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## International Jeunes Sommeliers Competition Report

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### Santander, Spain, October 2010

4<sup>th</sup> International Final of the Jeunes Sommeliers Competition took place in the Hotel Real under the supervision of Committee Members Klaus Tritschler, Member of the Conseil Magistral and Marie Jones, Member of the Conseil d'Administration.

Eleven competitors from four continents showed off their impressive skills to the panel of judges chaired by Brian Julyan MS, Chief Executive of the Court of Master Sommeliers.

Clement Robert, representing the Bailliage of Great Britain, was declared the winner, with Michael Meagher from the USA as Runner up. Greece's Nikolaos Giannopoulos was in Third place.

Following the final the competitors were invited to a celebratory private reception at the Hotel Real by Maison Piper-Heidsieck, the sponsor of the Jeunes Sommeliers Competition. Christian Holthausen, International House Communications Director, gave an informal tutored tasting of Piper-Heidsieck Cuvée Brut, Piper-Heidsieck 'Rare' 2002 and a stunning Piper-Heidsieck 'Rare'1998 presented in magnums. It was an opportunity for the finalists to discover the delights of the Piper-Heidsieck champagnes in a relaxed environment after the intensity of the competition.

Immediately after the tasting, it was a quick change and transfer to Santander's Gran Casino del Sardinero for the Awards and Induction ceremony. In the absence of Committee Chairman Grand Argentier Joseph M Girard, who at the last moment had been unable to be present, Klaus Tritschler officiated the ceremony with the support of Marie Jones.

On behalf of Jeunes Sommeliers Committee Chairman, Klaus Tritschler expressed much appreciation to the Competition's sponsor, Maison Piper-Heidsieck, as well as to Amable Prieto Montero, Member of the Conseil Magistral, Bailli Délégué of Spain, for his Bailliage's co-operation in ensuring that the local arrangements for this 4th International Final were perfect in every way.

With the Jeunes Sommeliers Competition going from success to success, we can now look forward to the 5th International Final to be held on September 16, 2011, in Athens, Greece.

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