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## **NEW PRESIDENCY, NEW RESOLUTIONS, NEW OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND NEW HEADQUARTERS ON THE HORIZON**

THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OIV GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED 19 RESOLUTIONS ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, ELECTED A NEW PRESIDENT AND HEADS OF WORKING BODIES. AN OCCASION ALSO, FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO PROPOSE DIJON TO THE OIV MEMBER STATES AS HOST CITY FOR THE NEW ORGANISATION'S HEADQUARTERS, AND TO ADOPT RUSSIAN AS THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE OIV.

### **A new 3-year presidency**

Two points of the agenda were highly expected at this General Assembly. Firstly, the election to the OIV presidency, which was entrusted to Luigi Moio. [The new President](#) now assumes a 3-year mandate, succeeding Regina Vanderlinde. The Scientific and Technical Committee has also been renewed with new heads of working bodies elected. [Consult the CST organisation chart](#)

### **Dijon proposed as the new OIV host city**

Following the elections, the long-awaited proposal from the French government concerning the new host city of the OIV headquarters was presented. Dijon was chosen by the French Ministry of Agriculture over Bordeaux and Reims candidatures. To contextualise this process, it is necessary to explain the following:



France has hosted and assumed responsibility for the headquarters of the OIV since its creation in 1924 and guarantees the immunities associated with its status as an intergovernmental organisation.

It has always been located in the French capital. In 2019, due to the reorganisation of the building on rue d'Aguesseau, which had accommodated the OIV for almost 25 years, the Organisation was forced to move its secretariat, which still remains in Paris. The current headquarters, convenient and modern for a transitional period, does not meet all the needs of the Organisation. Aware of these needs and the search for a new headquarters for the OIV, the French government decided to look for its real estate assets in other French regions to host the new headquarters. It was then, when the 3 cities in competition presented their applications.

In view of the French proposal, the OIV Member States now have a period of reflection and will vote on whether to accept it at the next meetings in October 2021.

## **Biodiversity included in adopted resolutions**

As usual, at its annual assembly, the Organisation votes for new resolutions. Biodiversity, oenological practices, geographical indications and good practices toward consumers at wine events are at the centre of the new 19 resolutions voted unanimously. Read here the summary of the resolutions adopted. [\[EN\]](#) [\[ES\]](#) [\[FR\]](#) [\[IT\]](#) [\[DE\]](#)

## **Russian language adopted**

After several months of negotiations, Russian has been adopted by the OIV Member States. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> OIV official language to be adopted. This new measure will enable the Russian-speaking community to better understand and appropriate the international standards and practices that the OIV has adopted to improve the conditions of production and marketing of vine and wine products.

## **Green light for the next World Congress of Vine and Wine**

Other subjects on the agenda are worth highlighting. Mexico confirmed its intention to organise the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Vine and Wine in November 2022. A proposal warmly welcomed by the OIV Member States, accompanied by the official logo of the event. It will mark the return of the OIV Congress since 2019, after a forced pause due to the pandemic. [Watch the presentation video](#) (original audio in English, subtitles in Spanish and French)



## 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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