

WACS Americas Continental Management Report - August - October 2004.

Activities:

1. It has been sent an e-mail to all the countries members of the Continent, informing on the report presented in Orlando during the meeting.
2. The WACS information questionnaires have been sent again to Canada, Peru and Mexico, however, I have not received their reply with the information yet.
3. It has been sent a letter to Bahamas in order to obtain an electronic address so that the information can be sent. I have not received the reply until now.
4. The two newsletters issued by WACS were forwarded to all the countries.
5. In September, the Continental Contests of the Pan-American Forum and WACS took place in Guatemala. They were organized by the Culinary Association of Guatemala with the participation of ACF jury members. The Chef Gustavo Graziano represented the Continental Management.
6. In September (15-17), the 5° Gastronomic Festival of the Republic of Cuba took place at "Hotel Nacional" in the city of Havana. 14 countries of the world at large participated. It was an excellent job of the Cuban Chefs and also very well organized. The management was represented by the Chef Euda Morales, president of the "Asociación del Arte Culinario de Guatemala".
7. In October 20, it has been celebrated in Guatemala, The Chefs International Day. In order to commemorate this day, it was organized the Hunger March with the participation of more than 70 Chefs of the Continent who prepared a lunch for an Indian population (2.500 people) in the Guatemala jungle. It was a very hard work commanded by the chef Euda Morales. The chef coordinator Gustavo Graziano from ACF was representing the Continental Management. It was an excellent job of the Culinary Association of Guatemala and of all the chefs who participated. It was sent a message by e-mail to all the countries of America in the Chefs International Day.
8. The I Gastronomic Festival of Cochabamba – Gourmand – Bolivia was performed between September 30 and October 01, and organized by the Chefs Association of Bolivia.
9. The IV National Congress of Bolivian Chefs and the VII Expogourmet will take place in the city of Santa Cruz in November 9-13. The Continental Management with Jorge Monti will be present at the opening to represent WACS.
10. In September 29, it has took place in Brazil, the release cocktail of the interactive TV channel of the Associação Brasileira de Alta Gastronomia (Brazilian Association of High Level Gastronomy) www.tvabaga.com.br, the cocktail had more than 400 guests.

The channel is already working and it allows us to show images at worldwide level for countries members of WACS and Pan – American Forum members.

11. The management will be visiting the Cooks Center of Argentina in October. I kept in touch with Chef Herrera from AUCA – Associação dos Cozinheiros do Uruguay (Cooks Association of Uruguay).

12. The management made a meeting in Brazil with the Cuisine Chefs Deputation of the Republic of Cuba who visited Sao Paulo to participate in a Gastronomic event organized by Aregala.

13. We have informed the presidium about the participation of few teams from Latin America in the Germany Olympics. We explained that this happened because of the lack of money and support to set up the teams. We have informed about the abdication of Argentina and Peru by e-mail.

14. During November 23-28, Fenaostra will take place in Brasil, in the city of Santa Catarina. In this event, 5 Gastronomy Contests will happen, they are all organized by ABAGA and the main one is Fenaostra Internacional with the participation of 6 teams: Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Bolivia, Uruguay and Chile, including all the WACS members and Pan- American Forum members. The event will have as jury president, the Iceland Chef, Manager of WACS Europe, Gissur Gudmundson. For further information, please visit the web page: www.fenaostra.com.br.

Best Regards,

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