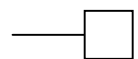


# WACS European Continental NORTH Director's Monthly Report

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## Memo to WACS members

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25th of May 2005

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

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

I don't have much news this month. I think my friends in the northern part of Europe are busy with the work and holidays. I have been extremely busy with my own restaurant and working in the kitchen every day. Many big events have been in Iceland in June and lot of tourist so that good for my business. I am happy to say that from time to time then I am always getting some guest to my restaurant that are related to the restaurant business around the world and I am happy that these friends are stopping by for a dinner and a chat.

I have been in contact with some of our colleges in the Nordic countries, Bial Russia, Great Britain and I understand from them that things are going were well and everyone is busy.

I have been working one the new Status for WACS and look forward to present them together with Ed Brown in San Antonio in Texas in end of July when the board will have the next meeting. At the same time then I look forward to see the ACF congress agenda – it's definitely a great congress and many exciting things are happening over there over these days. I know I will meet many friends from all over the world and a least two or three Icelandic colleagues living in USA will be there.

Hungary has invited us to hold the next European meeting from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of October in Budapest and I hope you all will try reserve that day for WACS meeting, it will be important meeting for Europe because it will be the last meeting for the congress and it is important for us to show that Europe is united and working all together for the best of the future of WACS and our profession.

Like you all know then the congress is in New Zealand next year and I can tell you all that the Nordic countries are working out a special flight price from Denmark to New Zealand. I hope I can send out a letter about this before end of July so you can decide if you like to jump onboard and travel with us to New Zealand. We have now made a reservation of 50 seats.

In conclusion then I just like to remind the few countries in my region that has not paid up their WACS membership fee for 2005 to do so soon - without the support from the members countries it will be hard to run WACS like you all know in your own chefs association.

My friends and colleagues take care and I look forward to seeing you around the world.

A Chefs regard,



Gissur Gudmundsson



## News from European Continental NORTH

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The Azerbaijan National Culinary Assn.

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Kokkencheffernes Forening [www.kfdk.dk](http://www.kfdk.dk)

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Finnish Chef Association [www.chefs.fi](http://www.chefs.fi)

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Chefs and Cooks Circle [www.chefsandcooksircle.co.uk](http://www.chefsandcooksircle.co.uk)

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Icelandic Chefs Association and Nordic Chefs Association [www.nkf-chefs.com](http://www.nkf-chefs.com)

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Panel of Chefs of Ireland

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Latvian Cooks Association LPKA [www.latviancooks.lv](http://www.latviancooks.lv)

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Norges Kokkemesteres Landsforening [www.norgeskokker.no](http://www.norgeskokker.no)

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Russian Interregional Culinary Association

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Sveriges Kokschefer Forening [www.swedishchefs.se](http://www.swedishchefs.se)

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Association of Culinary Workers of Ukraine

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The Welsh Culinary Association [www.welshculinaryassociation.com](http://www.welshculinaryassociation.com)

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Federation of Chefs Scotland. [www.fcs.org.uk](http://www.fcs.org.uk)

### Scot-Hot

The final chapter of Scot-Hot 2005 was held on Friday 3 June at the Scottish Culinary Championships Awards Dinner over 300 guests attended to receive their medals and awards won at Scot-Hot, pictures



from the event are available on our website [www.scottishchefs.com](http://www.scottishchefs.com)

The FCS website is being updated at the moment , all the photographs from Scot-Hot and the World Culinary Grand Prix are being posted also the Grand Prix Awards Presentation.

We will shortly be forwarding to Norbert Schmidiger a cheque for £1000 .00 this is the donation for Dine Aid which we raised at the Restaurant of Nations by donating £1.00 from every meal sold.

### Excellence Awards

The Excellence Awards for 2005 were made on 12 May at the Glasgow Hilton Hotel, 400 guests attended a black tie dinner, amongst the winners was Andrew Fairlie whose restaurant AndrewFairlie@Gleneagles was nominated Culinary Excellence Restaurant of the Year, Andrew Fairlie will be very much in the spotlight in the next few weeks as he will be hosting dinners for the world leaders at the G8 Summit guests include Presidents of USA, France, Germany ,Japan, Russia, Canada, Australia, and Prime Minister Tony Blair. Her Majesty the Queen and Kofi Amin will also be attending.

Neil Thomson

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	125	
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

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### Activities

#### 2005

May 26 – 29	WorldSkills 2005	Helsinki, Finland
June 23-26	Culinary Art	Colombo Sri Lanka
July 30 – 3 Aug	ACF congress	San Antonio, Texas, USA
Aug 24-28	9 <sup>th</sup> WACS Asia Pacific Forum MLA BB 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regional Final	Gold Coast Australia
Oct 20	International Chefs Day	World
Nov 19 – 23	Salon Culinaire Mondial 2005	Basil, Switzerland

#### 2006

Feb 16 – 19	Mediterranean Culinary Challenge	Nicosia, Cyprus
Mar 12-16	32 <sup>nd</sup> WACS Congress Auckland New Zealand	<a href="http://www.nzchefs.org.nz">www.nzchefs.org.nz</a>
Mar 30 – 2 Apr	Food2006	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 30 – 2 Apr	First South and North Pole Culinary Challenges	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 30 – 2 Apr	Chef of the Nordic and Nordic Judging course	Reykjavik, Iceland
Apr 25-28	FHA Culinary Challenge Singapore	<a href="http://www.foodnhotelasia.com">www.foodnhotelasia.com</a>
April	World Gourmet Summit, "A Theatre of Taste", Singapore	<a href="http://www.worldgourmetsummit.com">www.worldgourmetsummit.com</a>
Sept	10 <sup>th</sup> WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Thailand

#### 2007

Jan	Bocuse d'Or	Lyon, France
Sept	11 <sup>th</sup> WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Malaysia

#### 2008

33 <sup>rd</sup> 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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