



I, the undersigned, Shinya Tasaki, President of the International Sommellerie Association, l'Association de la Sommellerie Internationale (A.S.I.),

### TESTIFY

that :

- The A.S.I. is an international association which is not for profit, founded in Reims (France) on the 6th June, 1969, and is registered by the Interior Ministry with the 1901 Law (Loi de 1901),
- The A.S.I. is the only international association of sommeliers accredited by the O.I.V. (Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin),
- The members of the A.S.I. are only made up of the national associations of professional sommeliers (only one allowed per country) from a total of 55 countries worldwide,
- The only Italian association recognized for its professionalism, its culture and its image, which has been a member of the A.S.I. since 2007, is the Associazione della Sommellerie Professionale Italiana, ASPI, located in Milano, Via Simone d'Orsenigo, n. 1, [www.aspi.it](http://www.aspi.it),
- The A.S.I. does not recognize any other sommeliers association within Italy,
- The international contests for sommeliers, recognized for their seriousness and their professionalism are exclusively organized by the A.S.I. It has been the organizer since 1969 of the Contest of the Best Sommelier of the World, and subsequently the continental contests for Europe, the Americas and Asia & Oceania,
- The A.S.I. does not give its agreement or its name to any other international sommeliers competition,

In reference with the article 2bis of the Rules of the A.S.I.'s contests :

*"The candidates entering the A.S.I.'s Contests are required not to participate in any other international competition of the same kind organized without the partnership or approval of the A.S.I. If this clause is not respected, the candidate will be fired from his national association which, itself, will be excluded in case of patent connivance."*

- The A.S.I. organizes an Exam (A.S.I. Sommelier Diploma) of high level, solely reserved for the sommeliers members of national associations (active members only) of the A.S.I. worldwide.

**Shinya Tasaki**

Tokyo, 5th November 2014