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President's Message

The Wine Specialty Group is a success beyond our wildest dreams. We have a group of active members with diverse interests as evidenced from the paper titles at the Denver AAG Meeting.

It is not time to rest on our laurels. The WSG has lost a number of its charter members because they have not renewed their dues. If you are one of them, please send your \$5 to the AAG so you can be reinstated. SEND A CHECK WITH A PAPER COPY OF THE MEMBERSHIP FORM—YOU CANNOT MODIFY YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE.

We need new members, especially ones who are doing research on grapes and or wine and who can be active participants in our annual meeting. It is up to each member to recruit new members and keep the Wine Specialty Group healthy. Graduate students are especially encouraged to join

Our focus is to get a strong program set up for the AAG Annual Meeting in Chicago. It will be

difficult to sustain the effort that made the Philadelphia and Denver conferences so productive.

The strength of a specialty group is the activity of its members. This is your specialty group so let me know what you want to see us do.

Make sure you sign up for the Wine Tasting Workshops on Etymology of Burgundy Vineyards and the one on Spanish Wines. Also sign up for the WSG Business Meeting/Dinner—you must be pre-registered to attend.

Percy H. Dougherty

GeographyofWine.org

GeographyofWine.org is a research database being developed on geographic aspects of viticulture. All members are welcome to participate and contribute ideas, suggestions, reviews, photographs for the archive, bibliographical sources, and anything else that you believe others could find beneficial.

The main portion of GeographyofWine.org will, of course, be dedicated to academics. The rest includes general information, which should be useful both to academicians and laymen interested in learning more about viticulture, wine and, of course, geography. For further information or to submit material, contact Zok Pavlovic (Zok.Pavlovic@okstate.edu) and Aswin Subanthore (Aswin.Subanthore@okstate.edu).

Call for Nomination of Officers for 2006

If you are interested in being an officer of the WSG, please send an email to the Editor indicating the office in which you are interested. Refer to the list above for the available positions.

The new officers will take over at the 2006 Chicago AAG Annual Meeting and serve for the following two years.



Chicago AAG—March 7-11, 2006 Palmer House Hilton Hotel

The 2006 AAG Annual Meeting will be held at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago on March 7-11, 2006. Information can be found at www.aag.org. Abstracts can be viewed online now. Wine Specialty Group activities are on a page in this newsletter.



Summary of WSG Activities at the 2005 Denver AAG.

Building on the success of the Philadelphia meeting, the Denver sessions were very well attended. Some of the sessions were standing room only. Fourteen papers were presented in three paper sessions.

A Panel Session on Geography of Wine in Higher Education was chaired by Bill Crowley. Participants Artimus Keiffer, Tom Schmidlin, Tony Shaw, Teresa Bullman, and Chris Brown shared their expertise on how to teach a wine geography course.

George F. McCleary, with Jim Newman assisting, ran a great workshop on French American Hybrid Wines. Over twenty samples were tasted, resulting in a new appreciation for these often overlooked varieties.

Mark Chandler of the Lodi Grape Growers Association presented a tasting workshop on the Wines of the Lodi Appellation. He illustrated the tasting with a PowerPoint presentation showing how the terroir differs in the sub-appellations.

Doug Casky of the Colorado Wine Industry Board presented a tasting workshop in which he presented a geographical analysis of the Colorado grape growing regions and discussed the characteristics specific to wines from that region.

Minutes of the Wine Specialty Group, Denver AAG Meeting

April 8, 2005, Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, CO

The Business Meeting followed a workshop by **Mark Chandler** of the Lodi Grape Growers Association. Leftovers from the workshop and bottles supplied by members provided for a nice reception before the Business Meeting.

The Business Meeting was well attended with 36 members participating. Major items on the agenda included organizing sessions for the following year. It was suggested that the WSG have more workshops and sponsor a Cultural Geography and Wine Panel Session in Chicago. **Percy** and **Zok Pavlovic** volunteered to work on it.

Juana Ibanez of the Nomination Committee moved and Jim Newman seconded that the current slate of officers continue for another year. With the resignation of student director **Wade Martyn, Zok**

Pavlovic was nominated to replace him. Denyse Lemaire was nominated for the Secretary position. With no other nominations, the slate was approved unanimously.

In other business, it was suggested that the WSG offer a student award when there is enough money in the Treasury. It was also decided to have a combined Business Meeting/ Wine Dinner at the 2006 Chicago AAG Meeting at a location in the convention hotel or within walking distance.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and a group of WSG members met in the lobby for an improvised wine dinner accompanied by singing waiters.

Percy H. Dougherty for **Denyse Lemaire**
Secretary/Treasurer

International symposium Governance, industry, and place: Empirical investigations in the worlds of wine

IGU 2006 Brisbane Conference, 3-7 July 2006

Convenors:

Warren Moran w.moran@auckland.ac.nz, **Nick Lewis** n.lewis@auckland.ac.nz, **Phillip O'Neill** phillip.o'neill@newcastle.edu.au, **Philippe Perrier-Cornet** perrierp@ensam.inra.fr.

We have planned a special wine research symposium at the IGU meeting in Brisbane in July (www.igu2006.org). Our aim is to bring together a group of scholars working on different aspects of the wine industries of different parts of the world. We note your interest in this area and would be delighted to see you there as a participant.



We are several weeks late in getting this email out to you, but the due date for abstracts is still two weeks away(!). If you are interested we would urge you to register your interest by return email, and we can then begin a dialogue. If you are interested but unable to generate an abstract by March 1st, again please contact us and let us know where your interest lies. Hope to hear from you

Nick Lewis and Warren Moran
(Ed. Note: Nick Lewis will be at the AAG Meeting)

Terroir 2006, March 19-22, 2006 University of California, Davis

“A Dialogue between Earth Scientists and Winemakers”. Check the web site <http://terroir2006.geology.ucdavis.edu> for further information and a program of events. WSG member Greg Jones is presenting at this conference.

Planned Sessions

- What is Terroir?
- Terroir Around the World
- Geology, Soils, Nutrients and Terroir
- Climate, Water, and Terroir
- Expressions of Terroir in Vine and Grape Physiology
- Marketing the Romance of Terroir
- Terroir and the Sensory Characteristics of Wine
- Impact of Global Climate Change
- New Techniques for Studying Terroir
- Terroir and Cuisine
- Enhancing Terroir through Biodynamic Methods

Members in the News

Daniel Gade (University of Vermont) has recently had published two studies from his work on the cultural-historical geography of grapes in the Andes. One is “Vitivicultura andina: diffusion, medio ambiente y adaptacion cultural,” *Treballis de la Societat Catalana de Geografia*, No. 58, (2005), pp. 69-88; and “Old World agricultural transfers: The case of tree-vines in the Bolivian Andes,” pp 59-80 in: *Bridging Cultural Geographies: Europe and Latin America*, edited by Robert B. Kent, Vincent Ortells and Javier Soriano Marti (Castellon de la Plana (Spain): Universitat Jaume 1, 2005).

Artimus Keiffer (Wittenberg University) was featured in the Wittenberg University web site for his hands-on summer course on wine. Artimus even has his students make their own wine in the course. Check out the Wittenberg University web site http://www4.wittenberg.edu/news/2005/08_04.html for details.

AAG Wine Specialty Group Business Meeting & Dinner

Date/Time: Friday, March 10, 2006 at 7:30 PM

Business Meeting open to all; \$30.00 for the Dinner following the Business Meeting. The important business is the election of new officers for 2006-2007. La Cantina is one of three restaurants in the Italian Village which is within easy walking distance of the hotel. We could not “officially” start earlier because the AAG will not schedule anything in competition with a Plenary Session. All three restaurants share Italian Village's 45,000-bottle wine list-the largest cellar in the midwest- which has received Wine Spectator's "Grand Award" annually since 1984. Overseen by Wine Director Ron Balter, the list includes more than 500 Italian wines, 200 French wines, 200 California wines, and over 100 wines from the rest of the world. (With over 100 wines under \$30 to hundreds in every other price category.) Check out the wine list at <http://www.italianvillage-chicago.com/winelist.htm>.



GROUP MENU

La Cantina at the Italian Village, 71 West Monroe Street, Chicago

DINNER II

Zuppa

Homemade Minestrone

Insalata

Insalata della Casa
mixed greens with our special Italian dressing

Entrée

Guest Selects One

Chicken al Limone
chicken, lemon, butter, white wine sauce

Veal Marsala
sautéed in Marsala wine and fresh mushrooms

Tortelli Tre Formaggi
pillow shaped pasta, filled with mascarpone, mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, with cherry tomato-garlic-basil sauce

Salmon al Limone
broiled salmon, lemon, capers, white wine butter sauce

Dolci

Guest Selects One

Spumoni
Rum Cake
Italian Lemon Ice

**Choice of Coffee or Tea
(Hot or Iced)**

*For parties of 20 or more wine selection must be made one week prior to event

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YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED—Send this form and a check by March 1st for \$30/person to Percy H. Dougherty, Geography Department, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA 19530.

Name _____ email _____

Dinner Choice: Chicken al Limone, Veal Marsala, Tortelli Tre Formaggi, Salmon al Limone
Dessert: Spumoni, Rum Cake, Italian Lemon Ice

2006 AAG Wine Specialty Group Schedule

March 7-11, Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, IL

WORKSHOPS

Wine I: Geographical Basis of "Denominaciones de Origen" of Spanish Wine Regions; Wednesday, March 8; 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Organizer/Instructor: Percy H. Dougherty, Kutztown University; Luis Torres, VP of Education, Fortune Brands (Allied Domecq)

Cost/Person: \$20 (includes wines that will be sampled) Taste the Geography of Spain in a workshop on the origin of Spanish wine regions or denominaciones, a term equivalent to French appellations. Luis Torres, a specialist in Spanish wines, is employed by Fortune Brands, one of the largest importers of Spanish wine. Through a combination of discussion and tasting, learn how the physical and cultural conditions, as well as differences in grape variety, give a regional identification to Spanish wines. Participants will sample wines that are typical of several regions of Spain. A bonus will be the presentation of some older Spanish wines that are no longer available.

Wine II: Etymology of the Burgundy Vineyards—The Romance of the Place Names; Thursday, March 9; 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Organizer/Instructor: Percy H. Dougherty, Kutztown University; Patrick E. Sere, Executive Vice President, Dreyfus, Ashby & Co.

Cost/Person: \$20 (includes wines that will be sampled) The study of Burgundian place-names is a trip back in time and illuminates the fascinating world we call "terroir". Each name has a story to tell, whether it's related to history, geology, or other causes. Come and explore the geography of Burgundy, home to the most famous wines of France. Patrick Sere, long a student of place names, reaches back to early Celtic and Gallo-Roman to analyze the historical, cultural, and physical geography. The knowledge of these wines' etymology can only enhance the pleasure of tasting three white and three red wines from the famed vineyards of Joseph Drouhin.

PANEL SESSION

Panel: The Geography of Wine in Cultural Geography (Thursday, 3/8/06, 10-11:40 AM, Salon 4) The Geography of Wine transcends many sub-disciplines in geography. Listen to a distinguished panel discuss how wine can be the focus in cultural geography.

Organizer: Percy H. Dougherty; **Chair:** Teresa L. Bullman; **Discussant:** Christopher Brown

Panelists: George Franklin McCleary Jr., Kenneth C. Martis, Zoran Pavlovic, James L. Newman, Artimus Keiffer

PAPER SESSIONS

Title: Geography of Wine 1: New World Wine Regions (Wednesday, 3/8/06, 10-11:40 AM, Salon 4)

Organizer: Percy H. Dougherty; **Chair:** Kenneth C. Martis

Robert P. Sechrist, *Pennsylvania Restaurant Wine Sales*

Katie Algeo, *Structures and Strategies in Creating a Kentucky Wine Region*

Steven C. Kelly, *Part of the Family? Synergies and sepia in the selling of New Zealand wine*

Frances Sternberg, *ENTRANCE OF BRAZILIAN WINES IN THE WORLDWIDE MARKET*

Title: Geography of Wine 2: Terroir (Thursday, 3/9/06, 8-9:40 AM, Salon 4)

Organizer: Percy H. Dougherty; **Chair:** George Franklin McCleary, Jr.

Dr. Tony Shaw, *Viticultural Zoning in the Niagara Peninsula Wine Region*

Gregory V. Jones, *Wine Quality Trends and Influences for the Napa Valley*

Ms. Dionne Starr-Peace, *Perceptions of Terroir: A Survey of Viticulture in the North Willamette Valley, Oregon*

Scott F. Burns, *Terroir in Vineyards of the Northern Willamette Valley, Oregon*

Title: Geography of Wine 3: Wine Regions of the Old World (Thursday, 3/9/06, 1-2:40, Salon 10)

Organizer: Percy H. Dougherty; **Chairs:** Sheryl Luzzadder-Beach

Zoran Pavlovic, *Evolution of Viticultural Landscapes*

Luis Torres, *Geographical Basis of "Denominaciones de Origen" of Spanish Wine Regions*

Patrick Sere, *Etymology of Burgundy Vineyards: The Romance of the Place Names*

Denyse Lemaire, *Tradition and Innovation in Alsace Vineyards*

Percy H. Dougherty, *Chateauneuf du Pape: Physical Geography of A Premier French Wine District*

Other Wine Related Papers:

Gregory V Jones, Ph.D.; Gregory B Goodrich, Ph.D.*; James A Miller, M.A. *Influences of Climate Variability on the U.S. West Coast Wine Regions and Wine Quality in the Napa Valley* in Paper Session: [Climatology: ENSO](#), scheduled on Wednesday, 3/8/06 at 15:00 PM.

Oksana Grybovich, MSc* and Jill K Lankford. *Development of a Regional Wine Culture in Eastern Iowa Communities*, is part of the Paper Session: [Community Tourism II: Benefits and Sustainability](#), scheduled on Thursday, 3/9/06 at 10:00 AM.

Andrew W. Howard, *Consuming Rurality: Wine Production and Landscape in Walla Walla, Washington*, is part of the Paper Session: [New Voices in Rural Geography II](#), scheduled on Friday, 3/10/06 at 10:00 AM.

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