



# F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER

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

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### From the President

At its meeting in Paris on 28 January 2017, our General Assembly took important decisions for the development of F.I.C.B., the promotion of wine brotherhoods and the multiplication of contacts between them. The main decisions are addressed in this issue of our Newsletter. Alan BRYDEN

### Publication of the « Practical guide for wine brotherhoods »

The F.I.C.B. *«practical guide for the creation and the development of a wine brotherhood»* was approved by our G.A. and posted on our website in English and in French. German, Italian and Spanish versions are under preparation. The guide includes: the F.I.C.B. Charter, principles for the statutes, signs of belonging, members, governance, main and other possible activities, communication and promotion, resources and budget, relations with other wine or gastronomic

brotherhoods and a brief history of wine brotherhoods.

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



The Consulate of the Order of the Wine Knights of Macedonia (O.E.V.E. Makedonia) has prepared an outstanding programme for our 50th F.I.C.B. International Congress and its extension. They will take place **from 31 May to 6 June 2018** in Skopje, the Tikvesh and the beautiful Ohrid lake region, a scenic jewel of the country. The participants may thus discover the history, the modernity and the rich wine traditions and productions of this country, where vine has been cultivated for some 4000 years. The programme and the link to the registration

site will be indicated on the F.I.C.B. website as of 1 May. It is recommended to register rapidly, as attendance will be limited to approx. 200 participants. [www.winebrotherhoods.org](http://www.winebrotherhoods.org)

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

The F.I.C.B. Executive Committee has retained two candidacies for organizing our 2020 Congress: that of the Order of the Knights of the Truffle and the Wines of Alba (Italy) and that of the Portuguese wine brotherhoods. The candidates are to refine their proposals before the end of this year and a decision will be taken in February 2018.

### New F.I.C.B. international events

The General Assembly approved the launch of two new types of F.I.C.B. international events, in order to multiply the opportunities for our member to discover wine regions and to interact: . The **« F.I.C.B. International wine tasting and rating**

**Challenge** », which will alternate every other year with our traditional congress and focus on the individual and collective expertise for wine tasting and rating, associated to gastronomy and sightseeing. Our member the Knights of the Vine of Findland has already applied to organize the first challenge in 2019 in their country ;

. The « **F.I.C.B. sponsored wine discovery tours** » which will allow for more focused events for discovering new wine regions, limited in the number of participants. The specifications for organizing this new types of events have been endorsed by the Executive Committee. They are at the disposal of our members who would like to apply for organizing such events.

#### Nomination

**Bianca VETRINO**, Grand Master of the Ordine dei Cavalieri del Tartufo i dei Vini d'Alba (IT) has been appointed Vice-president of F.I.C.B. for Italy.

(on the following photo at the Grinzane Cavour Castle with Alan Bryden)



#### New members

At the beginning of 2017, we were happy to welcome two new members :

. The **Commende Majeure du Roussillon**, one of the oldest French wine brotherhoods ;



. The Wine Society of Macau which has its seat at the Macao Wine Museum and increases our exposure in Asia.



#### F.I.C.B. Diplomas of Honor

Our Executive Committee has refined the conditions for awarding the « F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honor ». This diploma is intended as much for former members of the F.I.C.B. Executive Committee having actively contributed to developing our federation as for personalities known internationally for their expertise, their contribution to the promotion and production of quality wines and their support to wine

brotherhoods. In this second category, personalities such as Michel Rolland, Jean-Charles Boisset and Gina Gallo have been awarded this diploma. Other awards should be made in the coming months.

#### In memoriam



Our Secretary General, **Laurence Guillon**, who was also Secretary General of the Académie du Cep (CH), left us at the beginning of March. The many messages of sympathy from our members and our Executive Committee were conveyed to her family and friends at her funeral in Geneva.

#### General Assemble 2018

The 2018 G.A. will meet on Saturday 3 February 2018 at the Maison des Associations du 16<sup>ème</sup> near the Paris Wine Museum . It will be followed by the traditional lunch at the Musée du Vin and, in the evening, by a gala dinner at the French Senate (Palais du Luxembourg). Meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Administration will be held the day before 2 February.