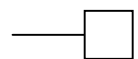


WACS European Continental NORTH Director's Monthly Report

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Memo to WACS members

25th of May 2005

Dear President Metz, members of the WACS Executive Board and members of WACS.

I am pleased to send you the May monthly report of activities and relevant info from WACS member countries in the northern Europe region.

Many good things have been happening in the culinary world for the past weeks. I went from the board meeting in Singapore direct to Glasgow to ScotHot competition and I have to give our colleges in Scotland a big compliment for the show they made in Glasgow. They treated me extremely well and I know from my team that they treat all teams well too. I would like to congratulate Canada for the first place over all in the competition and Scotland for the second place and the British team for the third over all.

I like to thank Scottish Chefs Association, President Tony Jackson, Neil Thomsen and all members for supporting WACS in Glasgow with taking part in the sale from the Restaurant of Nations and give that to Dine Aid fund; it will definitely support our Aid program.

From ScotHot, I went to Denmark where we had our Nordic Congress, Chef of the Nordic and our Nordic Judging school. Many friends and colleges were at the congress and looking at the competition. Two chefs from each of the 5 Nordic countries were at the judging school and two from Estonia that we had invited to be our guest. I am happy to say that I was re-elected as a president for the Nordic Countries for the next two years and I have with me in the board great chefs from all the Nordic countries and all of them like to work for the best interests of our profession and you will see them around the world for the next years. I like to thank Steinmetz Armand from Luxembourg, he was our head jury in the competition and he gave the congress good information about the World Competition in Luxembourg next year.

I went to Birmingham direct from Denmark on 1st of May to be the guest of the first annual dinner of the British Culinary Federation. I have to say that I was extremely happy to have the opportunity to meet all of the board members and some of the members and friends, I had a great night with good food and lot of fun. To Brian and Bobby, thanks for taking care of me.

For the past 3 weeks then I have had the opportunity to meet colleges and friends from around the world, sit down and talk for long or short time, all this has given me a great overview over things and I have to say that we chefs we can be happy over what our colleges are doing around the world. I honestly believe that WACS is going forward and not in any slow motion, the board is working hard to get things done and I hope you all will see that in the Congress in New Zealand which I hope I will see you there. The chefs in New Zealand are putting together an exciting program and this congress is going to be one of the Star congresses.



My friend and colleges take care and I look forward to seeing you around the world.

Chefs regard,

Gissur Gudmundsson



News from European Continental NORTH



The Azerbaijan National Culinary Assn.



Kokkencheffernes Forening www.kfdk.dk



Finnish Chef Association www.chefs.fi



Chefs and Cooks Circle www.chefsandcookscircle.co.uk



Icelandic Chefs Association and Nordic Chefs Association www.nkf-chefs.com



Panel of Chefs of Ireland



Latvian Cooks Association LPKA www.latviancooks.lv



Norges Kokkemesteres Landsforening www.norgeskokker.no



Russian Interregional Culinary Association



Sveriges Kokschefer Forening www.swedishchefs.se



Association of Culinary Workers of Ukraine



The Welsh Culinary Association www.welshculinaryassociation.com



Federation of Chefs Scotland. www.fcs.org.uk



The present member status in Northern Europe:
Grand Total of **12.379 Members with 138 Regions.**

Countries	Members	Regions
Azerbaijan	498	0
Denmark	400	4
Finland	1024	14
Great Britain	387	15
Iceland	120	0
Ireland	200	6
Latvia	400	0
Norway	1400	22
Russia	?	37
Scotland	250	2
Sweden	2500	16
Ukraine	5000	22
Wales	200	0

Applying Countries	Members	Regions
Estonia		
Bial Russia	125	
Lithuania		

Please if some of this information is wrong or they need a update please email me and I will correct them.



Activities around the world

Activities

2005

May 26 – 29	WorldSkills 2005	Helsinki, Finland
June 23-26	Culinary Art	Colombo Sri Lanka
July 30 – 3 Aug	ACF congress	San Antonio, Texas, USA
Aug 24-28	9 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum MLA BB 3 rd Regional Final	Gold Coast Australia
Oct 20	International Chefs Day	World
Nov 19 – 23	Salon Culinaire Mondial 2005	Basil, Switzerland

2006

Feb 16 – 19	Mediterranean Culinary Challenge	Nicosia, Cyprus
Mar 2 – 5	Food2006	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 2 – 5	First South and North Pole Culinary Challenges	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 2 – 5	Chef of the Nordic and Nordic Judging course	Reykjavik, Iceland
Mar 12-16	32 nd WACS Congress Auckland New Zealand	www.nzchefs.org.nz
Apr 25-28	FHA Culinary Challenge Singapore	www.foodnhotelasia.com
April	World Gourmet Summit, "A Theatre of Taste", Singapore	www.worldgourmetsummit.com
Sept	10 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Thailand

2007

Jan	Bocuse d'Or	Lyon, France
Sept	11 th WACS Asia Pacific Forum	Malaysia

2008

33 rd WACS Congress	Dubai UAE
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Please if you like to add some event to this calendar or website address to some of this events than don't hesitate to mail information to me.

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