

Report of the Continental Director of Americas- 2007: January-April

Brazil

During the month of January, I participated as a coordinator of Brazilian team on the Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France, January 23-24, 2007.

On December 19, the new headquarter of the Brazilian Association of High Gastronomy, ABAGA, was inaugurated in the city of São Paulo with a cocktail party for 400 people.

On April 12-14, Abaga will be participating in speeches and workshops in the Third Latin American Congress on Nutrition and Gastronomy.

We are organizing, on April 16-18, at the event Restaubar in the city of São Paulo, the Aztec Competition, Callebaut chocolate and the Global Chefs Challenge in Brazil with the participation of more than 80 Chefs and Patisiers. I am working with Achiga for the meeting of the WACS directors that will be held on April 20-24, in Santiago. It is the first time this meeting will be held in a Latin American country.

Chile

Achiga is working in the organization of the WACS meeting in April in the city of Santiago, Chile, coordinated for Mrs. Jaqueline Rodrigues, General Manager, where will be shown the organization works for the 2010 WACS Congress. He will be present with his candidate for the Global Chefs in the USA in July.

Uruguay

AUCA organized an International Culinary Competition in the city of Punta del Este in February with the participation of eight countries. At that occasion, the AUCA's president, Chef Hugo Robalez, was invited to be an international judge of the Competition organized at Restaubar and also to give a speech in the Third Latin American Congress on Nutrition and Gastronomy. AUCA is organizing for the month of September "Uruguay a la carte", event that has the participation of the Continental director, and the International Competition of the Chef Luis Herrera Culinary Schools in its third edition. He will be present with his candidate for the Global Chefs in America.

Argentina

The Center of Chefs participated with a candidate in First Iberian-American Competition in November 2006, in Madrid, organized for the Spanish Chefs Federation, a WACS member. They had a candidate on Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France in January 2007. Nowadays they are trying to collect funds with events to be able to organize their finances and to be present with their candidate for the Global Chefs in the USA in July

Bolivia

The Cocha Bamba Culinary Festival will take place in the month of October organized by the ACB. The organization has no financial support of sponsors and it is doing its best to overcome its current difficulties

Mexico

The Mexican Culinary Association participated in the World Competition of Chocolate Valrhona, in Lyon, on January 23, 2007. It is organizing an International Culinary Congress in the month of June and the WACS' President was invited to come. They will participate in the Global Chefs in the USA in July.

Peru

The annulation of the APCA elections is in on the way in the Court without any definition up to now. I have been receiving information from the Chef Agustín Buitron but he doesn't answer my e-mails.

Ecuador

I don't have any information and e-mails come back.

Costa Rica

I have no information and e-mails come back. I have already sent e-mails to new directors and nobody answers.

Cuba

I keep in touch with Chef Edy Fernandez and Guillermo Smith. They are very satisfied with the support given by WACS' directors for the Jose Marti Culinary School in Havana. They were informed to participate in Global Chefs in the USA in July.

Guatemala

Chef Euda Morales was reelected as President of AGUAC Association for 2007/ 2009. The Chef is collaborating with Mrs. Susan Metz, in Women in WACS. The AGUAC is preparing a team for the 2008 ERFURT Olympics and will be participating of the Global Chefs in the USA in July.

Bahamas

I have no information about them, or e-mail address, neither fax number.

El Salvador

They have regularly sent information; newsletter and they often call us. They have been waiting to be an active member of WACS.

The USA

All the information are not sent to Continental director. They are transmitted directly to the President or secretary. They participated in the Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France

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