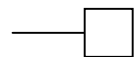


WACS European Continental NORTH Director's Monthly Report

Prepared January 2005

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Memo to WACS members

28th of January 2005

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

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

I have sent an email and made phone call to as many presidents in the Northern part of Europe as I had possibility and ask them to help us to raise money to the WACS fund for the tsunami victims in ASIA.

The respond from my colleges have been were good, I know some countries don't have possibility to raise money but they heart and mind is with us in this and it counts a lot for us all. I thing that we will be getting respond from countries for the next months and it is my dream that this fund raising will not be only for a shorter time but will be a beginning of a new Fund account named DINE AID in the name of WACS where we always have money to be ready to help when need it.

On behalf of all my Northern Europe countries then I like to give my tribute to our friend Frank Nasheimer for his outstanding report for the last weeks, I know it is a lot of job to share this information with us but I like you know how important it was for us to know about our colleges and friends and the situation in Asia.

Now with Bocuse d'Or in the week from 26th to 27th of January then I have been extremely busy preparing Iceland for this competition, not only the candidate but getting over 100 chefs over there to take part in this event. It is a great event for chefs and with out any questions then we all can learn from this Paul Bocuse show, because this is a show and chefs and people around the world like to see it.

What surprise my a lot that the president of the World Association of Cooks Society are not invited over there as a guest to one of the honoree member of WACS Mr. Paul Bocuse him self? Question that I think is fear to ask and if I can than I will ask this question in Lyon when I am over there this week.

My friend and colleges take care and I look forward to seeing you somewhere around the world.

Chefs regard,

Gissur Gudmundsson



News from European Continental NORTH



The Azerbaijan National Culinary Assn.



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



Finnish Chef Association www.chefs.fi



Chefs and Cooks Circle www.chefsandcookscircle.co.uk

TSUNAMI APPEAL

Dear Gissur,

20 January 2005

I am writing to update you on the British efforts towards aiding the areas devastated by the Tsunami. I am glad to report that the British public have responded magnificently and have already contributed over 200 million pounds sterling to the appeal. This remarkable figure challenged the UK government's original pledge of 15 million and they have now agreed to match the amount raised by the British public.

In the first few days, when the news was breaking, the Chefs and Cooks Circle and on a personal level, Bobbie and myself, searched for the best way to give immediate help. We have Sri Lankan neighbours who are doctors, with family in one of the worst hit areas and they gave us the name of an organisation that had managed, even in the first few days, to send out six doctors to help in the worst hit areas. We decided that this was a cause to be supported as it was moving quickly and effectively to ensure that aid was getting to Sri Lanka, where we have so many friends and colleagues in the tourist industry. We feared that the national effort might take longer. We gave a substantial donation to the Batticaloa Underprivileged Development Society (B.U.D.S) and their work is ongoing.

In addition the Chefs and Cooks Circle has made a donation to the National Tsunami Appeal. Hearts have been touched by the scale of the disaster and banks and businesses have gone out of their way to make it easy for donations to be given. The retailer, Marks and Spencer, has made it possible to donate to the appeal through any till point in their stores nationwide and people have been flooding in to make donations.



Since receiving the email regarding a worldwide Dine Aid day I have given the information to our national catering magazine, which has promised to publicise the possibility of organising a similar event and hopefully stimulate the interest of restaurants and hotels in the UK.

However, many hotels and restaurants in the UK have already responded to the disaster by setting up their own individual events and there is already a chef-led UK wide fund raising event to support a UNICEF day. Many high profile restaurants have signed up to pledge at least 50% of their takings on February 7th 2005 and the proceeds will be given to UNICEF to assist it in its efforts to serve the nutritional needs of the children affected by the Tsunami disaster.

I hope you can see from this report that chefs in the UK and the catering industry as a whole have been extremely quick to respond to the disaster appeal in many different ways and have already made their donations. The appeal is ongoing.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Cotterill
President, Chefs and Cooks Circle



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

Icelandic Chefs Association together with Restaurant Union and Hotel and Tourism industry has signed over 100 restaurants to give 1 to 5 % of their total income from 28th to 30th of January to WACS special Dine aid account.

For Icelandic chefs, restaurant and hotel owner it is important to support our friends in Asia after the tsunami tragedy, we hope that this fund can be a help for WACS to support our colleges in Asia and to build up a special WACS fund to use in the future when our colleges and friends around the world need help. We never know where a tragedy will happen and we have to be ready to act fast when someone needs our help.



Panel of Chefs of Ireland



Latvian Cooks Association LPKA www.latviancooks.lv



Norges Kokkemesteres Landsforening www.norgeskokker.no



Russian Interregional Culinary Association

Dear Gissur,

Thank you very much for your info re: charity WACS action to tsunami victims in South-East Asia.



1. We translated this info into Russian and sent it to our 20 largest regional branches as well as reference to web-site <http://www.CanterburyChefs.com>. We hope that Russian culinarians will react adequately to your appeal and the money raised from this charity activity will be assembled to RICA special account (marked as "WACS charity action"). For technical reasons we can publish Gary Miller address only at March issue of "Catering & Society" Magazine - that may be a little bit late..

2. In November 2005 in Ekaterinburg (Ural area) will be an International Culinary Salon with participation of Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Latvia is also invited. Is it possible (re: time frames and other conditions) that this salon will be held under auspices of WACS ?

3. We are going to attend the Dubai International Culinary Salon (February 20-23, 2005). Are you going to be there? Is it a good Salon?



Sveriges Kokscheferers Forening www.swedishchefs.se



Association of Culinary Workers of Ukraine



The Welsh Culinary Association www.welshculinaryassociation.com

Greetings and A Happy New Year.

Sorry that we did not send you any details but as I am sure you are aware a small matter of the festive period got in the way. We have updated our web site www.welshculinaryassociation.com 2005 brings our salon from February 8 to the 10th in Llandudno, North Wales. Then in March we have our AGM on the 8th of March and a celebration dinner for the winner of Junior Chef of Wales 2005 who will then go to New Zealand. In April the National Culinary Team will go to Scothot and in November they will go to Basle. In May we have our Golf Day which all WACS members are invited to. All details on our web site.

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Peter Jackson
Chairman
Welsh Culinary Association
www.welshculinaryassociation.com
www.wacs2000.org
www.neuadd.com



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

Dear Gissur and Peter,

To bring you up to date with the plans of the Federation of Chefs Scotland to respond to the request for fundraising initiatives as per your message of 7 January 2005.



The FCS will donate £1.00 for every meal served in the Restaurant of Nations at the forthcoming World Culinary Grand Prix at Scot-Hot, the Dine Aid Logo I have requested of the Organisers is added into the design of the menus, in addition we will also investigate collections at the Grand Prix registration desk and in the Scot-Hot live theatre there will be collection points at all entrances to the Exhibition Hall this offers the opportunity of raising a considerable amount of money over the 4 days of the Competition

Kind regards

Neil Thomson
 Secretary
 Federation of Chefs Scotland

cc Tony Jackson
 President Federation of Chefs Scotlan

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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