



WACS Africa & Middle East Continental Director's Report

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1. UPDATE

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

The following is an update on progress achieved thus far within our region. As may be expected from an area as vast as the African continent and Middle East, we have huge communication problems and the last couple of months have been very frustrating in receiving information from member countries. Further to this fact, November, December and January being the high season with hotels and restaurants experiencing high occupation and members concentrating on work.

Of mayor concern to me the lack of sustainable membership within our region. This due to the fact that many associations are made up largely from the expat community and they tend to move around a lot without building up a solid foundation within their associations.

Furthermore, we will be sending the third of our quarterly, regional newsletter , I trust you all received a past copies via email, and we anticipate that this will assist us in laying down more structured contacts across the region. Sadly, most of the news we have received is from countries not yet signed up to WACS and not from contributing members. This situation I leads me to believe that structured communication lines with members are not yet fully operational and is cause for grave concern.



2. REGIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The following chefs associations in the region have responded. As you can see many are not members of WACS at this stage, but we are looking at providing them with sufficient support and information to ensure that they are stable and sustainable within their own organization before they become members.

	COUNTRY	WACS	PAID	SURVEY	MEMBERS
	Botswana		✗ <input type="checkbox"/>	✗	
	Congo/ Brazzaville				50
	Egypt				1006
	Israel			✗	
	Kenya		✗		
	Lebanon			✗	
	Mozambique		✗		
	Namibia			✗	
	Reunion				



	Ruwanda		×		60
	Saudi Arabia			×	
	South Africa				1500
	United Arab Emirates				300
	Zimbabwe		×		

Word is out, and we have established contact with two new countries, namely Libya and Tanzania. From both these countries we have had enquiries on how to start an association and following the success of helping Rwanda we will endeavor to help these contacts.

TSUNAMI

Following the devastating tidal waves, a continental drive to raise funds was initiated by Dr Bill Gallagher.

34 000 special Tsunami Ribbons were produced and distributed across the continent to as far a field as the Seychelles, Tanzania and Zambia. Many restaurants, hotels and even hospitality and chef colleges bought into the idea and generously parted with their cash.

The Southern Sun Hotel group was instrumental in realizing the project and have also generously bought many thousand ribbons.

An estimated \$ 20 000.00 will be raised and the South African Chefs association will be influential in appropriating the funds to the necessary accounts.

South Africa

This are moving in South Africa, both literally and figuratively. The association is to open the Centre for Culinary Excellence in March 2005, at the newly formed University of Johannesburg and will be a permanent home for the South African Chefs Association.



Current WACS president Mr Ferdinand Metz will be in Johannesburg to open the centre.

This is what you can expect to find within its walls:

Archives

The history of the hospitality industry in South Africa will be obtained from historical recounts, autobiographies and oral histories and transcribed for perpetuity, to be housed in the archives of the Centre.

Library

With space for 10 000 books, it is envisaged that the Centre will become the site of one of the largest collections of reference books in South Africa. SACA's existing library will be expanded to house a definitive collection of 21st century cookbooks. Donations from across the globe have been received so far, but there is always room for more.

Video library

The video library will house historical video footage of events, tours and competitions, as well as skills training videos.

Interactive audiovisual material

In addition to the training videos, audiovisual material such as computer-based training, Powerpoint presentations and online facilities will be available to students.

Memorabilia

SACA's memorabilia, tracing our history over 30 years, includes menus, gifts, trophies, certificates, awards and medals from every corner of the globe.

Photographs

A catalogued archive of photographs dating back to 1974 will be accessible to the industry.

Foods of Africa section

It is the vision to create a definitive archive on the Foods of Africa, aimed at preserving the culinary culture of our continent.

Computer centre

The Centre will offer computer facilities and access to the Internet to all members and students. There will be 10 computers available, with the facility to add more, should the demand arise. A computer centre, on its own, is certainly not unique, but the information which visitors will have access to, either on site or through the Internet, represents the single greatest benefit of the Centre to the industry.



Judges workshop - 24 and 25 February 2005

Held in Johannesburg to further the knowledge of local judges this workshop aims to develop a broad base of judges across South Africa. Based on the WACS criteria for judges and tailored to the local industry, SACA-accredited judges are all members of the Association and the majority have won gold medals in either local or international competitions they have participated in. Gauteng Hostex - 13 to 16 March 2005

With just under five months to go until HOSTEX Gauteng provides the hospitality and catering industry with all the marketing answers it needs, the show is looking more impressive than ever.

The 2005 show, which takes place at the Sandton Convention Centre between 13 and 16 March 2005, is already 78% sold and covers 10 000m² in floor space. Never before has the SA Chefs Village, now one of the most popular areas of the show, had such a full and exciting programme.

Egypt

Very little information has been coming from Markus Iten and his team, however these are the current happenings in Egypt

In its continuing efforts to improve the level of culinary skills in Egypt, the Egyptian Chefs Association (ECA) has just concluded the Host Sharm Salon Culinaire'05, in conjunction with the Host Sharm Exhibition which took place from 10 till 13 February at the Savoy Hotel Sharm El Sheikh.

More than 60 chefs from various five-star hotels participated in different culinary arts categories, and praised the ECA for its efforts to reach out to its members nationwide. This is the first culinary competition of its type organized in the Sharm El Sheikh providing the chefs of Sinai with the great opportunity to meet, exchange knowledge, and improve their culinary arts skills to get ready for the National Salon Culinaire'05.

United Arab Emirates

Just happened in Dubai, UAE was the 10th Gulf Food, Hotel and Equipment Exhibition, held from 20 to 23 February at the Dubai International Exhibition Centre. This is the fastest growing exhibition of its kind in the Middle East since its launch in 1987. This year, more than 1,300 manufacturers and distributors around the world exhibited at Gulfood, with buyers coming from more than 70 countries.



However the most highly anticipated event was The Emirates International Salon Culinaire, organised by the Emirates Culinary Guild. All four days of the culinaire were filled with thrilling live cooking competition categories, including the Mini Plated Competition, especially organized for junior chefs. There were also buffet and banqueting showpieces, pastry and sugar set pieces and bakery and confectionary innovations for guests to view. The Restaurant of Nations has been set up for lucky visitors to sample creations by the participating national teams.

Three International teams, Germany, Switzerland and Singapore also competed in the edible international buffet competition with Gold awarded to Singapore, Silver to Germany and Switzerland. 16 judges from across the globe were flown in to judge almost 900 entries over 4 days and they included Mr Ferdinand Metz, Dr Bill Gallagher, Mr Otto Weibel, Mr Peter Knipp amongst others.

Rwanda

Although not a member of WACS at this stage, this young association, less than a year old, is very busy fraternity of chefs in Eastern Central Africa.

Presently discussions are underway about membership status for WACS. During April they will host the 3rd international World Cooks Tour against Hunger in Kigala in an effort to raise funds for the needy. They will be organizing this event under the auspices of the South African Chefs Association. For further information use the following link : www.rca2005.org

Zimbabwe

This member has not paid its membership for a couple of years, but contact has been made and a site visit is expected soon.

Namibia

This member country has not paid its dues for a number of years and recently contact has been established.

Israel

Despite numerous efforts to obtain information about who is in charge of this organization no further news.



3. COMMUNICATIONS & CONTACT INFO

Further the contact list for the area has been finalized, with outstanding countries been worked on at the moment.

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