



F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER

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International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods

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From the President

We held our 2015 General Assembly at the Paris Wine Museum on 31 January. Member Brotherhoods from some 18 countries were present or represented. We took important decisions for the development of F.I.C.B. at the service of its members. Our efforts should now be directed at recruiting new active and associate members. We may thus better disseminate our message on the conviviality and the traditions of wine, more than ever topical in this century where wine production and consumption are ever more global. Alan BRYDEN

Adoption of the International Charter of Wine Brotherhoods

This Charter captures the values and objectives shared by the Wine Brotherhoods member of F.I.C.B. and describes the main activities they pursue in order to implement them.

It is available on our website and our members are encouraged to use it in their communication

F.I.C.B. Congresses



The Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine of America (U.S.A.) is well advanced in the preparation of our **2016 Congress** which will take place in the SONOMA and NAPA Valleys in California. **from 8 to 11 June 2016**, with an extension from 12 to 14 June. Registration will be open on line on next 15 July.

Our **2018 Congress** should take place in the Republic of Macedonia, at the invitation of the Consulate of O.E.V.E. in this country. Our Executive Committee will decide on this at its meeting in January 2016.

Membership in F.I.C.B.

The conditions for membership are specified on our website. At this beginning of 2015, we have the pleasure to welcome three new active members: the Académie du Cep (CH), the Brotherhood « Da Bibere » de Zala (HU) and the Comité de Coordination de la Région Ile-de-France des Confréries (FR)

Appointments

Our Board of Administration decided on 31 January on an important renewal of our Executive Committee, with the appointment of 7 new Vice-Presidents per country and of a new Treasurer (Alain HUET FR) *(see full composition of the Board of Administration and Executive Committee on our website).*

Diplomas of Honor



The first F.I.C.B. « diplomas of honor » were presented at the conclusion of our General Assembly. They reward the competence in wine and the international recognition of the recipients, as well as their support to F.I.C.B. The first diplomas were presented to: C. JOSSE (FR), M. JOSSE (FR), C.RUFINI (CH), M.DURAN (ES), J.E. PROVOST (FR), J.P. de BERNIS (FR) and K.RECER (SLO).

General Assembly 2016

Our next General Assembly will take place on **30 January 2016** at the Paris Wine Museum, with the executive Committee and Board meeting the day before