

## WACS EUROPEAN DIRECTORS REPORT

Americas

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Dear Colleagues

I have had very little feed back on the requests for the Tsunami Relief actions and also speaking for my own country, Portugal, I understand some difficulty in doing some of the actions right now. There has been so many State petitions that have gone on the air by television, radio and newspapers that everything we have attempted to do as come short of expectation. There as also been so many fraudulent attempts for raising money that people have been withdrawn to help. We have tried with restaurants and hotels and had little or no response.

We have a Food Trade Fair in April and hope there to do some work towards the II phase of WACS Relief Program directed at the Hospitality Sector. I think that will bring better results.

I hope that we the European Presidents Meeting in Malta on the 11th to 13th of March we all come with an overall plan to help in this sense as it is part of our agenda.

I was invited by Federazione Italiana Cuochi to attend ARTISTICA 2005 in Rimini, Italy as a judge and observer for WACS. The show is a competition for Artistic Chefs presenting pieces in a diverse range of medium such as Chocolate, Sugar, Marzipan, Vegetable Carving, Bread and Yam dough, ice sculpture, etc There where about 40 entries every day over 4 days. The competition is held at the same time as a food fair called MIA at the fair grounds and congress centre of Rimini.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers, Federazione Italiana Cuochi and its President Professore Caldana and Secretary General Canghi. It was a very interesting competition and I will put forwards at our next WACS board meeting for evaluation by the Culinary Committee to give it a International Culinary Events Status.

With the organization of the Malta Presidents meeting its became aware of the difficulties of communication with all the countries. I hope with the meeting to resolve this problem.

I will put forwards a Report Template for each country to send us information on a monthly basis so that these reports can be more usefull and with participation of all.

I thank Peter and all is staff for the constant reminders and apologise for the delays

Best Regards to all

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