



## Malbec World Day 2022 in Kuala Lumpur



As on every April 17 since its inception in 2011, last month the Malbec World Day (MWD) was celebrated in the most important cities around the world. The MWD is a global initiative created by Wines of Argentina that seeks to position Argentine Malbec as one of the most prominent in the globe and celebrate the success of our national wine industry. This celebration is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through its network of Embassies and

Consulates and has managed to position itself as an historic and cultural event in the global promotion of the Argentine wine industry.

In this framework, our Embassy organized and supported different events in Kuala Lumpur, which included wine tastings paired with typical Argentine dishes and sectorial presentations from our trade officials in Topshelf bar (April 14), JustWine bar (April 16) and Le Grill restaurant (April 27).

Argentina is the main producer of Malbec. With 109,686 acres, Malbec represents 38.6% of the total red varieties and 22.4% of the total cultivated area in the country. It is the variety that has increased the most in surface area: since 2000 it has increased by 171% (equivalent to 69,290 ac). The Embassy organizes event for the International Women's Day

## Ministers of Science and of Foreign Affairs award Argentine and foreign scientists

During last April, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Santiago Cafiero, and of Science, Technology and Innovation, Daniel Filmus, presided over the RAICES and LELOIR 2021 Awards ceremony. These awards aim at recognizing the contribution of Argentine and foreign scientists to the



development of the country and its scientific advancement in different areas.

In this regard, the RAICES award is given to Argentine scientists and researchers who reside abroad but actively collaborate with the strengthening of the National System of Science, Technology and Innovation, promoting the links between Argentine and foreign institutions for the benefit of the scientific and technological capacities of our country. The LELOIR award, on the other hand, distinguishes foreign scientists who, through their work and commitment, have nurtured those same capacities in Argentina.

## Argentine biotechnology exports to the UE

The Argentine company Brix Medical Science reached an agreement with the Spanish company Boniquet -one of the main biotechnology companies in the European Union- to transfer the technology to produce a mouthwash, Xyntrus biorinse, capable of inactivating Covid-19, which has been developed entirely in Argentina and by Argentine scientists.



In this regard, the Spanish company will soon begin the production of the innovation with the goal of further exporting it to Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia.

During the trip to Spain, where the agreement was signed, the representatives of Brix Medical Science also presented the Xyntrus biorinse at ExpoDental Madrid 2022 and met with the Argentine ambassador in Spain, who had supported the company during its commercial expansion in Spain as part of the efforts carried out by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs to promote the export of Argentine knowledge and science to the world.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents the Argentine Book Plan



On April 28, during the 46th Buenos Aires International Book Fair, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presented the Argentine Book Plan for 2022, a cultural public policy whose main objective is the internationalization of Argentine culture through the promotion of publications and

their authors abroad. As part of that, this strategic plan also pursues the commercial development and professionalization of medium and small size publishers.

In this context, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pablo Tettamanti, highlighted the quality of the Argentine publishing market and the pride that it represents to have such a powerful book industry, capable of being a cultural benchmark and becoming one of the most prominent in the Spanish language.

More information about the Argentine Book Plan [here](#).

## Argentina promotes diplomacy based on world food security

As part of the commitment that Argentina has in terms of promoting global food security, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago Cafiero, held a meeting in Rome with the Executive Director of the World Food Program (WFP), David Beasley, and with the Director General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Qu Dongyu.



Cafiero analyzed the actions being carried out by Argentina in that area, in particular through the White Helmets, in a context in which food markets have been affected and prices have grown substantially.

In this regard, the Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed Argentina's willingness to continue playing a central role as one of the world's leading providers of healthy, nutritious and quality food.

For his part, the Director General of FAO thanked the visit and recognized the efforts carried out by our country to contribute to the eradication of world hunger. "We want to continue working with you and exploring new ways of livestock production, agriculture and aquaculture, since Argentina is one of the countries that produces more and better food," said Qu Dongyu.

## Inauguration of the Argentine Pavilion at the Venice Biennale

The Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago Cafiero, led the inauguration of the Argentine Pavilion at the 59th International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale, where our country will be represented by the work of the artist Mónica Heller, with the curatorship of Alejo Ponce de León.

During the opening, Cafiero stressed that "Cultural diplomacy, as a clear component of Argentina's presence in the world, expresses the vocation of our Nation to achieve welfare and social justice."

The International Art Exhibition of the Venice Biennale is one of the most prestigious international art events and has been held since 1895. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is coordinating the Argentine Pavilion in the event through its Direction of Cultural Affairs.

## Under the Argentine leadership, the first 2022 session of the UN Human Rights Council concludes successfully



Under the leadership of the Argentine Republic, the first session of 2022 of the UN Human Rights Council, chaired by Argentine Ambassador Federico Villegas, successfully concluded in April.

During the session, which took place from February 28 to April 1, the main body of the universal Human Rights system held several discussions and adopted 35 resolutions on a wide variety of issues: genocide prevention; Human Rights and environment; right to development; minority rights; right to food; adequate housing; external debt and Human Rights; discrimination and xenophobia; rights of people with disabilities; and rights of the children; among others.

In this context, the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, present during the sessions, stated that "Human Rights are an essential axis of the Argentine foreign policy. As the international community knows, Argentina firmly defends the universal Human Rights system and supports the work of the High Commissioner. Today is one of those moments in history when these goals are dramatically put to the test. We are called upon by nothing less than the preservation of peace and life."

The next session of the Human Rights Council will take place between next June 13 and July 8.