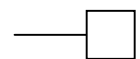


WACS European Continental NORTH Director's Monthly Report

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Memo to WACS members

28th of December 2004

Dear President Metz, members of the WACS Executive Board and members of WACS.

I am pleased to send you the December monthly report of activities and relevant info from WACS member countries in the northern Europe region.

In end of the November I had the opportunity to be judging in Florianopolis in Brazil with many good friends from South and Central America. It was a great experience and it was nice to see how well organized every thing was at the same time it was fantasy to taste the food and see some of the culture from this area, in one word excellent.

I think the Christmas month may be is one of the most busy month for every chef both in work and in the family life. So I don't have much news from my area but I like to thank everyone for their wonderful Christmas card and nice words.

I like to thank you all for a great year for WACS, for my self it have been opportunity to meet chefs around the world and understand more and more the need of good network between chefs and our chefs associations, together with our President than we will keep up the good work for WACS but only with you help so please help us in all ways to fulfill our duty for you and give us information about what is going on in your country so we can share it with the rest of the world.

In recent tragedy in Asia than I like to say on behalf of all my members that our heart and mind is with every one of you.

Chefs regard,

Gissur Gudmundsson



News from European Continental NORTH



The Azerbaijan National Culinary Assn.

Dear Sir / Madam,

As you know, İstanbul International Gastronomy Festival used to be organized together with Mr. Tony Theuma. But unfortunately, due to his passing away a short while ago, now this festival is being handled by an organization committee which consists of;

Ms.Gül Ünsever
Ekin Publishing & Fair Organization

Mr. Martin Camilleri
The President of the Malta Culinary Association & Executive Chef of Crowne Plaza Malta

Mr. Tahir Amiraslanov,
Azerbaijan National Culinary Centre

Mr. Yalçın Manav
President of Turkish Culinary Professional Association

If you are interested in this festival, see the application form in our web site (www.mutfakgunleri.com) and send this form to the gul@ekinyazim.com filling all the details. Also, you are kindly requested to send your form as CC to Mr. Martin Camilleri (The President of the Malta Culinary Association, chef@crowneplazamalta.com).

An Organization Committee has been constituted which consists of;

Yours faithfully,

The Organization Committee



Kokkencheffernes Forening www.kfdk.dk

34th Nordic Congress 2005

It is with great pleasure and pride that we welcome you to the 34th Congress of the Nordic Chef's Federation. We wish all the delegates and accompanying persons a warm welcome and we hope this conference will strengthen friendship and solidarity in the future. We will do our best to make your participation at the Congress in Denmark as meaningful as possible and we hope you will take back home wonderful memories.

Welcome to all of you!

The Board of The Danish Chef Association



PRESS RELEASE

15.12.2004

ESSI LAAMANEN NOMINATED AS COMMUNICATION MANAGER FOR THE FINNISH CHEF ASSOCIATION

Essi Laamanen, M.A. from Helsinki has been nominated as the Communication Manager for the Finnish Chef Association. Laamanen is the first paid employee of the association. She will start on January 10th 2005.

Laamanen, 28, has been working as a marketing planner for Finfood. Previously she worked for the League of Finnish Hotels and Restaurants and as an operational manager for Laatuvarma, a certification association.

- The objective of the Finnish Chef Association is to promote Finnish food culture and cuisine. In this, Finfood is an important partner for us, says Laamanen. Additionally, the association is located in the premises of Finfood in Vantaa.

THE ORDER OF THE WHITE ROSE OF FINLAND FOR NORDIC CHEFS

Swedish chef Sven Åke Larsson and Danish chef Gert Sørensen have received 1st class medals with golden crosses of the Order of the White Rose of Finland. The orders were applied by the Finnish Chef Association and they were awarded for their promotional work for Finnish food culture.

- Larsson and Sørensen have performed wonders for the benefit of the Finnish food culture and the entire industry. This is our way to thank them for their long-term cooperation, says **Martti Lehtinen**, Chairman of the Finnish Chef Association.

According to Lehtinen, the honoured chefs have visited Finland as judges for food competitions and lectured in Finnish culinary institutions and training events for Chefs. In addition to this they have promoted student exchange programs between Nordic countries.

The Finns have especially warm memories of the 1994 International Chefs Congress in Stavanger, Norway.

At the Finnish Evening, Finnish food was served by over two hundred Finnish chefs. Assistance was provided by a group of Nordic chefs, Larsson and Sørensen among them, remembers Lehtinen.

Nordic cooperation expanding to the Baltic countries

The Finnish Chef Association has good and close relations with other Nordic countries. The Association is also a member of the Nordic Chefs (Nordisk Køkkenchef Fédération).

Lehtinen relates that Nordic cooperation has now been expanded to the Baltic region and to Russia. In August this year, Nordic representatives met with Baltic chefs in the *Chefs without Borders* event in Narva.

The Finnish Chef Association has about 1000 members

The Finnish Chef Association is a national, independent association aiming to promote its members' professional skills. The association was founded in 1950 and has now about 1000 members in 14 regional



associations. The Finnish Chef Association is a member of the World Association of Cook Societies (WACS)

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Chefs and Cooks Circle www.chefsandcookscircle.co.uk



Icelandic Chefs Association and Nordic Chefs Association www.nkf-chefs.com

Icelandic Chefs has been preparing for the our great gala dinner on 8th of January 2005, we held this dinner every year and about 180 guest will be having a 12 course dinner and our national President Mr. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson is guest of honor. This is the 16 year we held this event and we always make to kind of plate for this evening, one with the menu and one made of famous Icelandic painter.



Panel of Chefs of Ireland



Latvian Cooks Association LPKA www.latviancooks.lv



Norges Kokkemesteres Landsforening www.norgeskokker.no



Russian Interregional Culinary Association



Sveriges Kokscheferers Forening www.swedishchefs.se



Association of Culinary Workers of Ukraine



The Welsh Culinary Association www.welshculinaryassociation.com



Federation of Chefs Scotland. www.fcs.org.uk

KNORR WORLD CULINARY GRAND PRIX
SECC Glasgow
25 – 28 April 2005



News from the Applying Countries

Estonia www.chef.ee

Bial Russia

Lithuania www.lrvvk.lt

Regional Member Ship – Northern Europe Countries

The present member status in Northern Europe:
Grand Total of **12.379 Members with 138 Regions.**

Countries	Members	Regions
Azerbaijan	498	0
Denmark	400	4
Finland	1024	14
Great Britain	387	15
Iceland	120	0
Ireland	200	6
Latvia	400	0
Norway	1400	22
Russia	?	37
Scotland	250	2
Sweden	2500	16
Ukraine	5000	22
Wales	200	0

Applying Countries	Members	Regions
Estonia		
Bial Russia		
Lithuania		

Please if some of this information is wrong or they need a update please email me and I will correct them.



Activities around the world

Activities

2005

Jan 19 – 21	The FinnSkills Competition	Turku Finland www.taitaja2005.com
Jan 25-26	Bocuse d'Or	Lyon France www.bocusedor.com
Feb 4 – 6	Artistica	Italy www.fic.it
Feb 20-23	Gulf Food Dubai	www.gulfood.com
March 2-4	Food and Hotel Korea Seoul Korea	www.fhko.com
Mar 15-17	FHC Food and Hotel China Beijing China	www.fhcbeijing.com
Mar 16 – 19	Russia	
Apr 6-9	Food and Hotel Indonesia Jakarta Indonesia	www.pamerindo.com
Apr 18-29	World Gourmet Summit, "A Theatre of Taste" Singapore	www.worldgourmetsummit.com
Apr 25 – 28	Scot Hot	Glasgow, Scotland
Apr 28 – 1 may	Nordic Congress	Copenhagen, Denmark
Apr 30	Chefs of the Nordic	Copenhagen, Denmark
Apr 29 – 30	Nordic Judging course	Copenhagen, Denmark
May 10-13	HOFEX Hong Kong SAR	www.hofex.com
June 23-26	Culinary Art	Colombo Sri Lanka
Aug 24-28	9 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum MLA BB 3 rd Regional Final	Gold Coast Australia
Nov		Basil, Switzerland

2006

Mar 2 – 5	Food2006	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 2 – 5	First South and North Pole Culinary Challenges	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 2 – 5	Chef of the Nordic and Nordic Judging course	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 12-16	32 nd WACS Congress Auckland New Zealand	www.nzchefs.org.nz
Apr 25-28	FHA Culinary Challenge Singapore	www.foodnhotelasia.com
April	World Gourmet Summit, "A Theatre of Taste", Singapore	www.worldgourmetsummit.com
Sept	10 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Thailand

2007

Sept	11 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Malaysia
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2008

	33 rd WACS Congress	Dubai UAE
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Please if you like to add some event to this calendar or website address to some of this events than don't hesitate to mail information to me.

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