

ORGANISER'S WELCOMING WORDS

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

The Organising committee is delighted to welcome the leading international experts for this 42nd edition of the World congress of Vine and Wine. The program was designed to join the opportunity of discovery and exchange. Among the highlights of the week; a common session open to the public, numerous social events to meet with local professionals and an evening at the Fête des Vignerons show.

The conference center is ideally located in the heart of the international city of Geneva. Over 350 abstracts originating from more than forty countries are scheduled. The congress' theme « **Preserve and innovate** » is also reflected in two novelties. A mobile application replaces the abstract book to facilitate content sharing and reduce paper usage. The common session is open to the public and addresses a topic at the heart of societal concerns: inputs management.

Thanks to the support of many partners, rich and varied events will make you discover a great diversity of taste and culture. Terroir meals, technical visits and social events will allow you to travel through the six wine regions of Switzerland.

The congress week will end spectacularly with the Fête des Vignerons show, which will hopefully provide you with a long-lasting memory of your experience in Switzerland.

This 42nd Congress is a great opportunity for Swiss vitiviniculture to strengthen its international reputation in terms of research and innovation, to confirm the qualitative positioning of its wines, as well as to maintain international relations, essential for the future of the wine industry.

We wish you a very exciting experience in Switzerland !



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. de Montmollin', with a small flourish at the end.

Simone de Montmollin
President of the Organising Committee, Congress OIV 2019

