

REPORT OF THE WACS SECRETARY GENERAL EDWIN L. BROWN

IN MY OVER 26 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHEFS' SOCIETIES, AND AFTER HAVING SERVED AS SECRETARY GENERAL FROM 1992-1996 AND 2004-2008. I WANT TO STATE THAT IT HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR TO HAVE WORKED WITH THIS GROWING VIABLE ORGANIZATION. HAS IT CHANGED???? YES, WITH THE ADVENT OF THE INTERNET, COMMUNICATION IS INSTANT, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT PERFECT, AS SOME MESSAGES WIND UP IN CYBER SPACE NEVER TO BE FOUND.

MY CLOSE PARTNERS IN MY JOB ARE FERDINAND METZ AND NORBERT SCHMIDIGER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE PAID TO ENTITLE THAT COUNTRY TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION.

I HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED THE 11 COUNTRIES SEEKING WACS MEMBERSHIP, AFTER RECEIVING THEIR WACS APPLICATION, THEIR BYLAWS AND A LETTER FROM THEIR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT STATING THAT THIS ORGANIZATION IS THE RECOGNIZED CULINARY ORGANIZATION IN THEIR COUNTRY. I THEN ADVISED THE NEW COUNTRY BY EMAIL AND BY POST MAIL. ONE COUNTRY ADVISED ME IT TOOK SIX WEEKS TO GET MY LETTER.

ALSO, ON JUNE 26, 2007, WE CONSUMATED A CONTRACT WITH CENTURY ASSOCIATES AND RUSSELL ENDEAN TO TRADEMARK THE NAME AND LOGO OF THE NEW WACS WITH THE USA TRADEMARK AND THE 38 COUNTRIES RECOGNIZED BY THE MADRID AGREEMENT. THIS IS A LONG PROCESS. ALL OF OUR REFERENCES CAME BACK TO OUR ORIGINAL NAME, WORLD ASSOCIATIONS OF COOKS SOCIETIES ON FEBRUARY 6, 2008. WE HAD TO REFILE WITH A HISTORY OF WHY WE CHANGED OUR NAME IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND IN MARCH 2006. THAN WE HAD TO FILE WITH SWISS TAX IDENTITY NUMBER FOR OUR NON PROFIT TAX STATUS. THAT WAS COMPLETED ON APRIL 1, 2008, AND NOW WE CONTINUE THE WAIT FOR THE NEW INFORMATION TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE, I WILL HAVE THE ACCEPTANCE REPORT.

ALONG WITH KEEPING TRACK OF LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERS' ADDRESSES, I WORK WITH REINHOLD METZ TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATES PRODUCED FOR OUR NEW COUNTRIES AS WELL AS AWARDS.

EVEN THOUGH I AM RETIRING FROM WACS, I HOPE TO BRING MANY PEOPLE TO BEAUTIFUL SANTIAGO, CHILE IN JANUARY 2010 TO MEET YOU ONCE AGAIN.