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NEW PRESIDENT, NEW STRATEGIC PLAN, AND 13 RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OIV GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE OIV CELEBRATES THE ELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT, THE ADOPTION OF A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN AND 13 NEW RESOLUTIONS DURING ITS CENTENARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The OIV General Assembly marked the conclusion of the 45th World Congress of Vine and Wine, hosted by France in Dijon from 14 to 18 October 2024.

The OIV's centenary congress welcomed 756 participants, from more than 40 countries. The event featured 265 oral scientific presentations, 345 digital posters, and 125 printed posters displayed on-site.

Yvette van der Merwe elected new OIV President

Yvette van der Merwe has been elected President of the International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV) for a three-year mandate at the OIV General Assembly in Dijon, France, on 18 October 2024.

Economist and specialist in new information technologies, Yvette van der Merwe's career spans nearly three decades of dedication to the South African wine industry.

Since joining the South African delegation to the OIV in 2000, the new OIV President has held several key roles within the organisation, such as the Economy and Law Commission presidency.

First African president of the OIV, Van der Merwe inaugurates the beginning of the new OIV century.

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Elections for OIV Commissions and Sub-Commissions

Alongside the presidential election, new presidents for OIV's commissions and sub-commissions were elected:

- **Commission I, Viticulture:** Mario de la Fuente (Spain)
- **Commission II, Oenology:** Valérie Lempereur (France)
- **Commission III, Economy and Law:** Alberto Ribeiro de Almeida (Portugal)
- **Commission IV, Safety and Health:** Angelika Paschke-Kratzin (Germany)
- **Sub-Commission of Methods of Analysis:** Fernanda Spinelli (Brazil)
- **Sub-Commission on Non-Fermented Products, Table Grapes, and Dried Grapes:** Rodrigo Sebastián Espindola (Argentina)

The new OIV Strategic Plan

The OIV new strategic plan for 2025-2029 adopted during the Assembly, focuses on six priorities aimed at addressing global challenges in the wine and vine sector. These priorities are:

1. Coordinate approaches to sustainability
2. Promote resilient and sustainable viticulture
3. Adapt oenology to the future
4. Support all vitivinicultural products
5. Simplify international trade
6. Contribute to consumer safety and inform perspectives on vine, wine, and society

The full strategic plan will be available on the OIV website in the coming weeks.

13 resolutions adopted

Among the 13 adopted resolutions, key highlights include:

- **Agroecological principles in the vitivinicultural sector** (OIV-VITI 680-2024): A holistic approach integrating ecological and social concepts.
- **Mountain and steep-slope viticulture** (OIV-VITI 716-2024): Emphasising the significance of these regions in viticulture.
- **Fumaric acid treatment in wine** (OIV-OENO 581B-2024): Guidelines on the use of fumaric acid for acidification in wine production.
- **Method for determining mineral elements in grape juices** (OIV-OENO 662K-2024): A technique using ICP/AES to analyse mineral content in various grape products.
- **Wine labelling updates** (ECO 676-2024, ECO 696-2024): Changes to the OIV International Standard for Wine Labelling on ingredients and nutritional information.

[Read here the complete summary](#) of the adopted resolutions.



Five OIV Merit Awards presented

During the assembly, the OIV presented its prestigious Merit Awards to four distinguished individuals and one entity for their remarkable contributions to the Organisation:

Wendy Jonker (South Africa)

Since 1998, Wendy has represented South Africa in the OIV and World Wine Trade Group as a technical wine expert. She is a Professional Natural Scientist and serves as Vice-President of the OIV scientific committee.

François Rebsamen (France)

Mayor of Dijon, he initiated the relocation of the OIV headquarters from Paris to Dijon, offering the restored Hôtel Bouchu dit d'Esterno as the new home of the Organisation, inaugurated on October 12, 2024.

Conrad Briguet (Switzerland)

An OIV expert since 2006, Briguet led the Training expert group, now known as Culture, Education, and Heritage.

François Morisson-Couderc (France)

At the head of the Morrison-Couderc company its rootstocks were planted worldwide. His library, with over 5,000 books and rare manuscripts on vines and viticulture, will soon move to the new OIV headquarters.

Comissão Nacional da Organização Internacional da Vinha e do Vinho
(Portugal)

Portugal has been actively involved since the foundation of the OIV and for nearly 40 years through its National Committee for the OIV (CNOIV), promoting a strong participation of Portuguese delegates in various expert groups and commissions.



Editor's note:

The International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)

The OIV is a scientific and technical intergovernmental organisation, and the world reference to the vine and wine sector.

The OIV currently has 50 Member States, countries producing and consuming grapes and wine, which account for 75% of the world's wine-growing area, 87% of global wine production and 71% of global wine consumption. Twice a year over 500 experts come together to assess, discuss and approve by consensus resolutions on the following:

- 1/ Viticulture and table grapes
- 2/ Oenology and methods of analysis
- 3/ Law and economics of the vine and wine
- 4/ Consumer health and safety

For a century the OIV has been at the forefront of all global vitivincultural matters, providing standards, guidance and information for the vine and wine sector.

The OIV Centenary

The full press file covering the OIV's history and the events organised to mark its centenary is available on request from the following email address: press@oiv.int.

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