



Speaker Biographies

Speaker: Mr. Nguyen Van Khoi

Mr. Nguyen Van Khoi is the Acting Director of the Standards Department at the Directorate of Standards, Metrology and Quality (STAMEQ) where he has worked since 1994. He has more than 20 years of knowledge and experience in the quality management and standards sector that focus on developing policies and legal documents of standardization activities including WTO/TBT transparency and national standards development as well as participating in international/regional organizations such as the ISO, IEC, APEC, ASEAN related to international standardization. Currently he is the 2017 APEC/SCSC Chair and the Secretary of IEC's Vietnam National Committee. He was the co-chair ASEAN/ACCSQ/WG1 on Standards & MRA in period of 2012-2015. He holds an MBA in international Law from Hanoi University and has completed other courses and trainings related to standardization and conformity assessment.

Speaker: Steve Guy, Australian Grape and Wine Authority

After graduating from South Australia's Roseworthy Agricultural College with an oenology degree in 1984, Steve worked for several of Australia's largest wine companies. In particular he worked for the organisation that evolved into Beringer Blass in various roles, including Chemist, Quality Manager and Regional Winemaker, from 1986 to 2000. Steve was appointed to the newly created position of Compliance Manager with the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, now Wine Australia, in September 2000. Steve's responsibilities were extended in 2005 to encompass not only matters relating to regulatory compliance, but also Wine Australia's contribution to Australia's market access initiatives. Steve also holds a degree in pure mathematics and an MBA.

He has participated in many Australian wine sector committees and working groups, and is the current chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for FIVS-ABRIDGE, an authoritative source of regulatory information of interest to the international wine community.

Speaker: Mauricio Garcia-Perera, Grupo Cetto, Mexico

Mauricio García graduated in Business Administration from the Economic School at Anahuac University in Mexico City. During an 8-year career in the public sector, he worked on trade and standards issues for the National Bureau of Standards at the Economy Ministry and worked as Deputy Director of Standards at the Agriculture Ministry. In 2008, he joined Grupo Cetto, the largest winery in Mexico, as Public Affairs Director where he is in charge of linking the company with related offices in the government and the private sector, covering national and international trade policy issues. Mauricio serves on the

Mexican Grape Growers and Vintners Council and at the National Agricultural Council as the chair of the standards commission. Mauricio has been an active member on the APEC Wine Regulatory Forum since the beginning of the Project.

Speaker: Eric Wilkes, Australian Wine Research Institute

Eric has worked in the beverage industry since completing his PhD in chemistry at the University of Newcastle in 1997, where he held both teaching and technical positions. Initially spending four years in the Hunter Valley with Rosemount Estates he moved to South Australia in 2001 to take up the role of Group Chemist with Foster's based at the Wolf Blass Winery.

In 2007 he accepted the role of Global Manager Analytical Services with the Foster's Group overseeing the testing and technical services across their whole beverage portfolio on three continents. In 2010 he joined P&N Beverages in Sydney with responsibility for new product development, product QA, customer feedback and product compliance before returning to the wine industry in 2011, joining AWRI where he is now Group Manager Commercial Services.

Specializing in technical management, he has extensive experience in integrating new technologies and systems into wine production and improving those already in place. Current areas of research include wine stability, the role of oxygen in winemaking, methods to determine beverage authenticity and provenance and the impact of metals on sulphide production.

He is the acting Chair of the Interwinery Analysis Group (one of the largest wine testing proficiency programs in the world), is active member of a number of international working groups on wine analysis and export regulations and a co-author of a book on wine laboratory analysis.

Speaker: Dan Paszkowski, Canadian Vintners Association

Dan Paszkowski is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Vintners Association (CVA), the national association of the Canadian wine industry representing wineries across Canada responsible for more than 90% of annual wine production. Mr. Paszkowski is a member of several professional associations and represents Canada's national wine industry on all federal policy issues. He co-chairs FIVS Social Responsibility Working Group, 2016-17 Industry Chair of the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG), member of Canada's National Alcohol Strategy Working Group and National Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committee, member of the Canadian Association of Liquor Jurisdictions (CALJ) Social Responsibility and National Quality Assurance Committees.

Speaker: Sara Azevedo, E. & J. Gallo Winery

Sara Azevedo is a Senior Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Analyst at E. & J. Gallo Winery. For the past five years she has worked to facilitate the global trade of wine as a member of the Wine Institute Technical Advisory Committee and as an industry representative to the APEC Wine Regulators Forum, International Wine Technical Summit, and the World Wine Trade Group. Prior to joining Gallo, she worked in contracts administration for the General Services Administration in the Pacific Rim.

Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration both from California State University Stanislaus, an International Food Law Certificate from Michigan State University, and attended the Wine and Spirits Law Academy at University of California, Davis.

Speaker: Dr. Greg Hodson Wine Institute Technical Advisory, Committee Chair (USA)

Greg is Chief Technical Regulatory Liaison for the E. & J. Gallo Winery and is the President of FIVS. He has a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and a doctorate in food chemistry. After working as an analytical chemist in the dairy industry, he spent 12 years working with the UK government on technical aspects of food legislation. During this time, he conducted negotiations for the UK in the European Union, Codex Alimentarius, the United Nations and the OIV. Greg moved to Gallo in 1997 and has held a wide variety of positions in winery research management, regulatory affairs, and compliance. He is currently responsible for technical regulatory affairs issues in connection with trade in wine, both in the USA and internationally. He is Chair of the California Wine Institute's Technical Advisory Committee and is a member of the US industry delegation to both the World Wine Trade Group and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation's Wine Regulatory Forum. He co-Chairs the FIVS Scientific and Technical Committee, as well as its OIV Liaison activity.

Speaker: Jeffrey Clarke, New Zealand Winegrowers

Jeffrey Clarke was appointed General Manager Advocacy & General Counsel of New Zealand Winegrowers in 2014. New Zealand Winegrowers is the unified national organisation for all of New Zealand's winemakers and independent grape growers. The organisation currently has approximately 750 grower members and 700 winery members.

Jeffrey is responsible for ensuring that growers and wineries are able to produce, market and sell their wines competitively around the world. His role covers international trade, government relations, regulation, standards, intellectual property and providing information to members. He is also responsible for leading the provision of all legal advice to New Zealand Winegrowers.

Before moving into the world of wine, Jeffrey spent over 20 years working as a lawyer and advocate for top firms in New Zealand, New York, and London, managing the legal department of a major State Owned energy company, and representing New Zealand in Paris at the OECD and the International Energy Agency.

Speaker: Son Cao Tran, National Institute for Food Control, Vietnam Ministry of Health

Son Cao Tran is Head of Laboratory of Food Toxicology and Allergens Testing, National Institute for Food Control, Vietnam Ministry of Health. Tran graduated from Hanoi University of Pharmacy in 2005. He received a PhD. in Toxicology and Drug Testing at Hanoi University of Pharmacy in 2015. He got a degree in Dietary Risk Assessment at Oregon State University. Tran spent more than 12 years working in laboratory with modern analytical instrument such as LC-MS/MS, GC-MS/MS ... and their applications in food safety testing. Tran is the editor of a book in Vietnamese about method validation and quality control. He is now a member of Technical Committee for food safety National Standard in Vietnam.

Speaker: Anna Gore, United States Department of Agriculture

Anna Gore has been an International Trade Specialist in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service for 2 years. She previously worked on alcoholic beverages and nutrition products, and now covers SPS issues in Southeast Asia. Before joining USDA, Anna was a Research Associate with the Global Food Security Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she conducted policy research on emerging agricultural markets and trade and improving food security across Sub-Saharan Africa. At CSIS she also worked as Assistant Director for grants and contract management, where she focused on proposal development and institutional compliance. She earned an M.A. in international development from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, and holds a B.S. in Psychology from Skidmore College. Anna has worked on HIV/AIDS issues with high-risk Latin American populations in Southern California and Peru. She has an (almost) 3 year old daughter named Naomi, and an 8-month old son named Asher who keep her busy when she is not at work!

Speaker: Mr. Joaquin Almarza, Agriculture and Livestock Service, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile

Joaquín Almarza is a Chemical and Agronomist Engineer Oenologist in the Agricultural and Livestock Service of the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile, in the Sub Department of Vines and Wines, performing as Head of Certification of Origin in wine and alcoholic beverage related products, for the international and domestic markets. His primary responsibility is to authorize certification documents and analysis reports, for countries that demand official certification. He joined the Agricultural and Livestock Service in 2006 and previously worked as head of analytical wine laboratory in Concha y Toro, and chemistry professor in the Universities Andres Bello y Santo Tomás (2003-2005). In 2008-2010, he was expert counselor for the Wine's Cluster of the Ministry of Agriculture. Since 2008 he has been the official delegate for the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG) as a Government technical counterpart; in oenological practices, additives aids, and certification requirements.