

Sunday 24th of January. (Sheraton Hotel)

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since the year 2006 we have been waiting for this moment to welcome you to our country. We have been working to make you feel at home and to make you realize that Chile is well prepared for you. For me, it is a real honor to count with your presence here. I am proud to be Chilean and proud to live in this in this beautiful country, which is host of the Congress. This is a special year for Chile, since is its bicentenary.

For some of you, this is the first time in Chile, for others, a well known adventure.

I would like to invite you all, to live the experience of being a country in the South of the world, with pleasant climate and temperatures that will allow us enjoy every day, from North to South, mountain range coast to coast. Today we are making history, for the first time in 80 years of WACS, a Congress is held in Latin America and we welcome you with open arms, so you can enjoy our cuisine and the beautiful tourist destinations in Chile. This season is ideal if you want to go both North and South of our country.

North with its beaches and oasis, passing by the central valleys, until reaching the South of the world, where the green color of its flora and the blue lakes and rivers are an unforgettable landscapes, not only for the view, but it also to take back home in your everlasting memories. We hope you enjoyed the tour today, after solving some bus problems you already have a first approach to our country. The next days we will be absolutely insert in our congress, however, there will always be time to enjoy our restaurants, typical places and everything that this large country has for you in store. Over the next four days we will be most of the time in CasaPiedra, with talks, voting, official photo and activities that you already know, to make way for nights Awards, where we will enjoy delivery of prizes and the opportunity to share with chefs associations of WACS in places of great beauty and history.

The invitation is to live the experience, so have a great time and feel at home.

Thank you very much.