



# INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER



## THE OREGON WINE BROTHERHOOD

### INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

June 26, 2023

The 2023 F.I.C.B. International Wine Congress has now come to an end. For those who could attend, it was a wonderful event and a grand opportunity to make new friends and to revisit old friends. Many of our members took advantage of the opportunity to be inducted into up to three of the Portuguese wine brotherhoods. The Special Port Wine event offered the evening before the Congress was a great success, and we all had a rare opportunity to taste some very old ports! One was from 1917, which we sprayed into our mouths for a taste.

With the exception of the Knights of the Vine, OWB had the largest number of members attending of any chapter. Everyone knew who OWB was when we left.

For her work every year in helping to organize international events for the F.I.C.B., the Portuguese Wine Federation (PWF) awarded our own Cheri Cooley with their highest award, the PWF Diploma of Honor. Cheri is apparently the first woman and the first member of a U.S. chapter to receive this beautiful award and medallion.

Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress to be held in Provence in 2026. Please watch for the international newsletter for more details.



#### Future Events:

- ◆ F.I.C.B. sponsored **“Slovenia Wine Discovery Tour”** from **July 18-22, 2023**: Registration has been officially closed for this event but if you still desire to attend, please contact Ken Hick immediately.
- ◆ **“International F.I.C.B. Wine Tasting and Challenge”** organized by the Hungarian Order of Ladies of Pannonia from **May 23-28, 2024** (extension included): Registration will be open July 1 through October 15, 2023. Details will be available on the F.I.C.B. website or contact Ken Hick.

Cheri and I will not be at the July Slovenia Wine Discovery Tour but we will definitely be at the Hungarian event in 2024 and look forward to seeing many of you there. If we can get enough members to sign up, there is a chance for a special pre-event. We will keep you updated.

Our thanks to everyone who attended the Congress, and we hope to see you at future events!

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