

REPORT

WACS Continental Director Central Europe March/April 2005

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First of all I would like to thank our Maltese Colleagues for organising a very successful and familiar meeting, called the European Conference. My thanks are also going to Klaus Meyer, who was in charge to write the minutes of this conference.

I was holding the chair and got assistance from Fausto and Gissur.

You all have received the minutes of this meeting and you can find it now at our WACS website.

As the Chairman of our last meeting in Malta I would like to thank all participating countries and the constructive and friendly discussions we had. It also was very nice, that we had the opportunity and the chance in this very familiar maltese atmosphere to get a little closer to each other.

I think, this made our meeting very successful.

We, Fausto, Gissur and I will report all wishes and ideas to the WACS Board at our next meeting in Singapore and will inform the European countries of the outcome.

At the end of March I travelled to Budapest/Hungaria for 4 days stay where I judged the Culinary Show called Gastrorendezvous. After the event I spoke with the Hungarian judges about judging criterias and the guidelines.

On the side I mentioned also the situation with the Hungarian Chef Association and they see things now much clearer. We had a good round table talk with almost all of the groups. Hungaria is working to establish a Gastronomic Museum in Skanzen. Another important information: The Hungarian Gastronomic Chefs Association will organise the next European WACS Conference in Budapast early in October 2005.

In the moment I am trying to find out which Association of Turkey is the strongest, oldest or the one who has the biggest amount of members. There are at least three candidates. But we also must find a way to bring them together.

A German Team will participate in SA / Rwanda at Cookstour against Hunger.

After our telephone conference I offered to develop an application form for new memberships. You all have got it by email.

A very big communication problem I have with Uzbekistan. All the emails are coming back and the letter I have sent are showing no reaction.

In February the VKD will offer to our European Countries a Judging Seminar in Stuttgart during a Foodshow.

Competitions:

March 2005: Int. Melitta Cup (Contest hot kitchen cooking with coffee)

April 2005: Europe REWE Culinary Cup (Contest for youngster in showplatter)

August 2005: Int. Cooking competition for King Meals in Nagyszakacsi/Hungaria

End of October: Int. Leipziger Preis (Leipzig Award) Cooking Team Competition

End of October: Int. Kremlin Cup in Moscow

End of November: Salon Culinaire Mondial in Basel / CH