

Reports Associations Presidents Helsinki 2007

Austria

The Austrian Chefs Association announced a competition called "Alles für den Gast" from 15. till 18. of April 2007 in Vienna. The contest is for a Chef and a Commi. More information you will get from the Austrian Chefs Association

Czech Republic

would like to approach you in relation to the fact that our Association announced, in the course of the European Congress in Helsinki, its intention to join in the candidature as a potential host of the 2012 World Congress, in line with Mr. Bill Gallagher's suggestion made shortly after the voting during the last Congress in New Zealand. It is our belief that, in view of the resources invested in the preparations of our candidature for the year 2010, it would be a logical step to utilize the information and experience gathered so far. We are clear about it that there will be additional countries that would be interested in hosting the Congress, and indeed, Hungary has already applied for the honor.

The reason for me to be addressing you in this way, though, is that our Association is determined to make a forward move. My idea is that, in the course of the upcoming meeting of European Presidents that is going to be held in Slovakia next year, we should emphasize that we all should mutually seek ways of avoiding unnecessary spending of resources going into the candidature preparations. On a daily basis, in all meetings of the Presidents and also in our day-to-day activities, we have been challenged with the lack of financial resources, we have been trying to identify alternative ways of securing the required funds - while it has always been our aim to educate our members, we are being faced with the shortage of available cash at the same time. We keep addressing our partners to contribute and so to support our activities.

On the other hand, we seem to be unnecessarily wasting financial resources on the preparations of our candidatures as hosts of the world congresses. More specifically, our own investment into the candidature for the year 2010 has totaled over 25,000 EUR. We feel that it is therefore absolutely justified that we are determined to move on.

Despite all the above, we are still ready to negotiate with the other European Presidents in order to learn about your opinion, your willingness to support or not support our candidature. This strategy forms a basis for our proposal, i.e. that a single common candidate on behalf of Europe should be established, which will then be unequivocally supported at the Congress and during the vote. Should you decide to accept this idea, we will naturally also be prepared, after a mutual discussion, to support one European candidate.

We believe that it will be possible to invest the so saved money more purposefully in the future. I would very much appreciate your standpoint on this our proposal for a single European candidate for the 2012 election.

Germany (was not present but send the following message

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IKA – Culinary Olympics will be from 19th to 22nd of October 2008 in Erfurt again.

The IKA/Culinary Olympics is an exhibition of Culinary Art that brings together ambitious and talented chefs and confectioners from all over the world. They are presenting their craftsmanship in the Hot Kitchen and the Cold Platter Show.

Competing in the disciplines of Culinary Art is challenging and worth-while for the contestants.

Supporting and preserving it is a key task of Chefs Societies worldwide. The German Chefs Association for instance, being the host and honorary sponsor of the IKA/Culinary Olympics (since 1900), is intensively involved in supporting this craftsmanship.

Comparable to sports events the international exhibitions of Culinary Art are offering different disciplines such as teams, national or regional level, culinary or pastry, junior members (under 23 years) or individuals.

National Teams have a two-part-assignment which consists of the Hot Kitchen and the Cold Platter Show. The Hot Kitchen, representing category R (= Restaurant) is usually covering the preparation of a three-course-menu – ambitious but practical – serving 110 covers in the „Restaurant of Nations“.

Hungary

The Hungarian Chef Association announced the date for the Continental Competition Central Europe for the Global Chefs Challenge in Budapest from 25th to 28th of September. They also are thinking to run as a candidate for the WACS Congress in 2012.

Luxembourg

Gave a short report about the standards, the announced teams and the organisation of the upcoming Expogast "Culinary World Cup".

Netherlands

Wynand Vogel underlined his satisfaction to be a member of the Committee WACS ICMC (Masterchefs) and he has brought already a big input with the Curriculum of the Netherlands Masterchef program. Netherlands will be present at the Expogast with an National Team.

Poland

The Polish Chef Association had a goof round table talk with the Hotel Management School an the WACS CD Central Europe to find a way to work together in the future. They will be present at the EXPOGAST with a lot of visitors the learn.

Slovakia

The Slovakian Chef Association announced the next WACS European Conference, which will be held from 22nd to 25th of March 2007 in Bratislava. The SZKC President promised to organize a very good conference as well as an interesting view into the Slovakian Cuisine. They also will be present at EXPOGAST with an National Team.

Switzerland (was not present)

R. Metz gave the greeting from George Knecht to the Conference.

Uzbekistan (was not present)

South Tyrol

Will be present at the EXPOGAST with a some exhibitors. Their organisation are celebrating the Chefs Day and also their 35th anniversary of the Chefs Club "Südtiroler Köcheverband". They are already doing the Certified Masterchef for many years and are promoting the education for youngster.

Klub der Köche Kärnten

They are doing also very successful work with young culinaryans. The Club will be present at the EXPOGAST with several Regional Teams and Individuals.