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THE OIV SUPPORTS ACTIONS LEADING TO REDUCE HARMFUL USE OF ALCOHOL

TO ACHIEVE HEALTH TARGETS OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ([UNITED NATIONS SDGs 2030](#)), THE OIV PARTICIPATED IN THE THIRD WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION ([WHO](#)) FORUM ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS ([FADAB](#)).

From 22 to 25 June, the Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours (ADA) Unit, within the Department of Mental Health and Substance Use at WHO headquarters organise the FADAB. An event in which the OIV took part yesterday, bearing in mind that one of the organisation's core missions is to help protect consumer health and to contribute to food safety, as stated in the Agreement of 3 April 2001, Article 2.2. In particular: by specialist scientific monitoring, making it possible to assess the specific characteristics of wine products; by promoting and guiding research into appropriate nutritional and health aspects; by extending the dissemination of information resulting from such research to the medical and healthcare professionals.

As an intergovernmental organisation, the OIV supports all actions which lead to the reduction of harmful use of alcohol. The Organisation is also committed to the SDGs, and at a broader level, this involvement is observed in the Axes of the [OIV Strategic Plan](#). In particular, Axis III "Contribute to social development through vitiviniculture" is aligned with SDG 3 "Good health and Well-being".

The need to tackle harmful alcohol use is a priority for the OIV. Indeed, the OIV and the WHO Secretariat are collaborating on the data collection and analysis through the exchange and harmonisation of information on wine in particular.



Ongoing actions

The OIV considers that consumers should be fully informed about the characteristics and quality of what they consume and the consequences of their consumption on their health, in order to make informed choices. Within this framework the OIV's Strategic Plan, includes specific objectives (Axis III. A) to encourage research, collection and dissemination of scientific information on the effects of the consumption of wine, grapes and other vine-based products on health, together and in coherence with WHO and other relevant organisations. Several actions are carried out in this sense:

- a document on the effects of wine consumption on diabetes has recently been published,
- two OIV expert groups work on the evaluation of the effects of moderate wine consumption and the health impact on autoimmune diseases and on ageing,
- another expert group analyses wine consumption among teenagers.

Another important area of work is research on the mechanisms underlying the association between healthy dietary, lifestyle practices and wine consumption. The important factor is moderation. The amount and the manner in which we consume can greatly alter the effect it has on our health. This is where wine education can play a part. Prevention programs may become more efficient to increase people's knowledge, awareness and understanding of wine, its effects on health and the social and physical risks associated with it.

In addition, another objective is to identify and recommend lines of research, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation ([FAO](#)) and WHO, on health aspects, nutritional and functional properties and socio-behavioural factors of vine-based products.

Important also to note, that among its observers, the OIV counts with Wine in Moderation ([WIM](#)). WIM brings together relevant players in the vinivicultural sector to design a complete programme with the aim of promoting responsible, moderate wine consumption.



Note for editors

The OIV is the intergovernmental organisation of a scientific and technical nature of recognised competence for its work concerning vines, wine, wine-based beverages, table grapes, raisins and other vine-based products.

It is composed of 48 Member States.
In the framework of its competence,
the objectives of the OIV are as follows:

- to inform its members of measures whereby the concerns of producers, consumers and other players in the vine and wine products sector may be taken into consideration;
- to assist other international organisations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, especially those that carry out standardisation activities;
- to contribute to international harmonisation of existing practices and standards and, as necessary, to the preparation of new international standards in order to improve the conditions for producing and marketing vine and wine products, and to help ensure that the interests of consumers are taken into account.

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