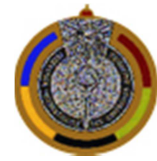




# F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER



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## From the President

The success of our 2014 Congress is encouraging for the implementation of our action plan for the development of F.I.C.B. We will thus be able to better serve our member Brotherhoods and, more generally, promote the traditions and quality of the wines produced around the world and the art of reasoned and convivial wine tasting. With the Executive Committee, we are actively implementing this plan, available on our revamped website. Keep posted! I convey to you my kind and brotherly regards

Alan BRYDEN

## The 2014 F.I.C.B. Congress in Reims and the Champagne region



Thanks again to the Conseil des Echantons de France and our hosts in the Champagne region for organizing an unforgettable event to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## The 2016 F.I.C.B. Congress in California



The Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine (U.S.A.) has started preparing the hosting of our next Congress to take place in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys in California from 8 to 11 June 2016, with an extension from 12 to 14 June: earmark the date!

## The F.I.C.B. website expanding

23 country pages have been entirely revised to present a summary profile of their wine production. Our member Brotherhoods are encouraged to use the website to promote their events internationally. The site gives access to the latest F.I.C.B. and membership developments, as well as to the statutory documents and information about the traditions, the culture and the news on wine, for which our website should eventually become a reference portal.

## General Assembly 2015

Our next General Assembly will take place at the Paris Wine Museum (France) on Saturday 31 January 2015, preceded by the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Administration the day before. Our member Brotherhoods are invited to attend the GA.

## Appointments

At its meeting in Reims on 29 May 2014, the Board of administration elected Alan BRYDEN as FICB President, to succeed Claude JOSSE appointed Honorary President, and Laurence GUILLON as Secretary General, to replace Claude RUFINI who wished to withdraw.

## Membership in F.I.C.B.

The conditions for membership in F.I.C.B. are indicated on the website. In 2013, we created three new categories: sponsor, associate and honorary members. In 2014, we are happy to welcome among us the Confrérie du Guillon (Switzerland) as active member. The first diplomas for "honorary members" will be delivered at the 2015 GA. As of next year, our active members will receive an official F.I.C.B. membership certificate.