

**Report of the Continental Direction of America - WACS May – July**  
**2005**

I am sending the report of activities of the Continental Direction of Americas in the period of May to July 2005 as it follows:

**Activities:**

The newsletters were sent to the different members, excepting Bahamas, since they don't have e-mail. The communication with Canada is still incomplete. I sent many e-mails but, until now, I didn't receive any reply.

The communication with Mexico is improving and, according to its president, the association is being restructured. The association participated in a contest in France and won a prize from the chefs. This year, the association is working with the *Culinary Academy of France* for the certifications. They renounced to the Pan American forum.

The *ABAGA* election took place in Brazil and Mr. *Jorge Monti de Valsassina* was reelected for the period of 2005 to 2009.

In the month of May, *ABAGA* organized a big Happy Hour at the Intercontinental Hotel in São Paulo with 800 guests.

In September, the association will organize at the "*late Clube Rio de Janeiro*", a fair of products and 06 (six) national gastronomic contests.

Between June 16-20, it took place the event Uruguay a la Carta, in the city of Montevideo – Uruguay, which was organized by *AUCA* (*Associação Uruguaia de cozinheiros e afins - Uruguayan Association of cooks and affines*). This event originated the extraordinary meeting of the *Pan American forum of Culinary Associations* with the participation of 11 country members. It was a very well organized event and 11 gastronomy schools of America participated. I participated as the *WACS* Director and *ABAGA* president and it was a good opportunity to speak with all the countries members of *WACS* and to narrow relationships. The Uruguayan chefs worked very hard and the Ministry of Tourism gave its support. *AUCA* did a very good job as well as its president, Chef Hugo Robalez.

During the month of July, *ACHIGA* organized the Cuisine National Contests, in the city of Santiago; this year, the *Culinary Academy of France* will be in the jury.

During August 28-30, it will take place in Guatemala, the International Contests of Cuisine, which are organized by the *Asociación Gautemalteca Del Arte Culinário* with the support of the Pan American Forum and the Continental Management of *WACS*. I will be in the event as the Continental Director. The contests will take place in the categories Juvenile and Senior.

During the month of October, it will take place in Bolivia, in the city of Santa Cruz, the Expo Gourmet 2005, an International event organized

by the Hotel *Los Tajibos* with the support of *ACB (Chefs Association of Bolivia - Associação de Chefes da Bolivia)* the date is from 18 – 23. The event will have the support of *WACS* to invite chefs from all over the world. (I sent the invitation and the regulation to the direction and to the other members of *WACS* by e-mail) I will be present at the event and the Confectioner French Chef *Ives Thuries* will be at the event as a guest.

The *Association of chefs of Costa Rica* is organizing a lunch for 3000 aboriginals since the Chef's International day is on October 20 and this will be a celebration with the participation of more than 70 chefs of all America. Chef *Gustabo Graziano* will represent the Continental Direction and will actively participate in the organization and support of the event; we will be disclosing the event at the web page of *WACS* and we will invite the chefs of America.

**Sincerely,**

**Jorge Monti de Valsassina**  
**Continental Director of WACS America.**