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### From the president

With 3 exciting international events scheduled until 2022, F.I.C.B. offers to its member wine brotherhoods superb opportunities to share exceptional wine related programs in wonderful locations. Let it be known, so that participation may be wide and reflect the diversity of the countries of origin of our members, regularly expanding.

**Alan BRYDEN**

### Great success for the 50<sup>th</sup> F.I.C.B. Congress in Macedonia



The 50<sup>th</sup> F.I.C.B. international congress and its extension took place in Macedonia from 31 May to 6 June 2018, in Skopje, the Tikves region and the beautiful setting of Lake Ohrid. The Consulate of

O.E.V.E. for Macedonia; organizer of the Congress, was praised for an exceptional programme.

### F.I.C.B. 2020 and 2022 Congresses

The executive committee of F.I.C.B. has allocated the organization of the next 2 F.I.C.B. Congresses :

**.2020 :** The Ordine dei Cavalieri del Tartufo e dei Vini d'Alba will organize the congress from **3 to 7 June 2020** in the Langhe and Roero region with an extension in the Piemonte. Registration will open in the Spring of 2019 ;



**. 2022 :** The Federation of Portuguese wine brotherhoods will organize the 2022 Congress at the **end June 2022** in the regions of Porto, Douro and VINO Verde, with an optional

extension in the regions of Lisbon and Alentejo.

### First F.I.C.B. international wine tasting and rating challenge

The organization of the first F.I.C.B. wine tasting and rating challenge has been allocated to the Knights of the Vine of Finland. It will take place in the area of Helsinki from 6 to 9 June, followed by an optional extension in Estonia. The program is available on line (F.I.C.B. and KoV Finland sites). **Registration is open.**



In addition to discovering the approach to wine in Finland and related festive events, the programme of the Challenge includes **2 contests:**

. an **individual blind wine tasting contest** with 2 categories (connoisseur and

professional) which will reward the ability to identify varieties and other wine characteristics ;

. a **collective rating of the wines tasted during the event**, with three wine categories : red, white and sparkling. The producers of the “preferred wines” will be allowed to publicize their performance under conditions to be agreed with F.I.C.B.

The **rules for these two contests** have been developed by a group of experts from our membership : they are available on our site and on the site of the Challenge. The rules are simple and allow for an objective ranking. They may already be used by our members to themselves organize such contests.

**Our members publicized on our web site**

[www.winebrotherhoods.org](http://www.winebrotherhoods.org)

Since last year, we have been scrolling on the home page of our web site short articles highlighting events organized by our members. In the past months, the following members have thus been in the forefront :

- . Lega del Chianti (IT)
- . Confrérie d’Orléans et Cléry-Saint André (FR)
- . Hong Kong Wine Society
- . Macau Wine Society
- . Commende Majeure du Roussillon (FR)
- . Confrérie du Guillon (CH)
- . Académie du Cep (CH)
- . Commanderie des Costes du Rhône (FR)

. Confraria Sant Andiu de lo Galinieiro (FR)

The articles illustrate events of our member wine brotherhoods and give links to related websites, such as that of the wine production of the region of the member. We encourage you to consult them and to communicate material to allow to increase the international exposure of your wine brotherhood.

**F.I.C.B. multilingual tools to serve our members**



F.I.C.B. develops multilingual tools to promote the wine brotherhoods and facilitate their international networking:

. The « **practical guide for the creation and the development of a wine brotherhood** » may be downloaded from our site in 5 languages (DE, EN, ES, FR, IT)

. We are also considering the development of an **interactive application of our multilingual lexicon** (also DE, EN, ES, FR, IT ), for which a basic version is already on our site.

**The F.I.C.B. Diplomas of Honor**

In 2018, the F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honor has been presented to:

. **Tomislav Kovacic**, Proconsul of O.E.V.E. for Slovenia and former Vice-president of F.I.C.B. for Slovenia.



. **Jean-Robert Pitte**, geographer and world renown specialist of the “terroirs”.



All the recipients of the F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honor are presented in a special section of our website, under the tag FICB/Diploma of Honor

**General Assembly 2019**

The 2019 F.I.C.B. General Assembly will take place on **Saturday 26 January** at the Maison des Associations Paris 16 near the Paris Wine Museum. The Executive Committee will meet on 25 January morning and the Board of Administration the same day in the afternoon. Notice for the meeting is being sent out on 1 November to the active members having settled their 2017 and/or their 2018 membership fee. Relevant documents will then be also available on our web site.