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## THE WORLD'S BEST SOMMELIER CONTEST: THE WINNER IS JON ARVID ROSENGREN



As in former years, **S.Pellegrino** and **Acqua Panna** have partnered the **15th edition of the World's Best Sommelier Competition**, which has just drawn to a close in Mendocino, Argentina.



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The title of the World's Best Sommelier went to 31 year old Swede, **Jon Arvid Rosengren** following the 15th finals held by A.S.I (Association de la *Sommellerie Internationale*). French born **Julie Dupouy** from Ireland and **David Biraud** from France were named as runners-up to Rosengren, making Dupouy the second woman ever to achieve a top three finish.

The competition finals were held during the General Assembly of the Sommelier Association International (<http://www.sommellerie-internationale.com/en/>) (A.S.I), the **prestigious association** with which **S.Pellegrino Mineral Waters** and **Acqua Panna** entertain a close and **long-consolidated relationship**, as they do with the **best events** all over the world.


Founded in 1969 to facilitate an **interchange** of **experience** and **expertise** among **catering professionals**, to encourage **sommeliers** to perfect their skills and to reveal the secrets of this noble profession to a wider public, the **World's Best Sommelier Competition** has become a prestigious appointment that is now held every three years. The **first Sommelier** to be **awarded** back in 1969 in Brussels was French-born **Armand Melkonian**; the **latest winner** at Tokyo in 2013 was **Paolo Basso** of Italian nationality.




After passing the local selections, each contestant is accompanied to the Finals by a delegation representing the A.S.I. of a member country or an observer country, composed of a candidate, a juror, a journalist and the Chairman of the national

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associations. In order to qualify for participation in the contest, **candidates must work in a restaurant, a wine bar or a wine store** or, more generically, in the **food and wine business**. 

The **next edition** of the competition will take place in **Bordeaux** and will run alongside **Vinexpo 2019**. This is an important occasion for **ASI**, since it marks the **50th anniversary** of the association, which was founded on 3 June 1969 in Reims and now has **over 50,000 sommelier** members from **more than 47 countries**. 

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