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# WELCOME NEW ALUMNI



## A message to the class of 2023/24

Dear WSET graduate,

Many congratulations on achieving your WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits! It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to WSET's alumni community. You are now a member of a prestigious group of over 13,800 Diploma graduates from across the globe. Your journey with WSET continues long after graduation. As a member of the alumni community, you will have exclusive access to special offers and discounts, virtual and in-person events, and much more. Here are the ways in which you can stay connected with WSET and your fellow alumni:

- **Global Campus:** after graduation your login to Global Campus will remain valid but you will now be able to access a range of resources by clicking on the Alumni tiles.
- **Newsletter:** after you graduate you will automatically receive regular alumni updates.
- **Events:** keep up-to-date with upcoming events by visiting the [wsetglobal.com](https://wsetglobal.com) events page.
- **Update us and keep in touch:** make sure we have your most up-to-date information so we can keep in touch and support your future journey in the world of drinks – whether personal or professional.

Contact us at [alumni@wsetglobal.com](mailto:alumni@wsetglobal.com) with any questions. We'd love to hear about your WSET journey – sharing your experience plays an important part in supporting future students!

Once again, our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future.


**Ami Wilkinson**  
Head of Events and Partnerships

## WSET at a glance

 134,000  
candidates in 2023/24  
academic year

 75+  
countries

 12  
WSET qualifications

 15  
languages offered



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# WELCOME FROM MICHELLE BRAMPTON, CEO, WSET



## Congratulations to the class of 2023/24!

It's my pleasure to welcome you to this year's WSET Graduation Ceremony – a celebration of the outstanding achievements of 809 graduates from around the world, who have successfully completed their WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits.

This year, we are proud to welcome graduates from 46 countries. You are now part of a global network of WSET alumni and some of our most important ambassadors. Completing this rigorous and prestigious qualification is no small feat – it requires dedication, passion and resilience. Your success is an extraordinary accomplishment and a testament to your commitment to excellence. I would also like to offer my congratulations to our scholarship and prize winners for their exceptional results.

As you join a global community of more than 13,800 WSET Diploma graduates, you are helping to shape the future of the drinks industry and inspire the next generation of wine professionals. Your determination and the stories you've shared about how WSET has influenced your careers and lives are truly inspiring.

This past year we celebrated our 55th anniversary at Vintners' Hall in the heart of the City of London, celebrating our positive impact in the global drinks industry. As Patrick Schmitt at The Drinks Business put it, "WSET is the UK's greatest gift to the world of wine."

We continue to work with our partners on initiatives that make drinks education more accessible and affordable, helping to foster a more diverse, inclusive, and sustainable industry for all.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors and partners for their ongoing support.

Warmest wishes,

Michelle Brampton

# WSET'S HONORARY PRESIDENT, DR LAURA CATENA

Dr Laura Catena is a Harvard and Stanford trained biologist and physician, author, fourth generation vintner, and founder of the Catena Institute of Wine. She was a practicing Emergency Physician in California for 27 years while also working for her family winery, Catena Zapata and starting her own wine projects, Luca, La Posta and Domaine Nico, in Mendoza, Argentina.

Dr Catena, a leader in sustainability, was named Old Vine Hero 2023 by the Old Vines Conference, for her work in preserving Argentina's ungrafted, massale, genetically diverse old vines. She recently led her family winery, Catena Zapata, to be awarded 'World's Best Vineyard' 2023. Dr Catena's advocacy for wine in moderation as part of a healthy lifestyle is featured on her website [www.indefenseofwine.com](http://www.indefenseofwine.com).

## Dr Laura Catena, WSET Honorary President said:

"I'm honoured to represent WSET as Honorary President for a third term. Over the past two years, it's been a privilege to work so closely with the team to support greater diversity and promote sustainability within the world of wine. WSET's unparalleled global reach and international perspective are what make this role so exciting and meaningful to me. There's still work to be done - and I look forward to carrying it forward in 2025/26."



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# PARTNER WITH WSET

The WSET Partnerships programme provides a compelling opportunity for businesses to support the work of the drinks industry’s largest education provider to improve access to drinks education for individuals globally.

We are passionate about creating a diverse and inclusive global drinks industry, and with the support of our 47 partners we are working to create positive social impact through purposeful projects. By partnering with WSET, you are helping us to improve access to drinks education for individuals and communities facing challenges and hardship. As a WSET Partner you can help your own organisation to meet its goals, support staff, build customer trust and reach new audiences.

Contact our Partnerships team at [partnerships@wsetglobal.com](mailto:partnerships@wsetglobal.com) to find out more.

## WHY SUPPORT WSET?



### IMPACT

Make a demonstrable impact on the lives of people around the world whilst supporting your organisation’s CSR goals.



### OPPORTUNITIES

Help us to make drinks education globally accessible and affordable.



### BENEFITS

Our partners receive a range of discounts, recognition and brand collaboration opportunities.

## HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US MAKE A DIFFERENCE



### SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS

WSET-led activity in the UK, EMEA, Americas and APAC.



### REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Working with charities and organisations to support local communities.



### STUDENT BURSARIES

Supporting individuals facing financial hardship.

Mentees taking part in the Women in Beer Mentorship Programme, in collaboration with WSET.



# OUR PARTNERS

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The following students successfully completed the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits in the 2023/24 academic year. They join the ranks of over 13,800 graduates worldwide who can be recognised by the post-nominal DipWSET.

### American Wine School Chicago, USA

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Kevin O'Neill  
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Alexander Weisse

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Yizhou Wang  
Nanke Wu

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Toshiaki Monkawa  
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Yoshimi Murakami  
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Takashi Okada  
Takeshi Okajo  
Katsura Shibata  
Chiya Suminami  
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Hikaru Takahashi  
Chiaki Takematsu  
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Keiko Yoshino

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Yoav Lasovsky  
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Bertram Li Mow Ching  
Kelly Liang  
Thomas Liddington  
Léonard Liévin  
Jia Lin Vania Lim  
Xiao Hong Lin  
Dan Liu  
Elise Ziwei Liu  
Yancheng Liu  
Stefano Loise  
Maria Lopez Repiso  
Marianne Lystrup  
Edward MacIntosh  
Ana-Maria Matei  
Susan Mayne  
Maire McHugh  
Hannah Mckay  
Jordan McKibben  
Coralie Menel  
Andrea Menigatti  
Alex Messianu  
Isabella Meuli  
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Oliver Nelson  
Elisabeth Neumüller  
Molly Newport  
Arthur Ng  
Jia Sheng Ng  
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Ewa Nowara  
Soma Orehóczki  
Joanne O’Riordan  
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Madhura Pawar  
Thomas Pear  
Nea Pettinen  
Matthew Pickthall  
Tim Piwinger  
Celia Plowright  
Karen Mee Yau Pok  
Quentin Possidoni  
Irena Postlova  
Gabrielé Praviloniené  
Rebecca Preece  
Charlotte Prescot  
Frederick Rae  
Hector Reinoso Elbers  
Paolo Ricciarelli  
Paul Riddett  
Mollie Rigby  
Lucy Roberts  
Nicole Roche

Edward Rodger  
Sara Rodrigues Matos  
Pornpatra Rojanapenkul  
Sara Rossi  
Emma Roumana  
Maxime Rusliakov  
Olga Berenice Salazar Torres  
Carlotta Salvini  
Mirko Sanna  
Rui Santil  
Tomas Joakim Sarnstedt  
Gisela Schneider  
Nadia Seery  
Ziyue Shao  
Viktoriya Shevela  
Connal Shields  
Elad Shoham  
Grace Shorr  
Reiko Skillman  
Daniel Smith  
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Gary Trott  
Yin Chi Bowie Tsang  
Mark Tucker  
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Jennifer Turner  
Emma Twidale  
Alexandra Vasilenko  
Weiguang Wang  
Stephanie Wangui  
Kate Wardell  
Isabelle Wardlow  
Ida Weatherall  
Yu-Ying Wei  
Avraham Weiss  
Paul Kimon Weissenberg  
Markus Wenger  
Birthe Naersnes Westerby  
Matthew Whale  
Daniel Whalen  
Oliver Whitehead  
Sietze Wijma  
Taryn Wilkins  
Madeleine Willis  
Rowena Wilson  
Clint Wong  
Katie Woodhead  
Xiaodong Xu  
Yuwen Zhang  
Alessandro Zummo

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# WSET OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

The Outstanding Alumni Award, presented annually in partnership with JancisRobinson.com, celebrates the achievements of WSET's global alumni community. This year, alumni were invited to nominate their winner by shining a spotlight on the inspiring work of Diploma graduates around the world.

The 2024 award recognises an exceptional contribution to creating positive change within the global drinks community.



## 2024 Winner



### Gus Jian Zhu MW, DipWSET

Gus has been instrumental in advancing wine education and science. He began his journey as a wine educator under the mentorship of Fongyee Walker MW and Edward Ragg MW, and has since become a pivotal figure in wine research and education. After completing his WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits at WSET School London, he went on to achieve a Master of Science in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis and became the first Chinese national Master of Wine in 2019.

Gus is a research scientist at Harv 81 Group, where he oversees quality control and sensory research on cork and oak products. His book, *Behind the Glass: The Chemical and Sensorial Terroir of Wine Tasting*, has been acclaimed for making wine science accessible and engaging.

Gus's innovative work in sensory science and oak-wine interactions has been presented at seminars and masterclasses worldwide. He played a key role in expanding WSET qualifications in China and in the US and continues to inspire wine professionals and enthusiasts globally with his dedication and enthusiasm.

## Previous Winners

- 2016** Isabelle Legeron DipWSET, France and UK
- 2017** Sarah Jane Evans MW, DipWSET UK
- 2018** Caro Maurer MW, DipWSET Germany
- 2019** Ferran Centelles DipWSET, Spain
- 2021** Ferdinand Mayr DipWSET, Austria
- 2022** Alexandra Schrecengost DipWSET, USA
- 2023** Sonal Holland MW, DipWSET, India



Dr Laura Catena (left), Sonal Holland MW, DipWSET (centre) and Jancis Robinson OBE, MW, DipWSET (right).

## PRIZES

Prizes are awarded annually to recognise those candidates who have achieved outstanding marks in their WSET exams. They are made possible by the generous support of our valued sponsors and partners.

### Level 3 Award in Spirits



#### The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow Earl of Forfar Scholarship

A study trip to a cooperage and a whisky blending session in Glasgow is awarded to a student from the UK.



Barbara Drew MW  
WSET School London, UK



#### Worshipful Company of Distillers' EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



Thomas Laidet  
WISP, France



#### Worshipful Company of Distillers' Americas Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



Lisa Belczyk  
Palate Partners School of Wine & Spirits, USA



#### Delamain Cognac Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in spirits or a study trip of their choice.



Rajan Singh  
Tulleeho Portals, India

### Level 3 Award in Sake



#### IWC Sake Prize

The top student globally is invited to join the world's elite sake judges and participate in judging sake at the International Wine Challenge.



Seiko Ishihara  
WSET School London, UK

Prizes are awarded each academic year (1st August to 31st July) and students who achieve outstanding results may be eligible. Prize winners will be contacted by WSET after the end of each academic year.



## Level 3 Award in Wines



### Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux Prize

A 3-day intensive education trip visiting some of the vineyards and wineries of Bordeaux, and attending a course at the Bordeaux Ecole du Vin as a guest of the Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux (CIVB).

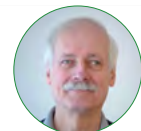


**Sebastian Burch**  
Loki Wines, UK



### The Rhône Trophy

A silver trophy is presented to a student from the EMEA region. The winner also receives a case of Rhône wines, selected by Hallgarten and Novum Wines.



**Mats Carlsson**  
Culinary Academy of Norway



### Decanter Americas Prize

A student from the Americas region is awarded a study bursary for use towards WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines fees.

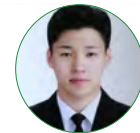


**Philip McDaniel**  
Capital Wine School, USA



### Decanter APAC Prize

A student from the APAC region is awarded a study bursary for use towards the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines fees.



**Sihun Oh**  
Winevision, Korea

## Level 4 Diploma in Wines

### ↓ D1 Wine Production

D1



### M&S Yves Fourcade Prize

A UK student is sponsored to take a one-week viticulture or vinification course at Plumpton College.



**Katherine Thomas**  
WSET School London, UK

D1

### Peter Hampson Memorial EMEA Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Mateusz Papiernik**  
Weinakademie, Austria

D1



### Patrick Sandeman Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Richard Matthews**  
Wine inTuition, Australia

### ↓ D2 Global Business

D2



### Bibendum Prize

A five-day work experience with Bibendum's buying team is awarded to a UK student who is looking to start a career in the wine and spirit trade.



**Joshua Meyer**  
WSET School London, UK

D2



### Consorzio Franciacorta Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to put towards a trip to Franciacorta, Italy.



**Tarik Goyal**  
WISP, France

D2



### Merendino Global Business Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in wine.



**Mary Regan**  
American Wine School, USA

D2



### Marcia Waters Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Aishlinn Scally**  
Sydney Wine Academy, Australia

### ↓ D3 Wines of the World (Tasting)

D3 (Tasting)



### Sogrape Wine Academy Prize

A study trip to Portugal and in-depth experience of the Douro wines is awarded by Sogrape Wine Academy to a UK student.



**Arthur Ng**  
WSET School London, UK

D3 (Tasting)



### Rioja Wine Academy Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a fully paid participation in Rioja Camp, a new immersive educational experience in Rioja, organised by Rioja Wine Academy.



**Patricio Zarate**  
WISP, France

D3 (Tasting)



### Gérard Basset Memorial Prize and McNie Tasting Trophy

An Americas student is awarded a trophy and will receive a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Mika Carlin**  
Capital Wine School, USA

D3 (Tasting)

### Peter Hampson Memorial APAC Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Keqian Gao**  
Dragon Phoenix, China

### ↓ D3 Wines of the World (Theory)

D3 (Theory)



### Wines of Great Britain Prize

A UK student is awarded a study bursary, a case of award-winning English and Welsh wines, and a package of events.



**Stefano Loise**  
WSET School London, UK

D3 (Theory)



### Louis Jadot Burgundy Prize

A study trip to Burgundy and a magnum of Louis Jadot wine are awarded to an EMEA student.



**Filip Van Utterbeeck**  
Winewise, Belgium



### D3 (Theory)



#### Merendino Wines of the World Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in wine.



**Marcos Iglesias**  
Napa Valley Wine Academy, USA

### D3 (Theory)



#### Royal Tokaji Prize

A bursary is awarded to an APAC student to study a wine producing region.



**Hin Yan Peter Chow**  
AWSEC Hong Kong

### ↓ D4 Sparkling wines

#### D4



#### Liberty Wines Prize

A UK student is awarded a trip to Veneto with the Liberty Wines team to attend the Vintaly trade show, visit several of their outstanding producers in the region, and attend special evening events.



**Nicholas Maddock**  
WSET School London, UK

#### D4



#### Moët & Chandon Prize

A study trip to Champagne as a guest of Maison Moët & Chandon is awarded to an EMEA student.



**Esther Zaal**  
Winewise, Belgium

#### D4



#### Coravin Sparkling Prize

An Americas student is awarded a Coravin sparkling device.



**Eric Haeussler**  
Napa Valley Wine Academy, USA

#### D4



#### John Avery Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Anthony Justice**  
Sydney Wine Academy, Australia

### ↓ D5 Fortified wines

#### D5



#### Lustau Sherry Trophy

A trophy and a study trip to Jerez as guest of Emilio Lustau SA is awarded a UK student.



**Elena Miñarro Leyva**  
WSET School London, UK

#### D5



#### Taylor's Port Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a study trip to Taylors or a wine travel/education bursary of equivalent value.



**Harold Smeenge**  
Winewise, Belgium

#### D5



#### Sandeman Port Prize

An Americas student is awarded a trip to Portugal, including an in-depth experience of the Douro and Port Wine, courtesy of Sandeman, an iconic Port Wine brand.



**Mariana Barros Peres**  
Capital Wine School, USA

#### D5



#### Graham's Port Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Mang Kwan Patrick Tam**  
AWSEC Hong Kong

### ↓ D6 Independent Research Assignment

#### D6



#### Wines from Spain Prize

A UK student is awarded access to the Spanish Wine Specialist Certificate online course, with the opportunity to take part in a trip to Spain upon completion of the course.



**Roberto Colucci**  
WSET School London, UK

#### D6



#### Penfolds EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



**Ona Rombaut**  
Winewise, Belgium

#### D6



#### Merendino Independent Research Assignment Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in wine.



**Nicole Muscari**  
International Wine Center - New York, USA

#### D6



#### Michael Cox Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners' to study a wine producing region.



**Mary Schneider**  
New Zealand School of Wine & Spirits

## WSET DEVELOP PRIZE



#### James Eastmond

Independent Spirit of Bath, UK  
Wine for Life Learning, UK  
The Mixing Class, UK



The WSET Develop Prize, presented in collaboration between WSET and The Drinks Trust, recognises a Develop student who has demonstrated their commitment to their educational progression within the drinks industry. As part of the prize, sponsored by Odyssey Bar, the winner and a guest are invited to a Whiskey Masterclass with Michele Reina. They will explore Bourbon or Rye, taste exclusive expressions, blend their own whiskey, and take home a bottle.

Graduate prizes  
Best all round performers for 2023/24



Derouet Jameson Award

The Derouet Jameson Memorial Foundation supports up to three students who work in the UK wine and spirit trade with funding for the Masters of Wine study course.



Alexander Hirst  
WSET School London, UK



Jonathan Tiffany  
WSET School London, UK



Kiran Curtis  
WSET School London, UK



Decanter Americas Scholarship

The Decanter Americas Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the Americas who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Rebecca Miles-Steiner  
American Wine School, USA



International Wine & Spirit Competition Trophy

The IWSC Trophy and a bursary towards further wine studies is awarded to an EMEA student who achieved the highest overall mark across the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.

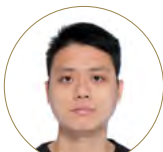


Mahir Sencan  
WiSP, France



Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship

The Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the APAC region who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Kwok Yuen Lui  
AWSEC, Hong Kong



Vintners' UK Scholarship

The Vintners' UK Scholarship is a bursary to study a wine producing region awarded to a student from the UK who excelled in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Nga Kit Chan  
WSET School London, UK



Vintners' Cup

The Vintners' Cup is presented to the student who achieved the highest overall mark across the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines. The Worshipful Company of Vintners also presents the winner with an engraved decanter.



Jo Kitley  
Enjoy Discovering Wine, UK

VINTNERS' CUP



The Worshipful Company of Vintners

The Vintners' Cup is awarded annually to the graduate achieving the highest aggregate mark across all units of the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines. The winner is awarded a silver trophy and an engraved decanter.

The Worshipful Company of Vintners is one of the City of London's Great Twelve Livery Companies, with a history rooted in the UK wine trade. They generously took over the sponsorship of this award in 2004. The award has existed since 1946.

2024 Winner



Jo Kitley DipWSET

Enjoy Discovering Wine, UK

Jo Kitley discovered a passion for studying wine 20 years ago while recovering from a broken ankle during medical school. A trip to Alsace reignited this interest, leading Jo to pursue WSET courses in Winchester. Studying with Enjoy Discovering Wine, Jo excelled under the guidance of educators Jim Gore and Erica Dent. Despite initial challenges, including a daunting D3 exam, Jo's dedication paid off, earning her the prestigious Vintners' Cup.

"Winning this award has given me the confidence to 'talk wine' with just about anybody, allowing me to retain and enjoy all the fascinating things I've learnt."

Previous Winners

1946	Jack Gregory	1966	A. F. Crutchley	1986	Robin Woodhouse	2006	Claire Dawson
1947	C. F. Donovan	1967	Geoffrey Sydenham	1987	Philippa Woods	2007	Anne McHale & Nicola Grandorge
1948	John Surtees	1968	Michael Cliff	1988	Michael Holmes	2008	Catriona Felstead
1949	John Surtees	1969	Peter Clarke	1989	Ian McLaren	2009	Irene Bachkönig
1950	Geoffrey Butler	1970	Ian Bostock	1990	Jane Bocket	2010	Charlotte Edgecombe
1951	John Davies	1971	Anthony Gunn	1991	Lilyane Weston	2011	Emma Harrison
1952	J. E. Hall	1972	Anthony Hanson	1992	Susan Anderson	2012	Mei Hong
1953	P. Spurway	1973	Martyn Brown	1993	Patricia Stefanowicz	2013	Sarah Heller
1954	E. Arnold Tasker	1974	Tim Holland	1994	Rebecca Pinch	2014	Julie Frankland
1955	Gerald Asher	1975	Charles Crawford	1995	Sally Easton	2015	Jing Wei Sun
1956	Peter Crameri	1976	Penelope Mansell Jones	1996	Linda Jotham	2016	Jason Millar
1957	David Sommerfelt	1977	Richard Harvey	1997	Robert Harris	2017	Moritz Mueller
1958	Robin Don	1978	Jancis Robinson	1998	Chris Foss	2018	Joseph Hallam
1959	James Long	1979	John Burton	1999	Nancy Mittelmajer	2019	Timothy Clark
1960	Martin Bamford	1980	Richard Stewart	2000	Neil Beckett	2020	Mary Wright
1961	Geoffrey Smallwood	1981	Arabella Woodrow	2001	Katherine Richardson	2021	Jorge André Pais Vaz Nunes
1962	Robin Walters	1982	Diana Percival	2002	Sara Basra	2022	Felicity Cox
1963	Clive Waters	1983	Michael Schuster	2003	Sarah Ahmed	2023	Che Chun Alex Tsui
1964	A. F. Crutchley	1984	Fiona Roberts	2004	Alexander Carr Taylor		
1965	Charles Hawkins	1985	Angela Bishop	2005	Richard Hamblin		



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