

## THE INTERNATIONAL WINE & FOOD SOCIETY

The IWFS, the world's oldest and most renowned gastronomic society, with more than 7,000 members and over 140 branches, in 40 countries world-wide, was founded in London in 1933 by André Simon CBE, Legion d'Honneur. He was not only a dedicated and knowledgeable gourmet but also a connoisseur of fine wines. He died in 1970, but his writings are still respected, and his books collected, by lovers of good food and wine all over the world.

The Society's aim is the same now as it was when André Simon wrote these words "The object of the Society is to bring together and serve all who believe that a right understanding of good food and wine is an essential part of personal contentment and health, and that an intelligent approach to the pleasures and problems of the table offers far greater rewards than the mere satisfaction of appetite."

This objective has never changed. In many countries, in prosperous times or lean, the Society's members have exploited their belief that all food and drink are more healthful when they are sensibly prepared and sensually enjoyed. To quote just one more of his many legendary sayings, "The first of all considerations is that our meals should be fun as well as fuel." How does the Society set out to follow that ideal?

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- *The opportunity to meet like-minded people through Branch activities in your own area and by participating in the Society's wine and food festivals throughout the world.*
- *A quarterly publication, "Food & Wine", with news and reports from and about the European and African membership, book reviews, details of events and topical culinary and wine writing.*
- *An annual wine vintage chart which serves as a membership card and which is small enough to fit into your pocket or wallet.*
- *Periodic pocket books which include authoritative articles on all aspects of food and wine.*
- *The use of the Society's reference library, the "André Simon Collection", housed in the magnificent Guildhall Library in London.*
- *The Society's International Secretariat is housed in the Naval & Military Club in London's Mayfair; Society members may stay at the Club at very reasonable rates and enjoy the full privileges of Club membership while so resident.*
- *Reduced admission charges to certain major food and drink exhibitions.*
- *Discounts at certain restaurants, bookshops, and wine merchants.*
- *Access to the English Speaking Union, Mayfair.*
- *Meet with knowledgeable food & wine experts and taste premier, rare & unusual wine & foods & enjoy privileged events.*

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Being aware of the aims of the Society and in support of them I/We apply for:  
Single/Joint/Young\* Membership

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

\* Delete as applicable

Surname ..... Mr/Mrs/Miss/Title

Forenames ..... (self)

..... (partner)

Occupation ..... (self)

..... (partner)

Date of birth ..... (young members only)

Mailing address .....

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..... Town ..... County

..... Post Code ..... Country

Contact Numbers including access codes:

Home telephone .....

Daytime telephone .....

Fax number .....

E-mail address .....

I/We agree to the above personal data, together with subscription and attendance records, being automatically processed for the established aims of the Society.

Signed .....

Date ..... (Please complete overleaf)

For Office Use Only :

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## Annual Subscription Rates

Single membership	£40.00
Joint membership	£52.00
- two at one address	
Young membership (<36yrs)	£20.00
Young joint membership	£26.00

Membership subscriptions received after 30<sup>th</sup> June are half the above rates. A full annual subscription received after 31<sup>st</sup> October will be valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the following year. A modest annual Branch subscription is usually payable locally in addition to meet administration costs.

Please send the completed form to the address below (or return through your Branch Secretary) together with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to "IWFS-EAC" and be drawn in sterling on a bank resident in the UK.

The Membership Secretary  
IWFS European & African Committee  
Gable End, Devonshire Road  
Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8HB, UK  
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I/We apply to join the following Branch:

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Name of Sponsor .....

This is desirable but not essential

I enclose payment to cover my/our first year subscription

Total: £ .....

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The Branch structure throughout the IWFS forms the basis of members' activities. Branches are run by their own Committees and are as diverse as the members who belong to them and the countries in which they are situated.

Some typical Branch events:

- Tastings of wines of different areas, different grapes, different vintages.
- Thematic events - gastronomy of a particular country or region; puddings and pudding wines; which wines with which cheese or chocolate or fruit; discussions on wines or foods under the guidance of an expert.
- The history of the culinary arts and changing tastes in food.
- Visits to vineyards, cheesemakers and other specialised producers.
- Garden parties, barbecues and picnics.
- Specially planned restaurant meals: bistros to banquets.
- Demonstrations of food preparation and cookery.
- Comparative tastings of food products.
- Self catered events in members' homes or other premises.

For details of your nearest Branch, contact the Membership Secretary at the address given on the application form.

The Society does not release its Membership records to any other organisation.



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