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Activities Report from the America's WACS Continental Director
April/ August 2006



1- I was reelected for the next four years as American Continental Director of WACS during the 32 World Chef's Congress in Auckland, New Zealand held on March 16. I immediately started to work.

2- I nominated chef Euda Morales , President of Guatemalan Chefs Association as assistant of the America's Continental Directory as well as my collaborator and assistant within the member countries in America.

3- I coordinated meetings during the Congress in New Zealand in March to work for votes for Chile as a candidate country for the WACS Congress 2010. The result due to the efforts made together with the Chilean delegation as well as other countries from the five continents: Chile could get the votes and this will be the first time a long the 80 years of WACS, that a Congress will be held in Latin America since never before.

4- During this four months I have had a communication channel within the America's Country Members through mails, information about the Directory and passing the information concerning the countries that had sent it to me for WACS News letter direct or indirectly.

5- The new building for ABAGA (Asociación Brasileira de Alta Gastronomía) was inaugurated on May and held an event for 1000 on May 13 to celebrate the National Cooks Day. It also was held in Brazil the 2nd. Latin America's Nutrition Congress with the support of ABAGA and the presence of representatives from Bolivia ACB and Chile ACHIGA.

6- During the month of June were held the elections in the Chef's Federation of Canada being elected Chef Judson Samson for 2006/2008.

As well as in Costa Rica, chef Alicia Ríos de Molina is the new president for the Chef's Association for 2006/2007.

I participated in a meeting in Chile organized for ACHIGA to present the previous work about the organization of the World Chef Congress for 2010 and other matters about South America. Uruguay, Brasil, Chile, Bolivia and Argentina were invited.

7- Guayaquil Gourmet with competitions for students and professionals were held in July in Ecuador coordinated by the Chefs Association of Ecuador. During this event the Annual Meeting for the Panamerican Forum took place and I was represented by Chef Euda Morales- Guatemala.

8- I had an appointment in July with the President of The Cooks Centre of Argentina who explained to me their situation and communicated that they will have elections very soon. Also I went to Montevideo to the presentation of the event Uruguay a la Carta 2006 organized by AUCA (American Cooking Schools) with the support of WACS that will take place on September 25,26,27,28 in the Race Course of Montevideo.

9- Achiga had their national gastronomy competitions of INACAP in July in the City of Santiago of Chile, inviting international judges of the ACF, event of excellent professional quality.

The Association of chef of El Salvador permanently sends information to me about the activities that are taking place in their country, where they usually have presentations and gastronomic seminars.

10. Guatemala had a Chefs Congress as well as a Junior and Senior competition Cocina de Excelencia with the standards of the Panamerican Forum during the Expoculinaria on August 21, 22, 23.

Guatemala is trying to have a national team ready for Culinary Olympics in Germany 2008.

The Guatemalan Chefs Association is working in certification and competitions as its major goals.

11- ACB Chefs Association of Bolivia organized their annual event: Gourmevalle during August 24, 25 and 26 in the city of Cochabamba. I was represented by Chef Hugo Robalez, President of Chefs Association from Uruguay.

The Cuban Federation of Chefs had solicited support for a project consisting in a school in La Habana. –This matter will be discussed during the Directory Meeting in September in the City of New York.

12- The duties of APPCA (Entity recognized by WACS) are suspended by the justice due that the elections held last year were impugned and still a problem not resolved by the justice. The person elected was Alex Melo who established another association OPCCA without waiting for the failure of justice and direct correspondence to WACS; meanwhile we are in status quo waiting for the justice decision to send the case to WACS Directory.

Finally, I wish to say that the communication between the countries is improving, but I still get few informs about their activities and I make a conclusion that is because of the lack of specialized people to communicate the facts to the Continental Director as well to the web page and News letter of WACS.

Sincerelly yours,

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