

## **Johnny Madge**

### **United Kingdom**

I started tasting olive oil on the panel of the Slow Food 'Extravergini' Guide in 2005 in Italy where he has lived since 1982. Since he has talked about olive oil for the BBC (tv and radio) and about bitterness in olive oil at the First International New York Olive Oil Competition in 2013. In 2008 he started olive oil education for tourists, chefs and producers from all over the world on his Johnny Madge Olive Oil Tour.

Since 2014 he has judged olive oil in international competitions including Olive Japan, The London Olive Oil Competition and Athena. In 2017 he was awarded the Lekythos award at the Ercole Olivario Competition for the non-Italian person who distinguished himself for spreading the good word of quality Italian olive oil in Italy and abroad.