



# F.I.C.B. NEWSLETTER

**International Federation of Wine Brotherhoods**

*“Sharing the reason and the love for wine »*

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*(most of the issues covered in this newsletter are developed on our website)*

### Message from the President

The organisation of F.I.C.B. events by our member brotherhoods is an opportunity for them to showcase their activities and the sites and products of their country or region. To ensure success, the organisers must have the support of the local wine industry and/or tourism stakeholders **from the outset**, propose an attractive programme for the participants and make a full commitment. The F.I.C.B. team provides support in developing the programme, translations and promotion of the event, which then receives worldwide exposure, particularly through our website and our members.

**Alan Bryden**

### General Assembly 2025

Our 2025 General Assembly will be held on **Saturday 8 February**

**2025** in Paris. The notice and the agenda will be sent to the members on 1 November 2024. At the meeting, we will address forthcoming F.I.C.B. events and the diversification of our members' activities, with a view to attracting new participants looking to share their oenological experiences. We will also be looking at how we can better promote the events that our members organise, when they wish to involve international participation.

As usual, we will have lunch at the Musée du Vin restaurant. In the evening we will meet for dinner at **‘Les Noces de Jeannette’**, a famous Parisian restaurant in the heart of the city.

*(see the agenda of our GA 2025 on our web site and note that **registration is due before 20 January**. Note also that the renown wine international event, “Wine Paris-VINEXPO”) will take place just after*

*starting on 10 February) see:*

<https://event.wineparis-vinexpo.com/2025/>

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> F.I.C.B. International Wine tasting Challenge



The 2<sup>nd</sup> F.I.C.B. International Wine Tasting Challenge was held in Hungary in May 2024, organised by the Order of the Ladies of Pannonia. It included a magnificent programme of visits, as well as an individual blind tasting competition to identify grape varieties and a collective rating of the 25 wines served during the meals.

*(See the article on our website with the results of the two competitions included in the event)*

### Upcoming F.I.C.B. Events

. The 3rd « F.I.C.B. sponsored wine discovery tour » is organized in 2025 by the Order of the Knights of the Truffle and the Wines of Alba in the region of Langhe-Roero in the Piemonte (Italy) **from 22 to 26 May 2025**

*(registration will close on 31 December 2024 : see our web site for details)*

. The Illustrious Order of the Knights of Medusa has decided to withdraw from organizing the **F.I.C.B. 53rd International Congress** in the Provence and Côte d'Azur region, following internal difficulties. The F.I.C.B. executive committee expressed its surprise and disappointment. It instructed the F.I.C.B. team to seek an alternative solution and to report back to the 2025 General Assembly.

### Happy anniversaries !

A number of anniversaries are celebrated in **2024** :

. The **70th anniversary of the Conseil des Echansons de France**, celebrated on 11 October at the Eglise Sainte-Clotilde in Paris with a mass followed by a banquet attended by over 150 guests.

. The **Commende Majeure du Roussillon** celebrated its **60th anniversary** at a symposium in Perpignan at the end of May. This brotherhood also celebrated the 650th anniversary of the creation

of the medieval brotherhood of which it is the heir.

. The **40th of the creation of the Ordo Equestris Vini Europae**, celebrated in Eisenstadt (Austria) on 19 October.

. The **30th for the Confrérie de Saint-Romain en Bordelais et Pays Libournais**, celebrated in Fronsac on 24-25 February.

. The **20th for the Brotherhood of the Slovenian Wine Knights (Z.R.S.V.V.)**, celebrated on 19 October.

. the **F.I.C.B. wished all a happy anniversary with special messages, and will itself be celebrating the 60 years of its own creation** at the 2025 General Assembly.

### F.I.C.B. Diplomas of Honour

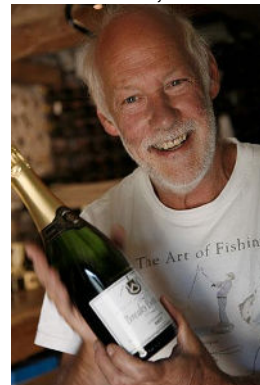
. We have published and posted online a brochure presenting the personalities who have received our Diploma of Honour since 2015.

. Three F.I.C.B. Diplomas of Honour are presented to the recipients in the second half of 2024:



. to **Zvetozar Janevski** for his major role in the development of viticulture in Northern Macedonia and the Balkans, on 5 October in Skopje,

proposed by the O.E.V.E. Consulate of Macedonia,



. to **Peter Hall**, a pioneer of winegrowing in England, in London on 6 November, proposed by the U.K. Wine Guild,



. To **Albino Jorge Souza**, former Vice-President of the F.I.C.B. for Portugal and former President of the Federation of Portuguese Wine Brotherhoods, organiser of our magnificent Congresses in Portugal in 1998 and 2023, presented in Porto on 15 November.

### New member

Welcome to our new member brotherhood: La Confrérie de Vignobles Fribourgeois (Switzerland).

