



WACS

European Presidents Conference in Prague

21. – 24. February 2008



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Countries not participating at the Meeting:

Belarus excused, **Estonia** excused, **Denmark** excused, **Lithuania** excused, **Latvia** excused, **Ireland** excused, **Moldova** excused, **Montenegro** excused, **Russia** excused, **Ukraine** excused,

Not excused: **France**, **Greece**, **Spain**, **Turkey**, **Uzbekistan**. **Bulgaria**

Agenda
Friday 22nd of February 2008

Welcome by

1. President AKC Miroslav Kubec
2. Chairman of the Conference Reinhold Metz, Continental Director Central Europe
3. Presentation of Delegates and Apologies for Absence
4. Meeting procedure by Chairman R. Metz, Approval of the Bratislava Minutes
5. Welcome and report by WACS President Ferdinand Metz including Permanent WACS Office
6. Reports of the Continental Directors: (each 5 Minutes)
 Gissur Gudmundsson CD Northern Europe, Srecko Koklic CD Southern Europe
 Reinhold Metz CD Central Europe
7. Halloumi , National Cyprus Cheese Presentation with tasting of modern and trendy recipes during the coffee break
8. WACS Global Chefs Challenge Reports RM/Central + GG/North + SK/South
9. Future WACS Presidium by F. Metz and Introduction of candidates from
 - Iceland
 - Singapore
10. By-Laws report by Chairman John Sloane
11. Presentation Portugal Congress Bid 2012 European strategy for next congress
12. WACS International Certified Master Chef RM
13. New Members of European regions 3 CD's
14. Voting for next Meeting / Date and Place
15. New Business / Open Floor
16. Thanks to Host Country
 End of the Conference

1. Welcome by the President of the Chefs and Confectioners of Czech Republic Miroslav Kubec and the Chairman of the European Presidents Conference Reinhold Metz Continental Director Central Europe

After the flag parade of the WACS European Member Countries AKC President Miroslav Kubec welcomed in his opening speech all Delegates of the participating Countries at the conference in Prague. He wished all participants successful meeting and a pleasant stay in Prague.

Continental Director Reinhold Metz welcomed on behalf of his European CD colleagues Gissur Gudmundsson and Srečko Koklič all participants, the honorary President of Czech Republic, Julius Dobowsky and introduced WACS President Ferdinand Metz and also the candidate from Singapore, running for the next WACS presidium as President John Sloane and as secretary Eric Low and mentioned the also the candidacy of Iceland.

2. Chairman Information about the meeting procedure

Reinhold Metz informed participants about the program and procedures of the meeting. Also, that at the Gala Dinner on Saturday, the first Lady of the Czech Republic, Mrs. Karlova will join us at this event. At this Gala Dinner the Czech Republic will also announce the winner of their National WACS Global Chef Challenge, which represents Czech Republic at the next WACS Continental GCC 2009 Central Europe in Budapest

3. Presentation of Delegates and Apologies for Absence

Reinhold Metz presented participating countries and informed about absent countries.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting in Bratislava

Reinhold Metz asked the members if there is a need of some changes or additional points at the minutes.

The minutes of meeting in Bratislava were unanimously approved by all present presidents.

5. Welcome and report by WACS President Ferdinand Metz including permanent WACS Office

The WACS President gave a power point presentation on all activities of the WACS Board since the last meeting. He stressed that the board essentially has met all the objectives set four years ago.

6. Reports of the Continental Directors:

Continental Directors presented their activities during the time between the last two European conferences.

Report from G. Gudmundsson CD Northern Europe

Report from Srečko Koklič CD Southern Europe

Report form Reinhold Metz CD Central Europe

- 6 a.** WACS Treasurer Norbert Schmidiger reminds all those European Countries which have not paid their fees that they will lose their right to vote in Dubai.
- 6 b.** Malta President Guido Debono explained a new idea about a Mediterranean Culinary Folklore Festival and handed out papers regarding this festival. He also announced that the two Maltese Chefs Association have now found a way to work together under one Chef Association umbrella. Congratulations!
- 6 c.** Austrian President Harry Fargel asked what the position of WACS is for cooperations with Sommelier Association or the Euro Toques. F. Metz convened an ad hoc comité to study this proposal. The comité suggested that WACS should network mostly with other chefs' associations.

7. Halloumi , National Cyprus Cheese Presentation with tasting of modern and trendy recipes during the coffee break.

Many thanks to the Chefs from Cyprus and also to president Yiannakis A for the educational and interesting presentation and for the lovely prepared tasting objects.

8. WACS Global Chefs Challenge Reports RM/Central + GG/North + SK/South

The Continental Directors of Europe talked about the 3 competitions.

On the WACS website (www.wacs2000.org) you can find all three reports with pictures and also a 25 minutes video from the competition in Budapest.

The WACS Global Chef Challenge Continental Competition 2009 will be organized for **Central Europe again in Budapest** and for **South Europe in Portugal**.

9. Future WACS Presidium

**F. Metz and Introduction of candidates from
Iceland and Singapore**

WACS President F. Metz pointed out the main points what a president must do and made very clear that this is not an easy job. He also suggested to pay less attention to what the candidates hope to do for WACS and more to what they actually have done in the past. He then asked Gissur Gudmundsson and John Sloane for their presentation.

(all the participating countries have got their brochures)

After the presentations Brian Cotteril questioned if G. Gudmundsson also will have a chance to speak in Asia, to which he received an affirmative reply.

10. By-Laws report by Chairman John Sloane

John Sloane, Chairman of the WACS By-Laws Committee handed out copies of the By-Laws and explained the changes, which will be voted on at the upcoming Congress in Dubai.

A short discussion started about the titles: **Past President** or **Chairman of the Board**. F. Metz have explained that in dealing with sponsors, the title "Chairman of the Board" is more readily understood and less confusing than "past president", which connotes an inactive, honorary position. He also felt that this may be more appropriate for dealing with US based sponsors and indicated that over 90% of sponsorships funding came from the US.

11. Presentation Portugal Congress Bid 2012 -- European strategy for next congress.

Fausto Airoidi presented the bid of Portugal for the WACS Congress in 2012.

He showed us facilities and also an interesting video about Lisboa and other cities in Portugal. All European Country members should give their support to Portugal.

12. WACS International Certified Master Chef RM

R. Metz announced the WACS approved Member countries with a bona fide Master Chef Program and presented the minimum criteria to become an approved program.

The Countries/regions which have now been fully approved by WACS are:

Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA and South Tyrol

13. New Members of European regions

In Europe we have four affiliated Members with Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia, Montenegro. They will be elected at Dubai WACS Congress.

There is also an application from Kazakstan.

14. Voting for next Meeting / Date and Place

Representatives of Slovenia and Croatia, both candidates for the next European meeting, were excused and the vote was taken.

Result: 14 votes for Croatia and 5 votes for Slovenia.

Our next WACS EUROPEAN PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE will be held in **Croatia**, in the City of Split in March 2009.

15. New Business / Open Floor

No questions were asked, since a few points have already been discussed at 6a. to 6c.

16. Thanks to Host Country

Chairman of the meeting thanked on behalf of all presidents the organizer from AKC first of all President Miroslav Kubec and Julius Dubowsky as well as the Secretary Zuzana Albertova for their outstanding engagement.

End of the Conference