



F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER

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International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods

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From the President

One of the purposes of F.I.C.B. is to offer the members of its wine brotherhoods the opportunity for new wine experiences at the international level, in a friendly context. Our General Assembly has ratified an attractive programme of events for the next 3 years: they are presented in this issue of our Newsletter. This should be a good argument to encourage new membership, both in F.I.C.B. and in our member wine brotherhoods. Thanks for spreading the word !

Alan BRYDEN

50 th F.I.C.B. Congress in Macedonia

The 50th F.I.C.B. International Congress and its extension will take place in Macedonia from **31 May to 6 June 2018** in Skopje and in the regions of Tikvesh and the beautiful Ohrid Lake.

There should be around 150 participants from some 15 countries.

F.I.C.B. 2020 et 2022 Congresses



The Executive Committee of F.I.C.B. has allocated the organization of our 2 next Congresses to :

- . The Ordine dei Cavalieri del Tartufo e dei Vini d'Alba who will host the Congress from **3 to 7 June 2020** in Alba with a 2 days' extension in the Piemonte region in Italy ;
- . the Portuguese Federation of wine brotherhoods who will organize the Congress from **21 to 25 June 2022** in the region of Porto, Douro and Vinho verde and its extension in the region of Lisbon, Carcavelos and Alentejo.

2019 : 1st F.I.C.B. International wine tasting and rating Challenge

The Knights of the Vine of Finland have been entrusted with the organization of our first F.I.C.B. International wine tasting and rating Challenge. It will take place in the region of Helsinki from **6 to 9 June 2019**. The programme will be published and registration open in the coming weeks. Extensions will be possible such as cruises on the Baltic, either to Stockholm or to Saint Petersburg. In addition to discovering the Finnish approach to wine and of the festive events foreseen, the programme will comprise 2 contests open to the participants :

- . **an individual blind wine tasting contest** with 2 categories (professionals and connoisseurs), which will reward the blind recognition of wine varieties and other wine characteristics,

. a **collective rating of the wines served** during the meals and events of the Challenge, with 3 categories of wine: red, white and sparkling. The winners will be able to make reference to their performance under conditions to be agreed with F.I.C.B.

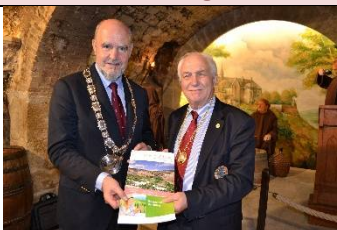
Rules for these two contests are being developed with the assistance of a working group composed of: Timo Jokinen (KoV Finland), Monique Josse (Conseil des Echantons de France), Prof. Kathy Burke (UK Wine Guild), Prof. Marin Berovic (Slovenia), Dave Barber (KoV USA), Jacques Jeannerat (Académie du Cep Suisse), Giovanni Sordi (Lega del Chianti Italie) and Alan Bryden (F.I.C.B.).

The rules, to be published in the autumn of 2018, should be simple and allow an objective judgement. They may be used by our member wine brotherhoods to organize themselves similar tasting and rating contests.

Our « Practical guide » available in Italian

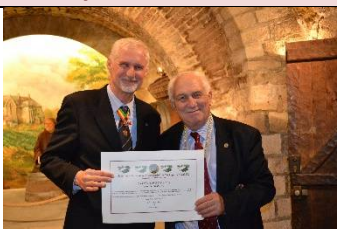
Our « **Practical guide for the creation and the development of a wine brotherhood** » is already available on our website in 4 languages: English, French, German and Spanish. An Italian version, developed with the help of our Italian members, will be available on line at the beginning of May.

Guide on responsible wine tasting



As part of our partnership with « Wine-in-Moderation », whose Chairman, George Sandeman (photo above), was present at our G.A., we have published a « **guide on responsible wine tasting** ». We recommend its use by our members when they organize wine tasting events. It is available on our website.

F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honour



During our General Assembly, **Tomislav Kovacic**, from O.E.V.E. Slovenia, was presented with the F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honour, rewarding some 12 years to active and enthusiast membership in our Executive Committee.

New members

Since the beginning of this year, we have had the pleasure to welcome **2 new active members** :

. the Antico Confrarie Sant Andiu de Galinierio de Béziers, la plus ancienne confrérie bachique française

. the Serbian Wine Nobility Association (Serbia).

Welcome to these new members !

Composition of our Board of Administration

Our General Assembly has elected 3 new members to the Board of Administration : **Marie-France Derkenne** of the Association des Gourmettes (CH), **Hubert Varrin** of the Confrérie des Potes au Feu (CH) and **Stefan Bugar** of the Ohrady Wine Brotherhood (SK). It also ratified the appointment of **David Brazzil** as our Vice-president for Hungary

General Assembly 2019

Our 2019 General Assembly will take place on **Saturday 26 January 2019 at 10 :00**, preceded on 25 January by the meetings of our Executive Committee and Board of Administration.

The participants will have the possibility to join the Saint Vincent Chapter of the Conseil des Echantons de France to take place in the evening of our G.A. meeting.

Our website

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You will find the news above in more detail on our website, as well as information on the events of our member wine brotherhoods and of our Federation together with more general information on our relations with the world of wine. **Thanks for helping us to update the site for your activities and data !**