

**FIVS Scientific and Technical Committee (STC)**

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**Fire Impact Conference Call**

**25 June 2024, 15:00 Paris Time (**[**See Time & Date**](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=FIVS+Scientific+and+Technical+Committee+Conference+Call&iso=20240625T15&p1=195&ah=1&am=30)**)**

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**Minutes**

# Present/Apologies

Gordon Burns – ETS Laboratories

Stephanie Edge – Constellation (United States)

Laura Gelezuinas – FIVS

Thomas Giordanengo – Cooperages 1912 (United States)

Paul Huckaba – Bronco Wine Company (United States)

Adriaan Oelofse – South African Liquor Brand Owners Association (SALBA)

Tim Ryan – E. & J. Gallo (United States)

Jennifer Turner – The Wine & Spirit Trade Association (United Kingdom)

Naomi Verdonk – Wine Australia

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# Approval of [Minutes](https://www.fivs.org/virtuallibrary/link/id/34496/challenge/945068948/hash/bf2c564b89c05c275b799e7283d0eca5b93f8885/) from Previous Meeting

* Members adopted the [Draft Minutes](https://www.fivs.org/virtuallibrary/link/id/58057/challenge/167434643/hash/a3a6b432fabe7e7fdc240cef32370b9239574c4c/) from the previous meeting held on 06 December 2023.
* The subject of collecting data on typical levels of salt in wine was raised. It was noted that there is no data on this in the United States because it isn’t necessary or isn’t representative of all wines. It was highlighted that we should avoid spending resources on analysing salt levels.
1. **Prioritisation of Projects for 2024**
* The STC discussed reviewed the projects identified below and discussed their relevance for FIVS given the new strategy.
1. **STC Papers**
* Members reviewed the draft outline of the [Limits of detection](https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/pr9kiqpd1Z5CJ5ARiCopdRcv) paper. It was agreed that this paper should be concise and limited to one page. It was noted that Matthieu Dubernet was leading similar work at the OIV work on de minimis, which argues that regulators should not be chasing zero in a laboratory context. It may be useful to invite Matthieu to collaborate with FIVS on this issue.
* One member raised the question whether the statement “contains negligeable amounts” should require an analytical report.
1. **Fire Impact Subgroup**
* Eric Wilkes gave an update on the latest activity related to fire impact. The draft report on fire impact markers on grape homogenate is available. A new round of tests is scheduled in August 2024.
* It was noted that out of the participating laboratories only three or four consistently produced similar results, whilst the remainder had very different results regardless of the technology used. Another issue raised was the fact that often participating laboratories did not want to reveal their participation despite the results being anonymous.
1. **FIVS APACE**
* [FIVS APACE](https://www.fivs.org/scientific-and-technical-expertise/fivs-apace/) was discussed in relation to its usefulness to members and the need to update it. Members agreed it would be useful to know more about the structure of the website to understand how to proceed accordingly.

**Action Item**

1. Check what the backend of APACE looks like (Laura Gelezuinas).
2. **International Organisation of Vine and Wine (OIV)**
* Members discussed the OIV Resolution on cadmium levels in wine which suggests to lower the current maximum level for Cadmium from 0.010 mg/L to 0.005 mg/L. This would have consequences for the industry, from both a compliance and laboratory capacity point in view.
* It was agreed that the STC should draft a fact sheet with arguments against lowering the limit in order to share with members and national governments.
1. **Any Other Business**
* There was no other business.
1. **Next Meeting**
* The STC agreed to meet after the summer.