



# The <sup>IW&FS</sup> Grapevine

IWFS INTERNATIONAL NEWS  
NOVEMBER 2017



## OUR FESTIVALS



### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (USA)

100+ worldwide IWFS members attended the Baltimore Great Wine Weekend in October. Following the opening night Crab Feast, events focused on Madeira, Burgundy, and Bordeaux.



It was an awesome witnessing of generosity; with rare Madeiras provided by the Americas' Andrew Jones, with commentary led by Madeira expert Mannie Berk; wonderful grand cru Burgundies of Maison Louis Latour brought by Louis-Fabrice Latour; and a ten-year vertical of Bordeaux contributed by Alfred Tesseron of Château Pontet-Canet.

The event took place at the fabulous Four Seasons, a relatively recent addition to the gorgeous Baltimore waterfront. The final day began with a Champagne buffet followed by IWFS Americas 3rd Annual General Meeting, and concluded with Saturday's gala dinner at the elegant Center Club nearby.



Thanks go out to our Festival & Events Committee, ably assisted by Dale Springer and the Baltimore branch, as they ensured everything flowed smoothly.

## NEW BRANCHES



### BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (USA)

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Bucks County Branch in Pennsylvania. Granted its provisional status in May 2017, the founding branch membership, lead by Richard J Kane, consists of longstanding wine and food enthusiasts who now look forward to a range of more formal events in all matters of enjoying and learning about fine wine and food in an atmosphere of conviviality.



Located one hour north of Philadelphia, Bucks County offers a vibrant dining scene, which the members - current and future - greatly look forward to exploring as part of IW&FS. We look forward to welcoming them at future Americas or international events.

### JIYUGAOKA, TOKYO (JAPAN)

Well done to Founding President Ms. Hisako Narano and her committee for establishing a fabulous new branch of IWFS in Tokyo. The branch opened with over 50 founding members. The opening dinner was held on September 25 in the Atrium of the very beautiful and heritage listed Tokyo Station Hotel.



Thanks also to Dennis Tanaka for his huge energy and counsel in making it all happen, and to Masuda-san for the wonderful sake. This will be a wonderful branch with lots of energy. It is now our fourth branch in Tokyo, and a sister branch to Tokyo Bay.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

At our last Council Meeting in Baltimore, and before imbibing in the grand Madeira, Burgundy and Bordeaux tastings, agreement was reached on shaping the future Society. At incorporation members devolved to their zones, and only the 6 Directors and Hon President remained members of IWFS Ltd. To better represent the changing number of members worldwide it has been agreed that each zone will appoint APZ 2, EAZ 2, & Americas 6 of their members to be members of IWFS Ltd, plus the Hon President (ex officio). The 10 appointed members will vote at a Society AGM, and a 75% majority is required to carry a special resolution. Numbers will be reviewed after five years.

To aid experience and succession planning as Council Members and Directors of IWFS Ltd, it has been agreed that each zone appoint from the above members, APZ 2, EAZ 2, Americas 4 to be Council Members, and these members appoint an alternate if they cannot attend. At least one member from each zone will endeavour to attend Council meetings in person, for each of the three meetings per year, as this has been found to be the most effective way of moving business forward. All zones need to be in agreement to carry forward proposals in Council.

Business done, all joined in the Baltimore Great Weekend, some wonderful food – Maryland crabcakes, seafood, seasonal squash and pumpkin dishes, matched with glorious wines.

**Ian Nicol** Chairman,  
International Council of Management



*My wife, Chris, Sunny Garcia from Manila and me enjoying Baltimore.*

## NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Since its recent launch a number of you have already downloaded the App to view the vintage information electronically on your mobile or chosen device, as listed on the printed card (which you will also still receive). To download, view and have immediate access via your mobile, tablet or laptop click on one of the following website links which will take you to the Vintage App & Card page under the Publications tab, on the website, according to your zone (you must be signed in as a member to have access):

[Americas](#) [Asia Pacific](#) [Europe Africa](#)

Problems with accessing the website [click here](#) to send an email and we will be in touch to help you through the process.



## OUR AWARDS

**Europe Africa** – On 25 October at the AGM dinner of the London Branch, Chairman, **Jeffrey Benson**, was awarded the IWFS Diploma by the International Council. This was in recognition of his services to the IWFS since he joined the Society in 1968 - which included setting up the IWFS London Wine School along with serving an extended term as committee member and Chairman.



On the same occasion, **Graham Lovelock** was presented with the André Simon Bronze medal for his services as Treasurer of the London Branch for the last five years, as Treasurer for the London 2018 International Festival and examiner for the Europe Africa Zone Accounts. He has made a massive contribution to the Society at both levels, which has been universally appreciated.

## IWFS Council of Management EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Ian Nicol  
(Blackpool & Fylde Coast, UK)



**TREASURER:**  
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(Los Angeles, USA)



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Yvonne Wallis  
(Victoria, Australia)



**COUNCIL MEMBER:**  
Andrew Jones  
(Cayman Islands & New York)



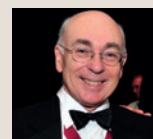
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(Wessex, UK)



**INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT:**  
Andrea Warren  
(London, UK)



## ZONE NEWS



### AMERICAS CHAIR: Mike Donohoe

As we near the end of our splendid IWFS year, we look back at our successful festivals and weekends in Sonoma and Baltimore, and forward to events in New York (April) and Québec (September). We are truly an event-driven society, evidenced by Québec selling out immediately. New branches in Boca Raton and Bucks County were added earlier in the year, and most recently, a branch in Okoboji has opened with a flourish in Iowa. So much to do!



### ASIA PACIFIC CHAIR: Yvonne Wallis

Lots of news from Asia Pacific following my recent visit to Japan where the Tokyo, Tokyo Bay and Roppongi branches gave me a very warm welcome; we opened our fourth branch in Japan, Jiyugaoko and there are plans for two shortly to open in Kyoto and Nagoya plus discussions for another three – the IWFS looks to be building a major presence in Japan. Great news also that a new branch in Margaret River, Western Australia, opened just a few days ago, and that a fifth branch in Taiwan, Hsinchu, may soon open. Congratulations to those involved. Look forward to seeing many of you in Perth in March next year.



### EUROPE AFRICA CHAIR: Ian Nicol

We recently introduced a new EAZ Award allowing us to recognise the committed service to the Society of many of our longstanding members. This award is aimed at rewarding them for their continued service, as branch officers or on zone committees, having already received the André Simon Bronze medal. The first to be presented was to Jeffrey Benson, Chairman of London Branch, on his 80th Birthday (see Awards section). This is a pin badge for a lapel, or medal ribbon. Preparations continue to welcome a Royal Baby and a Royal Wedding to London next Spring, as well as 180 members to our [International Festival](#), next May. Only eight places left.

## HONORARY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



In 2018 the Society celebrates its 85th year since its founding by André Simon and AJA Symons in 1933. Consider planning a special dinner to celebrate - preparing an 85 year-old menu will prove doable; finding 85 year-old wines a bit less so.

Wine lovers no doubt heard about the devastating October wildfires in the USA's Northern California. In addition to horrific loss of life, thousands of homes, winery buildings, winery stock and vineyards were lost. By coincidence, Mitsuko & I, along with a group of Society members from Southern California, had long planned a visit to the seaside town of Mendocino, well north of the fires. We decided to proceed with our plans although our drive from San Francisco Bay to Mendocino took us through part of the devastation and we saw first hand the dreadful damage that had hit the region. One of our Pasadena branch members and his wife were evacuated from their hotel on the evening of 8th October as parts of Santa Rosa burned over the next three days. It proved to be another fierce example of Mother Nature.

**Dave Felton** Honorary President

## UPCOMING FESTIVALS

**IWFS AMERICAS APRIL 12TH - 14TH, 2018**

# A SPRING WEEKEND IN NEW YORK

Stay at JW Marriott Essex House overlooking Central Park. Experience the city's best Italian food at Mark Ladner's Del Posto and the stunning creativity of Gabriel Kreuther's cooking at his midtown restaurant. Lunch on board the Manhattan II as it circumnavigates New York harbor. Enjoy a black tie gala dinner at the historic University Club featuring highly rated wines from California's Pahlmeyer estate. Explore the shops, theaters, museums and culture of the Big Apple. Full details and booking information available on the [website](#).

# D A T E S FOR YOUR DIARY



### PERTH (AUSTRALIA), 9-11 MARCH 2018

This APZ AGM Weekend is hosted by the Western Australia branch and will be one to remember. A pre-tour in Sydney for all lovers of seafood from March 4-7 and a post-tour to the Great Southern and Margaret River wine regions will be from March 12-14. Open first to APZ members, then to members from other zones. Max 100 attendees. [Click here](#) to find out more.

### NEW YORK (USA), 12-14 APRIL 2018

Enjoy a Spring Weekend in the Big Apple – dining in some of the City's best restaurants. See Upcoming Festivals alongside, or [click here](#) to find out more.

### LONDON (UK), 28 MAY – 2 JUNE 2018

Only a few places remaining as the international festival draws even nearer and London opens its doors to members from around the globe. Don't miss out on an opportunity to see this great city as you've never seen it before. A 5 star hotel, dining in a historic livery hall and a former royal palace plus a visit to the 21st century home of an internationally known food producer are all in the plans. Please [email Stephanie Shepherd](#) if you would like to join in.

### BRISTOL (UK), 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2018

Join the EAZ AGM weekend in England's west country and with the opportunity to dine at the Lord Mayor's Mansion House. More details to follow.

### QUEBEC (CANADA), 26-30 SEPTEMBER 2018

This event sold out within hours of being opened for bookings. Please [email Stephanie Schmitz](#) if you would like to be placed on the waitlist and be part of this chance to experience the high quality food and wine the city has to offer.

### AUCKLAND (NZ), 8-10 MARCH 2019

The 2019 APZ AGM Weekend will be held in Auckland, with a pre-tour in the North Island and a post-tour to the fabulous Central Otago wine region in the South Island. Stay tuned.

### VIRGINIA (USA), MAY 2019

A visit organised by Europe Africa to Virginia; a fantastic opportunity to visit some of the key wineries in this up and coming area, and the nation's capital city, Washington DC, only minutes away; more details to follow.

### DOURO RIVER CRUISE (PORTUGAL) – 9-16 JUNE 2019

A wonderful cruise is planned by the Americas along this major river on the Iberian peninsula designated as a World Heritage Site. A pre-tour in Lisbon is also planned from 6-8 June. Watch this space for more details.

*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 139 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE

### AMERICAS (78)

#### 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  
 Omaha  
**NEVADA**  
 Lake Tahoe  
 Reno  
**NEW MEXICO** - Santa Fe  
**NEW YORK**  
 Buffalo  
 Long Island  
 New York  
**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 (33)

#### AUSTRALIA

Margaret River  
 New South Wales  
 Victoria  
 Western Australia

#### CHINA

Beijing City  
 Chaoyang District (Beijing)  
 Shanghai

#### HONG KONG

Hong Kong Island  
 Hong Kong Pearl

#### INDIA

Bombay  
 Delhi

#### INDONESIA

Jakarta

#### JAPAN

Jiyugaoka  
 Roppongi  
 Tokyo  
 Tokyo Bay

#### MALAYSIA

Ipoh  
 Kuala Lumpur  
 Penang

#### NEW ZEALAND

Auckland

#### PHILIPPINES

Cebu  
 Manila Ladies  
 Philippines

#### SINGAPORE

Singapore

#### SOUTH KOREA

Decanting Soul  
 Seoul

#### SRI LANKA

Colombo

#### TAIWAN R.O.C.

Kaohsiung  
 Taichung  
 Taipei  
 Taiwan Belle

#### THAILAND

Bangkok

#### VIETNAM

Saigon

### EUROPE AFRICA (28)

#### ESTONIA

Tallinn

#### FINLAND

Helsinki

#### IRELAND

Leinster

#### NORWAY

Oslo

#### RUSSIA

Moscow

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town

#### SPAIN

Valencia

#### SWEDEN

Malmö

#### 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  
 Thameside (London)  
 Wessex  
 West Yorkshire

#### ZAMBIA

Lusaka

#### ZIMBABWE

Harare

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