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**PRESS RELEASE**

**2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION**

**INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL QUALITY AWARD  
(MARIO SOLINAS 2008)**

**PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS**

Seventy-eight oils have competed for the International Olive Council Quality Award (Mario Solinas 2008) announced in November 2007. Entries have come from Egypt (1), France (3), Greece (14), Israel (2), Italy (4), Morocco (1), Portugal (21), Saudi Arabia (1) and Spain (31).

The oils were entered by individual producers, producers' associations and packers whose place of production is located in one of the IOC member countries.

Entries were classified into one of the following sections envisaged in the competition rules released in November 2007. Classification was based on the median intensity of their fruitiness as judged by the recognised panel that issued the sensory analysis certificate:

Section	Median of the fruitiness
Greenly fruity:	
Intense fruitiness	$m > 6$
Medium fruitiness	$3 \leq m \leq 6$
Ripely fruity:	
Intense fruitiness	$m > 6$
Medium fruitiness	$3 \leq m \leq 6$

The oils were assessed by a number of IOC-recognised panels according to a special score sheet which marks them for their olfactory, gustatory and retronasal sensations and their harmony, complexity and persistence.

The six oils with the highest scores in each section were declared finalists and went on to be judged by an international jury whose composition was announced on the IOC website

The international jury has selected the winner of the first prize in each section and has proposed the second and third prize winners from amongst the remaining finalists.



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**PRIZE WINNERS OF THE IOC QUALITY AWARD**  
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**First prize**

**Intense green fruitiness:**

- El Labrador, sat 8064 (Spain).

**Medium green fruitiness:**

- Agricultural Cooperative of Kritsa (Greece).

**Intense ripe fruitiness:**

- Aceite de Oliva Virgen Extra Masía El Altet - Almazara San Joaquín de Agramón S.L. (Spain).

**Medium ripe fruitiness:**

- Le Moulin Villevieille Coopérative Oléicole (France).

**Second prize**

**Intense green fruitiness:**

- SCA. Olivarera La Purísima (Spain).

**Medium green fruitiness:**

- Manfredi Barbera & Figli Spa (Italy).

**Intense ripe fruitiness:**

- Coop. Olivarera de Pedrera, S.C.A. (Spain).

**Medium ripe fruitiness:**

- Arbequisur, Sdad. Coop. And. (Spain).



### **Third prize**

#### **Intense green fruitiness:**

- La Inmaculada Concepción, S.C.A. (Spain).

#### **Medium green fruitiness:**

- Délices du Saiss - Phenicia (Morocco).

#### **Intense ripe fruitiness:**

- Marqués de Griñón (Spain).

#### **Medium ripe fruitiness:**

- Fundação Eugénio de Almeida - Lagar Catuxa (Portugal).

### **FINALISTS**

#### **Intense green fruitiness:**

- Botzakis S.A. (Greece).
- Wadi Food Industries (Egypt).
- Agricultural Cooperative "Eleonas" (Greece).

#### **Medium green fruitiness:**

- Azienda Agricola Lombardo Francesco (Italy).
- Sociedade Agricola do Monte Novo e Figueirinha, Lda. (Portugal).
- Nayve, S.L. (Spain).

#### **Intense ripe fruitiness:**

- Ntra. Sra. de los LLanos, S.C.A. (Spain).
- Pago Baldio San Carlos S.L. (Spain).
- Sociedad Cooperativa Virgen de la Estrella (Spain).

#### **Medium ripe fruitiness:**

- Halutza Ltd. (Israel).
- Sovena - Portugal Consumer Goods (Portugal).
- Eleftherios Vourtsis (Greece).



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The official prize-giving ceremony will be held during the XIV extraordinary session of the Council of Members in Madrid. On this occasion, the IOC Chairman will present the prize winners with a medal and diploma; finalists will also receive a diploma.

The prize winners are allowed to announce the prize on the labels of the extra virgin olive oil belonging to the same batch as the winning sample. A special logo is available from the Executive Secretariat for this purpose.

The prize winners of the international extra virgin olive oil competition for the International Olive Council Quality Award (Mario Solinas 2008) are posted on the IOC website at:

[www.internationaloliveoil.org](http://www.internationaloliveoil.org)