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DECISION No DEC-III.7/120-VI /2024

REVISING THE RULES OF THE IOC MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD FOR EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OILS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, and in particular Article 1 "Objectives of the Agreement" relating to standardisation and research concerning the harmonisation of national and international legislation;

Having regard to the Decision of the Council of Members for the establishment of the Mario Solinas Quality Award, an international competition which rewards the best extra virgin olive oils since the 2000/01 crop year selected by an international jury for each category;

Having regard to Decision No DEC-III.3/119-VI/2024 of 25 June 2024 on the adoption by the Council of Members of the rules for the 1st edition of the IOC Mario Solinas Quality Award for extra virgin olive oils from the southern hemisphere;

Considering the importance olive oil professionals attach to the international recognition of their efforts to market extra virgin olive oils with organoleptic qualities, which is precisely the objective of the Mario Solinas Quality Award;

Considering the importance of reinforcing the dissemination of the Mario Solinas Quality Award and improving the quality of extra virgin olive oils produced in the countries of the southern hemisphere;

Considering the difference between the period corresponding to the olive crop year in the two hemispheres;

Considering the unanimous proposal made by the experts in organoleptic assessment at their meeting on 25 and 26 September 2024 to revise the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere;

DECIDES

1. To revise the rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere for the 2025 edition.
2. To adopt the revised rules of the Mario Solinas Quality Award in the southern hemisphere (COI/T.30-1/Doc. No. 2 of November 2024), for the 2025 edition annexed to this decision.
3. This Decision cancels and abrogates Decision No DEC-III.3/119-VI /2024 adopted by the Council of Members on 25 June 2024.

Madrid (Spain), 20 November 2024

Javad Mir Arabrazi

Chair of the International Olive Council