



# *The International Wine & Food Society*

EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN AREA

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## THE SOCIETY'S AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS AND HOW TO BESTOW THEM

A service of the Europe & Africa Area Committee of The International Wine & Food Society

### *1. To put you in the picture.*

There are a wide range of fine awards you can bestow on your fellow members and those who have given you good service: notably Gold Medals, Silver Medals, and Bronze Medals, Long Service Medallions, Diplomas, and Restaurant Awards.

All these awards derive from the IWFS International Council of Management (the Council) which, in order to minimize delays, delegates to its Area Committees the administration of all save the two highest awards. The Europe & Africa Area Committee (EAC) devolves handling of awards to a small sub-committee appointed annually composed of the EAC Chairman, an Awards Officer and one other member.

A summary of Council's current guidelines pertaining to the issuance and presentation of these awards is set out in #5 below. Nominations for personal awards should explain how the nominee meets the criteria.

### *2. Awards determined and recorded by EAC.*

#### Long Service Medallion: for membership without specific achievement.

An IWFS Dress Medallion engraved "Long Service Award" on the reverse, awarded to recognise a minimum of 25 years uninterrupted membership of the IWFS coupled with a commendable attendance record at events.

Written nominations to be submitted by a Branch officer to the EAC Awards Officer bearing at least 3 supporting members' signatures.

#### Long Service Diploma and Medallion: for active personal service.

A personalised IWFS Diploma and Dress Medallion engraved "Long Service Award" on the reverse, awarded to recognise a minimum of 10 years service as an active Branch Committee member or Event Organiser.

Written nominations to be submitted by a Branch Officer, or any member of the EAC, to the EAC Awards Officer bearing at least 5 supporting Members' signatures from one or more Branches.

#### Long Service Diploma: for donating ancillary services.

A personalised IWFS Diploma, awarded to recognise a minimum of 10 years benevolent provision of ancillary services in furtherance or support of the aims and or activities of The Society at any level by any person being or not being a Member of the IWFS such as a catering college principal, hotelier, wine merchant, or director of tourism.

Written nominations to be submitted by a Branch Officer to the EAC Awards Officer bearing at least 5 supporting Members' signatures from any one or more of the Branches having benefited.

Diploma: for a singular personal service.

A personalised IWFS Diploma, awarded to recognise significant achievement resulting from sustained contributions, often involving intensive activity over a two or three year period. This award would recognise, for example, the contribution of the principal members involved in planning and managing a Regional or International Festival, where perhaps the Chairman of the Festival Committee had been awarded a Bronze or Silver Medal.

Written nominations to be submitted by a Branch Officer to the EAC Awards Officer bearing at least 5 supporting Members' signatures from any one or more of the Branches having benefited.

Restaurant Certificate: for outstanding value, service and cuisine.

A personalised IWFS Certificate for a restaurant or catering company to display in recognition of an outstanding event or series of events arranged for Members of The Society, naming the chef and the manager or proprietor where appropriate.

Nominations set out in the application form available on request from the EAC Awards Officer, or downloaded from the EAC website to be completed and submitted by a Branch or Society Officer.

*In every instance a **ceremonial occasion** should be found for the presentation of these Awards to be made by an Officer of the Branch or a member of the EAC. Local press contacts should also be notified if possible.*

**3. Awards determined by EAC and recorded by Council.**

The Andre Simon Bronze Medal: for meritorious personal service.

One of only three IWFS medals bearing Andre Simon's portrait, with the Society's crest on the reverse, awarded to recognise a Member's meritorious service, defined as a very significant achievement, or series of significant achievements which clearly advanced the aims of the IWFS at Branch, inter-Branch, or Regional level.

Written nominations enclosing a comprehensive statement of facts, to be submitted by a Branch Officer bearing at least 10 supporting Members' signatures, or by any member of the EAC, to the EAC Awards Officer.

*In every instance a **ceremonial occasion** should be found for the presentation of a bronze medal to be made by a member of the EAC or a member of Council.*

**4. Awards determined and recorded by Council.**

The power to determine the award of The Society's two highest honours is the exclusive prerogative of The Society's Council of Management.

The Andre Simon Silver Medal: for distinguished international personal service.

The Silver Medal is awarded to recognise a Member's distinguished service, or very significant contribution, to The Society at large at the international level.

Written nominations, enclosing a comprehensive statement of facts and sent to The Society's Executive Director for the attention of Council, will be considered from any current member of Council or Chairman of an Area Committee. Similar written nominations will also be considered from the General Membership when sent to their respective Area committee for forwarding to Council bearing at least 10 supporting Members' signatures.

*In every instance a **ceremonial occasion** should be found for the presentation of this top award to be made by a member of Council or Chairman of the relevant Area Committee.*

The Andre Simon Gold Medal: for paramount international personal service.

The Gold Medal is the highest honour The Society can bestow and is awarded to recognise a Member's exceptional and outstanding services to The Society at large at the international level.

Written nominations, enclosing a comprehensive statement of facts and sent to The Society's Executive Director for the attention of Council, will be considered from any current member of Council or Chairman of an Area Committee. Similar written nominations will also be considered from the General Membership when sent to their respective Area Committee for forwarding to Council bearing at least 15 supporting Members' signatures, and providing the nominee is already the holder of an Andre Simon Silver Medal.

*In every instance a **ceremonial occasion** should be found for the presentation of this top award to be made by a member of Council or Chairman of the relevant Area Committee.*

**5. A Summary of the Council of Management's 30/09/1995 Guidelines for the Issuance of Awards.**

Personal Awards

- (1) Awards will always be given for merit, and must never be awarded as an inducement or in lieu of some other compensation.
- (2) All proposals for Awards, and discussion about them, should as far as possible, be confidential, particularly from the person/s nominated for the Award, until publication is officially authorised.
- (3) Awards will not be lightly given, and should remain rare marks of The Society's respect.
- (4) There should be minimum delay between receipt of a properly made proposal and its grant.
- (5) Awards should be "visible", i.e. those to Members: medals and medallions should be worn so as to be seen by fellow Members; those to suppliers: framed certificates should be publicly displayed.
- (6) Awards should be treated as very important. A ceremonial occasion should be found for each presentation, and publicised both within The Society, and, if appropriate, outside it.
- (7) No Award shall be made to a Member who is not in good standing with The Society.
- (8) Honours bestowed in the name of The Society will if properly used spur Members to greater efforts on its behalf. Those awarded to people outside The Society will add to the credibility of the concepts enshrined in our objectives, that we exist, not just for our own benefit, but to encourage higher gastronomic standards everywhere.

Restaurant Awards.

The following special guidelines shall apply to Restaurant Awards:

- (1) Each Award must be given for a Branch or Society Event, or series of Events, or a Tour.
- (2) The authority giving the Award must be satisfied, (a) that it is justified, and (b) that the Award was not offered as an inducement.
- (3) The recommendation for an Award must in no way be publicised prior to its grant.
- (4) Nominations should only be considered on the majority recommendation of a Branch, Committee, Festival Committee, or Tour Leader/s.
- (5) The Award, though made to the establishment, is personal to the Chef and Manager or Proprietor who are to be named on the Certificate.
- (6) Normally a Restaurant Award will be delivered via the nearest Branch which, it is hoped, will arrange for some sort of ceremonial presentation to be made.
- (7) Restaurant Awards, more than any, can suffer from delays which Area Committees should minimise.
- (8) Each issuing committee has the responsibility for ensuring that these guidelines are respected.
- (9) Each issuing Committee is free to make its own rules as to what information it requires in determining whether or not a Restaurant Award is to be made as requested.

All Awards.

An Honours Roll containing a complete listing of all recipients of Andre Simon medals shall be maintained by the International Secretariat as part of the Archives of the Society.

**IWFS European & African Awards Committee**

*All correspondence to should be sent directly to the **AWARDS OFFICER** whose full contact details can be found in the EAC Committee section of the [www.iwfs.org/eac](http://www.iwfs.org/eac) Members-only area.*