

JUNIOR SOMMELIERS COMPETITION - NEWSLETTER May 2020

Our thoughts are with you all in these challenging, uncertain, fluidly changing times as we discover how to not only get through them but more importantly thrive going forward. Much has needed to be rethought, rearranged and even reinvented.

It is a great disappointment that we will not have been able to stage the 2020 International Final of the Junior Sommeliers Competition. Clearly it was not possible to arrange due to the ongoing worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

However, all is not lost for those who have already competed in their respective National Bailliage Junior Sommeliers Competition Finals and most importantly have registered for this year. We are offering the opportunity that these competitors will automatically qualify for the 2021 competition.

To be clear this **only** applies to competitors who have already competed, been declared the winner and who would otherwise have represented their National Bailliage at this year's International Final.

For National Bailliages which have not held a competition this year the rules for qualifying for the 2021 competition remain unchanged. There is plenty of time to select candidates for your local and National Bailliage competitions. Perhaps find a mentor to help the winner develop skills and techniques with the aim of putting your country on the map by becoming the ultimate winner of the International Final in 2021.

We are delighted that the exceptional quartet of judges announced late February will continue to be with us for the 2021 event. Namely: Bryan Julyan MS as Chair ably assisted by Yohann Jousselin MS, Helga Schroeder MS and Matthias Meynard.

Also, the Technical Committee, outstanding in their field, is very much in place. Headed up by Bryan Julyan MS, he is joined by Charles Bennett, Christina Suominen, Domnique Crombé and John Studdert. You can discover more about them by clicking **here**

An announcement regarding the date and location of the 2021 International Final will be made in due course.

Meanwhile, we are available to answer any questions that you may have and look forward to being able to meet again under better circumstances.

With best wishes to keep safe and stay well

Marie Jones, Committee Chair Klaus Tritschler, Committee Member