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Report To Director Continental activity 2005 / 06 America Congress

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1- On March 6, 2004, I was elected to work as the American Continental Director of WACS for the next two years. Immediately, I started to work from Brazil and develop the following steps:

2- I named Chef Gustavo Mendez Graciano from the ACF as the collaborator and assistant of the continental director administration from March of 2004 to December of 2005, where I resigned by personal reasons.

3 - I set up a communication channel with all the country associations through e-mail, showing the ideas of the administration and expressing my will to help in all the WACS matters.

4 - Documents were translated because 80% of the association members only speak Spanish. The questionnaires were sent by e-mail/fax or by a telephone call to all the continental members (some countries still to this day have not responded). Documents and notifications were sent to the new members of WACS: Bolivia and Bahamas.

5 - We informed the presidency of all matters and always sent a copy to the president on the up-to-date information and all the changes on the WACS Web page, which were requested by Peter Knipp.

We reviewed monthly bulletins of WACS for all the association's members by e- mail.

6 – We made official contacts with Venezuela, Honduras and El Salvador to see how they can join the WACS members in the future. We are creating a new communication channel with Colombia (with Professor and Chef Luis Lobera), which is giving us some signal of participation and existence.

7 – We are supporting the activities of the Pan-American Forum of Culinary Associations over the past two years participating in the events or giving collaboration.

8 – I have been the continental directorship position for the past two years but have participate in 30 events throughout all America, personally or represented by another chef on behalf of WACS. The information on the events in America detailed is in the quarterly reports of the continental director on the WACS Web site.

9- I have represented WACS in events in: Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, EEUU, and participated in four meetings of directory worldwide (Ireland, EEUU, Singapore and Paris) and three telephone conferences of directory.

10 -I want to finalize my report expressing the difficulties of some country associations of Latin America: the economic difficulties to be able to participate in the congresses of WACS and the high cost of the annual contribution. Most of countries of Latin America have unstable economies with little support from the government. Another reason is that the associations are new, have a limited history, and have limited resources.

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