



# F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER

**Fédération Internationale des Confréries Bachiques**  
**International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods**

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### From the President

We need to secure the future of our engagement to promote the wine culture and tradition. It is therefore important that our wine brotherhoods attract new and young members. To this aim, we should in particular offer a framework where individual expertise in wine tasting may be improved, as well as assessed, e.g. through blind tasting, and formally recognized in the context of our ceremonies. It is to encourage this activity that we wish to hold in 2019 our first international wine tasting and rating challenge.

**Alan BRYDEN**

### The 50th F.I.C.B. International Congress in Macedonia in 2018



The 50th F.I.C.B. International Congress and

its extension will be held from 31 May to 6 June 2018 in the Republic of Macedonia in the regions of Skopje and Tikvesh and of the beautiful Lake Ohrid. Priority to participate is given to members of the wine brotherhoods affiliated to F.I.C.B. Participation is limited to 200 delegates. Registration available through :

[www.macedoniatravel.com/corporate-travel-incentives/FICB-2018](http://www.macedoniatravel.com/corporate-travel-incentives/FICB-2018)

**The « Practical Guide for the creation and development of a wine brotherhood » is available in 4 languages**



The « Practical Guide for the creation and development of a wine brotherhood » may be downloaded from our website in 4 languages (English, German, French

and Spanish). The guide includes: the F.I.C.B. Charter, the principles for the statutes, the signs of belonging, membership, governance, main and subsidiary activities, communication and promotion, resources and budget, relations with other wine- or gastronomic brotherhood, as well as a brief history of wine brotherhoods.

### F.I.C.B. Congress 2020

The two applications announced last January for the organization of the 2020 F.I.C.B. International Congress have been confirmed by the Order of the Knights of the Truffle and Wines of Alba (Italy) and by the Portuguese Wine Brotherhoods through their national federation.

The decision by our Executive Committee will be taken in February 2018, based on an analysis of the offers according to our F.I.C.B. Congress specification.

### F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honour

This diploma is designed as much for former members of the governance of F.I.C.B. having effectively contributed to its development as for eminent personalities recognized in the world of wine for their expertise, their contribution to the promotion of quality wines and their support to the wine brotherhoods and their values.

Two world personalities have been presented with the diploma in 2017 :

- . **David Guimaraens (Portugal)**, winemaker for the Port wines Taylors', Fonseca et Croft :



- . **Allen Shoup (U.S.A.)**, winemaker in the State of Washington, i.a. for the Ste Michelle Estates:



### New members

Since last year, we have had the pleasure of admitting 7 new active members :

- . The Commende Majeure du Roussillon (France)
- . The Banat Wine Order of Teodor (Serbia)
- . The Hong Kong Wine Society

- . The Macau Wine Society (China)
- . The Consulate for Romania of the O.E.V.E.
- . The Consulate for Moldova of the O.E.V.E.
- . The Wine Brotherhood of Ohrady (Slovakia ).

Welcome to these new members who broaden our geographic horizons !

### Wine in moderation and responsible wine tourism



F.I.C.B. concluded in 2016 a **partnership with « Wine in Moderation-Art de vivre »**, an international network which promotes the responsible consumption of wine. Indeed, our International Charter commits us to encouraging the reasoned and reasonable consumption of wine, and it was therefore natural for us to join this movement. In conjunction with the General Assembly of this network in Santorini (Greece) at the beginning of November, a Symposium was held on responsible wine tourism. F.I.C.B. made a presentation on the contribution of wine brotherhoods to the development of tourism in wine growing regions and to reasonable consumption.

[www.wineinmoderation.eu](http://www.wineinmoderation.eu)

### General Assembly 2018

**The 2018 F.I.C.B. General Assembly will be held on 3 February 2018** at the Maison des Associations du 16<sup>ème</sup> close to the Paris Wine Museum, following the meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Administration to be held on 2 February. The notice was sent on 1 November to all active members having paid their 2016 and/or 2017 membership fees. Several important decisions will be debated : the selection of the organizer for our 2020 International Congress, the launch in 2019 of our first international wine tasting and rating Challenge, the renewal of members of the Board and Executive Committee. The related documents are available on our website.

### Our website

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The information contained in this newsletter is expanded on our website where you will find much more information on the activities of our member wine brotherhoods and of our federation, as well as general information on our relations with the world of wine. You may also access a lexicon in 5 languages of some 300 terms used in wine making and tasting.