

Guilde Internationale des Fromagers Confrerie de Saint-Uguzon
Paris, France Recognizes United States Cheese Professionals
in Madison, WI

MADISON, WI (MARCH 5, 2018) - Roland Barthelemy, President of [Guilde Internationale des Fromagers](#) traveled from France to recognize and induct fourteen cheese professionals from the U.S. on March 5th in Madison, WI during the 541st Chapter Induction during a ceremony in partnership with the Wisconsin Cheese Maker's Association and Whole Foods Market at the Madison Monona Terrace. The individuals inducted are considered not only experts in the making of cheese, but also experts in the production and preservation of standards, quality and education of fine cheese.

Included are some of the United States' finest cheese makers, cheese mongers, chefs and food writers, all part of a group of dedicated culinary experts receiving the high honor. Thirteen individuals were recognized at the level of Garde et Jure of the Guilde Internationale de Fromagers. Inductees of the Garde et Jure level included: John Umhoefer - Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association WI, Bruce Workman - Edelwiess Dairy, WI, Russell Smith - Dairy Australia Australia, Enda Howley - Ornuia Ireland, George Crave - Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese WI, Kay Schmitz, Kert Henning and Kerry Henning - Hennings Cheese Company WI, John Lucey - University of Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research WI, Marc Bates - Bates Consulting LLC OR, Robert Aschebrock - Chief Judge World Championship Cheese Contest WI, William Schlinsog - Chief Judge Emeritus World Championship Cheese Contest WI, Scott Mericka - Uplands Cheese Company WI and Robert Wills Cedar Grove Cheese Company, WI. One was recognized at the Campagnon level: Norm Monsen - Wisconsin Market Development Specialist WI.

The event sponsored by Whole Foods Market, INC was held in the Hilton Monona Terrace following a fifty-year tradition of pomp, the ceremony is complete with robes and a presentation of medals and certificates. Internationally renowned cheese expert and Prevot of the International Guilde, Mr. Roland Barthélemy, mastered the ceremonies and Cathy Strange, Whole Foods Market Executive Coordinator, presented further remarks. The ceremony celebrated the New World Chapter of the Guilde and the recognition of the New World Chapter Board composed of President and Ambassador Cathy Strange,

Global Specialty Executive Coordinator of Whole Foods Market, Ambassador and Vice-President Louis Aird, Fine Cheese Marketing Category Specialist, Saputo, St-Laurent, Quebec, Canada. The organization members represent Mexico, the United States, Canada and Australia.

Mr. Pierre Androuët, a cheese maker, created the Guilde des Fromagers and Confrerie of Saint-Uguzon in 1969 in Dijon, France epicurean and intellectual. The Guilde, for dairy professionals who were dedicated to preserving standards in cheese making throughout the world, and the Confrerie, for cheese aficionados and experts such as chefs, restaurateurs, food scientists and food journalists whose objective was to share their knowledge and the knowledge of the cheese makers.

We invite all cheesemongers around the world to celebrate International Raw Milk Cheese Day on April 21, 2018. For further information [Oldways Cheese Raw Milk Day info](#)

To access photos from the event, please visit [New World Guilde website](#)

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