

AIG recent events

- **From Thursday, May 30 to Monday, June 3, 2019:** at the invitation of Rafael Anson, President of the Real Academia de Gastronomía, AIG trip to Andalusia, (Cordoba, Seville, Cadiz, Granada). **June 1, 2019:** during the trip to Andalusia, the 2019 AIG "Grand Prix e l'Art de la Cuisine" was awarded to Angel León, Chef of Aponiente restaurant, next to Cadiz, by Rafael Anson, President of the Real Academia de Gastronomía, in the presence of Jacques Mallard, AIG Honorary President.
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2019 in Paris:** Winner of the 2019 AIG Prize for Gastronomic Literature (France), Laurent Stefanini, currently Ambassador of France to UNESCO, received the diploma handed over by President Jean Vitaux at the Lasserre restaurant in Paris.
- **Friday, June 7, 2019 in Paris:** François-Régis Gaudry was awarded the 2019 AIG "Multimedia Award" (France) in one of the studios of "Maison de la Radio" by Jean Vitaux and Jacques Mallard.
- **Monday, July 8, 2019 in Beirut, Lebanon:** President Cheikh Fouad el Khazen presented Mireille Hayek with the "Special Grand Prix of Welcome and Tradition" in her restaurant Em Sherif.

Calendar of upcoming AIG events

- **Monday, October 14, 2019:** AIG trip to Southern China, organized by the Chinese Academy of Gastronomy. Arrival in Shanghai
It will end Thursday, October 24, 2019 in Hong Kong
- **Friday, October 25 in Krakow (Poland):** The European Academy of Gastronomy together with the City Council of Krakow is organizing a conference at the Congress Center of the city on the theme "Gastronomy, Culinary Art, Perception of taste in the brain, new technologies". Professor Charles Spence from Oxford University will discuss the topic "brain or taste" and three workshops are planned: "Art on the Plate" with the participation of Michelin-starred Chefs, "Tourist destinations with gastronomic content", "Where is technology going as regards nutrition?"
- **Friday, November 8, 2019:** Gaëtan Lacoste, Chef Sommelier of the Clarence restaurant will receive the 2019 "Prix au Sommelier" (France)
- **Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in Lisbon (Portugal):** Presentation of the 2019 AIG National Awards (Portugal) at a Gala Dinner at the Portuguese Academy of Gastronomy.
- **Sunday, February 2, 2020 in Paris:** Gala dinner preceding the AIG 2020 Annual General Assembly in a place to be specified.
- **Monday, February 3, 2020 in Paris:** AIG General Assembly at Hotel Meurice, followed by a luncheon.

ELECTION at the « INSTITUT DE FRANCE »

We are delighted to hear the election on September 30 of our President Jean Vitaux as Correspondent of the Institute of France, Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, History section.



It honors not only our President, but also our International Academy.

It is an important step in the recognition of Gastronomy among the human sciences by one of the most respected cultural institutions in France.

Travel in Andalusia



Organized by Real Academia de Gastronomía ,
chaired by Rafael Anson
And by the Andalusian Academy of Gastronomy,
Fernando Huldobro as President

May 31 to June 2 , 2019
Madrid, Cordoba, Sevilla, Jerez de la Frontera



From May 31 to June 2, 2019 : 37 participants from 7 different countries have successively visited: Madrid (with a dinner at the restaurant "Coque", 2 Michelin stars), Cordoba (the cathedral built from an old mosque has obtained all the votes),

then Sevilla, on the way to El Puerto de Santa Maria near the port of Cadiz where Chef Angel Leon received in his restaurant "Aponiente"

the 2019 AIG "Grand Prix de l'Art de la Cuisine. .



Left to right : Rafael Anson, Angel León and Jacques Mallard

The AIG members and the laureate



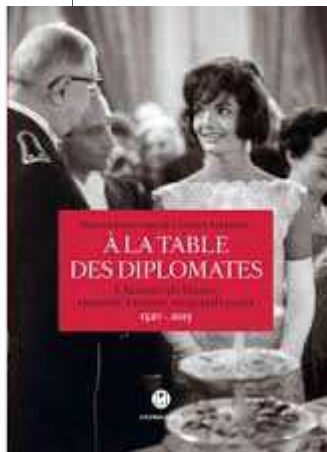
In the presence of the Aponiente Brigade, the members of the AIG Bureau surround Angel León



An extension trip was followed by several participants to discover Granada.
A detailed account of this trip will be made in the AIG Letter No. 40 to be sent later.

Award ceremony of the 2019 AIG Prize for Gastronomic Literature (France)

To Laurent Stefanini



On June 4, 2019, during a dinner held at Lasserre restaurant in Paris, President Jean Vitaux awarded the 2019 AIG Prize for Gastronomic Literature (France) to Laurent Stefanini for his book "A la Table des Diplomates".

Laurent Stefanini, former Chief of Protocol of the Presidency of the Republic, currently Ambassador of France to UNESCO, tells a fascinating story of great French diplomatic meals, from François 1st to the recent COP 21; the book perfectly illustrates the phrase attributed to Talleyrand: "There is no good diplomacy without good meals".

The International Academy of Gastronomy (AIG) awards the 2019 Multimedia Prize (France) to François-Régis Gaudry

The International Academy of Gastronomy has awarded its 2019 Multimedia Prize (France) to François-Régis Gaudry. This prize was awarded on June 7, 2019 at "Maison de la Radio" by Dr. Jean Vitaux, AIG President, and Jacques Mallard, AIG Honorary President. Every year, across member countries of AIG this prize recognizes a person who has distinguished herself in the cultural fields of gastronomy on different media.

In a short speech, Jacques Mallard recalled the career and success of François-Régis Gaudry, from his debut as a journalist to the Express, to France-Inter where he hosts the hit show "On va déguster" ; and on TV with "Très, très bon" on Paris Première channel.

He has also written many books, including the monumental gourmet encyclopedia "On va déguster 1 France" (We will taste France), translated into several languages.

A winner in true multimedia fashion!



From left to right : Jacques Mallard, Marc Spielrein, Dr Jean Vitaux, François-Régis Gaudry, Gérald Heim de Balzac

Monday July 8, 2019

Awarding of the « Grand Prix Spécial pour l'Accueil et la Tradition »

to Mireille Hayek

Em Sherif, Beirut Lebanon

Before handing over her “Grand Prix” to Mireille Hayek, Cheikh Fouad el Khazen said the following words:

"We are here today, Rue Monot, to award a Special Grand Prix at this restaurant that has revolutionized the art of hospitality in Lebanese restaurants.

It was in 2011 that Mireille Hayek was born, the Em Sherif restaurant which stands out for its exceptional setting (photo on the right) and the welcoming of the Maître d'Hôtel who greets with elegance.

Perfectionist, Mireille strives so that customers are satisfied.



With the help of her family, she monitors the choice and the quality of the ingredients, the respect of the recipes, and does not hesitate to highlight new flavors and oversees the dining room.

Having become a star of Lebanese gastronomy, Mireille exported her franchise to Dubai, Qatar, Kuwait; she is thinking of developing two other locations, in Riyadh and London.

From left to right: Anbara Dabbous delegate of the ALG Concours et Prix Committee, Georges Husni Honorary President of the International Academy, Mireille Hayek, Madeleine Helou Vice President of the Lebanese Academy of Gastronomy, Cheikh Fouad el Khazen, President of ALG, Khalil Sara, member of the Syrian Academy of Gastronomy, member of the AIG Bureau.

This is why ALG, together with Khalil Sara of the Syrian Academy of Gastronomy, has proposed to AIG to award her this Grand Prix. "