



D.C. America WACS Report - August/December 2005

This is my America's Continental Management activities report for the August-December 2005 period

First of all, I must say that the newsletters of WACS were forward to all American countries with exception of Bahamas where the communication is very difficult.

Canada and EEUU news are not announced to the Continental Management, they are sent directly by two web channels. We've sent an e-mail but they didn't answered yet.

We reinstated contact with Mexico through an e-mail sent to the president of Cookery Association; they are reorganizing as Margarida Vim declared.

In August, conferences were given during the Cookery Excellency Seminar in Guatemala, a big Gourmet Festival organized by AGUAC (Guatemalan Cookery Art Association) and I, as a director, followed the event. It was of an excellent quality and well organized. I must congratulate the Chef's President Euda Morales for the good work.

On September 21st to 23rd in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, were hold the Expochef II, organized by ABAGA (Brazil Association of High Gourmet). There were a food and products fair from high gourmet, and nine gourmet contests, where two hundred chefs took part. Over two thousand and five hundred professionals visited it.

In the same month also in Brazil, the ABAGA offered a dinner party for five hundred people on the 15th on behalf of premature children organization to celebrate the International Chef's day. Were collected around U\$A 50.000 donation.

I've represented the President Metz and the WACS at the Expogourmet in Santa Cruz, Bolivia in October, giving support to the ACB organization (Bolivia Chef's Association) at the Tajibos Hotel as a juror for the Jorge Galindo gourmet contest, it was carried out under WACS' rules. Were invited also as jurors Guilherme Smith, Honorary President of Cuba's kitchen chef's federation, chef Euda Morales the AGUAC's president and secretary of the Pan American Professional Cookery's

Association Foro from Guatemala, confectioner chef Yves Thuries and chef Gerard Germand ABC's member and Expogourmet organizer.

The Expogourmet was a success where more than eighty chefs from twenty-eight countries around the world participated, the festival lasted three days with many samples of traditional cooking. I've attended meetings with Cuban delegates in order to exchange experiences and had to know Cuba's reality, I've done the same with Uruguayan, Guatemala, Argentinean and the Pan American Foro supported Bolivian delegations. The event.

From October 6th to 10th took place in Brazil the "Fenaostra" where ABAGA organized an oyster's gourmet contest for cooking academies, gourmets and children. Almost eight thousand people circulated during the five days event including the participation of twenty oyster specialized restaurants.

The chefs association from Peru is being reorganized and solving their pendency with the previous administration to improve their performance. Chef Alex Melo communicates the president by e-mail how the work is going and the improvements.

In October I represented ABAGA Brazil as juror's President for the Aztecs High Gourmet contest in Mexico together with nine Latin America's countries. I got in touch with Venezuelan delegation to know the possibility of giving support to the Venezuelan chefs at the WACS integration in the future.

In October was also held the march for the hunger in Cabagra, Costa Rica. Coast Rica chef's association with support of the Pan American Foro organized it, chef Gustabo Graziano represented the WACS at the event. Was prepared a meal for two thousand five hundred people in a native population area. More than eighty chefs from all America were there, the event was a big success and was coordinated by chefs Carolina Coronado and Edwin Echavarria, ANCHEF's president. Activities were prepared for the chiefs international day in Guatemala and Salvador.

On November 21st took place in Chile a party for five hundred people to celebrate the ACHIGA's (Chilean Gourmet Association) 25th anniversary many authorities, businessman and chefs were at that high quality event organized by Ms Jaqueline Rodrigues the institution general manager. In Brazil was organized the first Military Gourmet Contest in association with the Defense Ministry on the 11th sponsored by ABAGA, SBGAN (Brazilian Gourmet and Nutritional Association) and UNIRIO (Rio de Janeiro Federal University). It was the first time that armed forces joined a gourmet event, the aim is in the future enroll militaries on WACS events. On November 13th was released in Brazil by ABAGA the first restaurants guide with discount with ABAGA and their friends on European standards.

On December 19th in Brazil, ABAGA commemorates its 10th anniversary. A party will be organized for five hundred people at MELIA WORLD TRADE CENTER Hotel, there will be invited chefs, personalities, politicians and businessman,

among the VIPs are chef Hugo Robalez AUCA (Uruguayan Cook Association and related) and Ms Jaqueline Rodrigues ACHIGA's general manager.

Finally I must emphasize the Continental Management difficulties to get through American countries manly because most of them send information in Spanish. I've personally forwards information about the events in English and Spanish, which until today hasn't been publicized, on the web nor on the News Letter.

Sincerely ,

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