date! This year's APZ AGM Festival will be hosted by our New South Wales branch in Sydney, possibly with a post-festival event. More details to be sent to all members. Please put dates in your calendar and stay tuned.

Branch Webpage Management

One of our goals for 2023 is to continue help our branches to update and maintain its IWFS webpage on the IWFS global website. A webpage management guide was sent to each APZ branch back in December 2021. Over the next few months, we hope to be able to schedule a Zoom meeting with each branch webpage administrator to provide training on webpage management. Please feel free to reach out to us if your branch would like to be the amongst the first to book a training session with us.

Need help logging in?

All IWFS members should have a member login username and password from APZ Administration. This is your gateway to explore exclusive information and benefits for being part of this amazing international organisation, such as the Wine & Food Pairing App and the Vintage App Please let us know if you need help with your login. We will be happy to assist.



**Wine & Food
Pairing App**



Vintage App

If you haven't downloaded the App, [click here](#) for instructions on how to add it to your mobile device.

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