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(Most of the issues adressed in this newsletter are expanded on our web site)

Message from the president

Of course, our thoughts go first to those of you who have suffered during this difficult time for the whole world. But at last, there is hope! We start to talk about travel and convivial events again. Our Brotherhoods are progressively able to resume their activities and our Federation can prepare its future events which will allow us to meet again around the love and the reason for wine!
Alan BRYDEN

The F.I.C.B. Congress in Piedmont is cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the prolongation of the pandemic and the health measures restricting travel, the F.I.C.B. International Congress in the Italian Piedmont,

which had already been postponed to June 2021, had to be cancelled for good. Registered participants had the choice between an 80% refund of their registration fee or a voucher worth 100% of the registration fee for a stay in the Langhe-Roero region organised locally. Thus, all was not lost and the organisers did their best to cope with the situation.

F.I.C.B. general assembly in Paris : 30 January 2021

Despite the pandemic, our 2021 General Assembly was held as planned in Paris on 30 January, but under exceptional conditions. The possibility of voting by post or e-mail was given and a prior distance-meeting of the board of administration had prepared the resolutions to be submitted. Thanks to these provisions, the quorum was largely

reached: 47 members were present or represented, or voted by correspondence, out of 57.

See the full summary and minutes on our website.

F.I.C.B. Diploma of Honour

Our Board decided to award the F.I.C.B. Honorary Diploma to **Dr. Julij Nemanic**, on the proposal of the Slovenian Consulate of the O.E.V.E., member of the F.I.C.B.



An agronomist and doctor of oenology from the University of Zagreb, he managed a wine cooperative and then the oenology department of the Slovenian Institute of Agronomic Research. He has published numerous

works that have earned him an international reputation. Active within the F.I.C.B., he has contributed to the "Knowing how to drink well" programme for the education of young people for moderate and reasoned consumption of wine.

(See the section "diploma of honour" on our site under the heading "F.I.C.B.").

**2nd F.I.C.B.
international wine
tasting and rating
Challenge in Hungary
in June 2022**



With the return of the prospects for travelling, the Ladies of Pannonia are finalising the organisation of our 2nd wine tasting and rating Challenge, along the lines of the first one successfully held in Finland in 2019. The dates have been confirmed, but with a reversal of the location of the Challenge itself, which will take place from 2 to 5 June 2022 in Budapest and in the nearby vineyards (which will facilitate its organisation and allow for better promotion) and the extension to Eger and the Tokai region from 5 to 7 June.

The registration site will be open by the end July. You are encouraged register for this long awaited resumption of our F.I.C.B. events!

(See the rules of the Challenge on our website, under the heading "F.I.C.B. events")

**News from the
multilingual F.I.C.B.
lexicon**

Our lexicon in 5 languages (DE, EN, ES, FR, IT) of common vine and wine terms has been revised and completed with the help of the University of Burgundy and several expert linguists from our federation. It will be put online in the coming months in a more user-friendly form to replace the current version. In addition, a small booklet will be published for each language which will allow our members to better communicate with each other during their wine experiences.

**The calendar of events
of our brotherhoods**

We have put on line on the home page of our site a section which indicates the events organized by our brotherhoods which they wish to promote on the international level. With the end of the pandemic, our members are encouraged to resume their events and may thus promote them on our site. Please do not hesitate to communicate the dates and details of your events. F.I.C.B. Contact:

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**F.I.C.B. international
congress in Portugal in
May 2023**



The next F.I.C.B. International Congress will take place from 24 to 28 May 2023 in the Porto and Douro region, followed by an extension in the Lisbon and Alentejo region. It is organised by the Portuguese Wine Brotherhoods and their federation. For this occasion, an illustrated book of the brotherhoods members of the F.I.C.B. will be published by the organizers, who will therefore soon solicit our members for editorial contributions. The final programme will be adopted on the occasion of our General Assembly 2022.

**F.I.C.B. 2022 general
assembly : Saturday 29
January 2022**

The next F.I.C.B. General Assembly will take place on **Saturday 29 January 2022 in Paris**. It will be followed by a lunch and a gala dinner: it will be a good opportunity for our members to meet again after the long period of confinement we have just gone through.