

JUNIOR SOMMELIERS COMPETITION - NEWSLETTER July 2020

We trust that you, your families and everyone in your Bailliage are continuing to stay safe and well as we gradually come out of lockdown and discover how to make everything work in this new 'world' post COVID-19.

With this newsletter I am pleased to be able to give you an update regarding the 2021 International Final of the Junior Sommeliers Competition.

It will be held in Bordeaux from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th September inclusive. Within the programme the Semi-Final will be on Friday 10th and the Final will be on Saturday 11th with a Gala Awards dinner in the evening.

Accordingly you have approximately 14 months in which to select your respective National Bailliage competitors. With this advance notice, you can decide what to put in place now in order to have your national representative 'match ready'.

What a great opportunity to inspire, encourage and develop young talent within the hospitality industry.

What potential there is in preparing young sommeliers so as to open their eyes to the possibilities.

What satisfaction for the experienced sommelier to spot that fresh talent, nurture it and see young sommeliers take huge steps in their profession, learning in depth from their peers.

As the world starts to take tentative steps towards a return to normality - in whatever form this will be - working towards being chosen as the best of the best is an excellent incentive and welcome encouragement for the young professionals as well as their teachers, sponsors and mentors.

Marie Jones Committee Chair

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