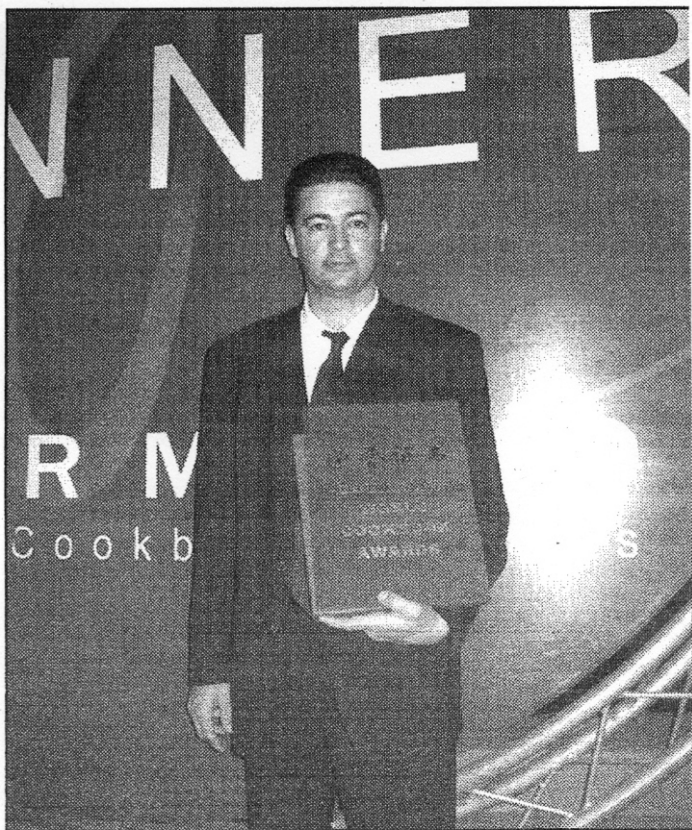


Another top prize



BRAVO YIANNOS: Yiannos Constantinou's "The Cyprus Wine Guide" was awarded "Best Wine Guide in the World" at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.

I REGULARLY meet Yiannos Constantinou at food and wine events, except once when I met him by accident at a Nicosia café.

He was busy putting the final touches on his latest wine book - his fourth. That same book recently won the top prize at the annual Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.

This year, 7000 books on food and wine participated at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards, representing 62 countries. One of the books was "The Cyprus Wine Guide", written by Yiannos.

At the first part of the competition "The Cyprus Wine Guide" was awarded as the "Best Wine Guide" in the category "English-Rest of the World".

At the next stage of the competition "The Cyprus Wine Guide" was selected amongst the books that won the first prize in their language as one of the three nominees for the "Best Wine Guide in the World."

A few days ago, at the Awards ceremony for the final stage of the Gourmand World

Cookbook Awards "The Cyprus Wine Guide" was awarded by the International Jury as the "Best Wine Guide in the World", making Cyprus the smallest country in the competitions' history that won this prestigious title.

Some of the most famous wine writers in the world, such as Hugh Johnson and Tom Stevenson, won this prize at previous competitions, a fact that signifies the great difficulty of the achievement.

Stylish, definitive, informative and interesting, subjects include Cyprus' wine history, profiles on the island's most important wineries, Cyprus wine classification, vinification and grape varieties.

Wines are also rated with their characteristics described in considerable detail. Zivania and Commandaria are also given their own in-depth chapters.

Available at selected bookshops, luxury hotels and the Larnaca airport shop, this wine guide makes a great gift for friends and for yourself. Bravo, Yiannos!