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(most of the subjects of this newsletter are developed on our website)

### From the president

The pandemic is continuing, and depriving us of the convivial events that we enjoy so much. The confirmation of our Congress in June 2021 is a sign of hope and we must look to the future, with a thought for those of us who are affected in our health or activities by this global tragedy.

Alan BRYDEN

### The F.I.C.B. Congress in the Piedmont (IT) confirmed from 3 to 9 June 2021

More than 100 participants have confirmed their registration, after being informed of the conditions for reimbursement in case of later cancellation or inability to travel due to the pandemic. The organizers have therefore confirmed the holding of our 2021 Congress and its extension in Piedmont

(Italy), from June 3 to 9, 2021 at the invitation of the Order of the Knights of the Truffle and the Wines of Alba, and subject to the sanitary conditions prevailing at the time.



### F.I.C.B. and its members adapt to the COVID 19 pandemic :



Since March 2020, F.I.C.B. members have cancelled many of their events, although some have been able to hold some during the summer or fall, or to maintain contacts at a distance. For F.I.C.B., the 2020 Congress has been postponed to 2021 (see above). The F.I.C.B.

International Wine Tasting Challenge in Hungary has been postponed to 2022 and our Congress in Portugal to 2023.

Our board of administration, concerned about the problems encountered by some members, has given them the possibility to postpone their 2020 membership fee to 2021.

The organization of our 2021 General Assembly also takes these circumstances into account.

### F.I.C.B. General Assembly in Paris : 30 January 2021

As our articles of association do not allow remote voting, our general assembly will take place in Paris on January 30, 2021 at 10:00 am. However, due to circumstances, a remote meeting of our Board of Directors will be held on January 21, 2021 and draft resolutions on statutory matters will be sent to our members by

January 25 at the latest so that they can specify their proxies before January 30 (*details on our website*).

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

Our board of administration has decided to award the F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honour to two internationally renowned personalities from the world of wine and oenology:

. On the proposal of the Knights of the Truffle and Wines of Alba (IT):



**Giacomo ODDERO**, the "pope" of the Barolo appellation, who is a figure in the economic and oenological life of Piedmont (Italy).

. On the proposal of the Oregon Wine Brotherhood (USA):



**Denis BURGER**, who, in parallel with a prestigious career in the medical field, developed renowned vineyards in the United States and New Zealand, and held important positions at the American Vintners Association (American wine producers).

These Diplomas of Honor will be awarded as soon as circumstances permit. (*see the "Diplomas of Honor" section on our website under the F.I.C.B. section*).

### **Board of administration : two new Vice-presidents**

Following our 2020 General Assembly, two new Vice-Presidents have been elected:

. for the South of France:  
**Jean-Pierre BOYER**, Grand Master of the Illustrious Order of the Knights of Medusa (wines of Provence) replacing Paul COULON



. for Switzerland :  
**Jacques JEANNERAT**, Grand Master of the Académie du Cep (wines from the canton of Geneva), replacing Michel ROSSI



### **In memoriam : Claude RUFINI**



**Claude RUFINI** passed away on November 7, 2020.

He was for many years the permanent secretary of the Swiss Federation of Bachic and Gastronomic Brotherhoods and, also, general secretary of the F.I.C.B.

Vice-Governor of the Noble Confrérie des Olifants du Bas-Lac en Pays de Neuchâtel, he had a great knowledge of the world of the brotherhoods and had been inducted into many of them. We will keep the memory of a warm friend, always ready to help and get involved in the convivial events that punctuate our universe.

### **Call for proposals for organizing "F.I.C.B. sponsored wine discovery tours"**

Our general assembly has launched a call for proposals for the organization of "F.I.C.B. sponsored wine discovery tours".

*The specifications for this new type of F.I.C.B. event are available on our website.*