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# WACS

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHEFS' SOCIETIES





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## THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF CHEFS SOCIETIES

The World Association of Chefs Societies, or WACS in short, is a global network of chefs associations first founded in October 1928 at the Sorbonne in Paris. The venerable Auguste Escoffier was named the first Honorary President.

Today, this global body has 93 official member chefs associations that represent 10 million professionals worldwide

## OUR MISSION

The World Association of Chefs Societies is a non-political professional organization, dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisines.

We accomplish these goals through education, training and professional development of our international membership. As an authority and opinion leader on food, WACS represents a global voice on all issues related to the culinary profession.

## OUR VISION: RETHINKING TRADITION

Trying to uphold tradition while keeping up with the changes of modern times should lead WACS to regularly rethink the way it operates. This means some risks have to be taken in order to let the culinary arts advance in a positive way; a way that can benefit all members of WACS.

Today, the role the World Association of Chefs Societies plays in our community is significantly different than when WACS began in the Sorbonne in Paris more than 80 years ago. Our mission has extended far beyond that of culinary salons to become much more of a vehicle in creating strong, educated and knowledgeable chef communities by building a network, allowing them to work towards a common goal. WACS has completed a wide-ranging series of programs and put in a lot of effort to get where we are today. Providing education and influencing culinary trends combined with guidelines and standard changes in the area of international competitions mean that we regularly need to find new ways to deal with rising issues and the resulting needs in the culinary field. We are deeply committed to listening to members as well as our partners and to making open and educated decisions. Our vision and plan for the future of WACS is based on the priority issues that we have been able to identify as being important to the long-term interests of our members. We have taken on some very simple guiding principles to help us focus on what matters. As we look to the future:

*"Tradition becomes our security, and when the mind is secure it is in decay"*  
- Jiddu Krishnamurti

- We must embrace diversity, unite ideas and achieve our goals together with the members.
- We must support ideas and activities that promote the building and strengthening of existing member associations.
- We need to support and promote juniors and junior programs.
- We need to promote opportunities for learning and sharing knowledge for chefs around the world.

On behalf of the Board, the staff, the hundreds of volunteers and the thousands of chefs throughout the world involved in WACS, I want to say thank you for your dedication and your confidence in WACS.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the change you want to see happening in our culinary world!

With culinary friendship and respect,

Gissur Gudmundsson  
President



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## WACS MEMBERSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

WACS National Membership is open to one official culinary association or federation of a sovereign country. Individual members of this association automatically become members of WACS.

WACS member benefits include:

- \* Participating in WACS Congresses and Continental Meetings,
- \* Attending and participating in WACS Culinary Competitions,
- \* Receiving monthly electronic newsletters,
- \* Posting association news on the website [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org),
- \* Attending WACS Judging Seminars,
- \* Educational opportunities,
- \* Networking between member chefs across the globe,
- \* Cross cultural training opportunities,
- \* Participation in Junior Chef activities and more.

To find out who is representing WACS in your country please visit our member countries section on [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org).

If your country is not represented in WACS and you represent an official culinary association in your country, your association is eligible for National Membership.

Annual membership fee: 750 Euros.

#### AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Affiliate Membership constitutes a temporary, non-voting, fee-paying membership status not to exceed a five-year period. This provision would allow developing associations in new countries to become part of the WACS family and, at a later point, become a regular member.

Annual membership fee : 200 Euros.

#### CORPORATE / ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Companies, culinary institutions and associations that wish to become members of WACS are eligible for corporate or associate membership providing they have a recommendation from the official WACS Member Association of their country. Applications for admission for a WACS Associate Membership must be made to the Board of Directors, who will, based on the criteria, vote on its acceptance.

Corporate/ Associate Members have no voting rights and pay a current annual fee to WACS. Corporate/Associate Members will be listed on the official WACS list on [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org).

Other benefits include receiving WACS information and the ability to participate in WACS Congresses and other WACS events. Corporate/ Associate members may apply for the use of the WACS Corporate/ Associate membership logo.

Annual membership fee : 1000 Euros.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact for general information office@worldchef.org

WACS website is [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org)

WACS By-Laws: [www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009\\_beta/en/about\\_wacs/bylaws.php](http://www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009_beta/en/about_wacs/bylaws.php)

WACS Executive Committee: [www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009\\_beta/en/about\\_wacs/executive\\_committee.php](http://www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009_beta/en/about_wacs/executive_committee.php)

WACS Board of Directors: [www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009\\_beta/en/about\\_wacs/WACS\\_board.php](http://www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009_beta/en/about_wacs/WACS_board.php)

WACS official brochure: [www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009\\_beta/document/WACS\\_brochure\\_en.pdf](http://www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009_beta/document/WACS_brochure_en.pdf)

WACS official publication "World Chefs Magazine": [www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009\\_beta/en/news/magazine.php](http://www.wacs2000.org/wacs2009_beta/en/news/magazine.php)

# WACS Member Application Form



**THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR:**

National Membership

Associate Membership

Affiliate Membership

Corporate Membership

<b>I. ORGANISATION DETAILS</b>			
Name of Organisation			
Street			
City		State	
Postal Code		Country	
Website			
<b>2 PERSON RESPONSIBLE (President, Director, other...)</b>			
Name		Title	
Tel.		Mobile	
Fax		Email	
<b>3. CONTACT PERSON (if other than above)</b>			
Name		Title	
Tel.		Mobile	
Fax		Email	
<b>4. INVOICE ADDRESS (If different than above)</b>			
Contact		Title	
Street		City/State	
Postal Code		Country	
Tel		Email	
<b>5. OTHER DETAILS (complete where applicable)</b>			
Primary language		Main activity	
No. of members		No. of employees	
Publication? If yes, name		No. of branches	
Comments			

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## FOR NATIONAL AND AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP ONLY

### 6. DETAILS OF CULINARY COMPETITIONS AND TRADE SHOWS IN YOUR COUNTRY

1st Event name		Organiser	
Duration		Time of year	
2nd Event name		Organiser	
Duration		Time of year	
3rd Event name		Organiser	
Duration		Time of year	

### 7. CREDENTIALS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION (Please attach to this form)

- Short description of your association and its history.
- The statutes / constitution / laws of your association.
- The criteria for electing committee members / leaders in your association.
- Letter of confirmation from your government confirming the national status of your association

Please specify a date when a WACS member can visit your country to validate the application. (The cost of which must be borne by your association.)

Do you have a government recognised chefs training program? If yes please detail.

### 8. OTHER OPTIONS

- Yes, I would like to receive a WACS Wall plaque.  
I agree to paying an initial fee of 500 Euros the first year, and thereafter an annual fee of 300 Euros per year.
- Yes, I would like to receive  additional WACS Supporter Plaques.  
I agree to paying an initial fee of 300 Euros for each additional plaque, and thereafter an annual fee of 300 Euros per year.
- Yes I would like to receive free samples of World Chefs Magazine for distribution among my members/employees.  
Number of copies required:  (Only handling and shipping cost applies.)

Thank you for your interest in WACS and taking the time to fill out this application form. It will be sent to the respective authorities, who will revert on the status of your application within 2 weeks of submission.

I confirm that I have read and understood the terms and conditions for WACS Membership. I certify that I am an authorized agent of the above-named organisation and have authority to make agreements on its behalf.

Signed by

Title

Date

## WACS

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www.worldchefs.org

## Return Form To

World Association of Chefs Societies  
By Email : office@worldchefs.org  
By Fax : +33 (0)1 70 44 84 18



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## MEMBERSHIP RULES (extract from By-laws 2010)

### 2.1. National Member Societies

**2.1.1.** WACS is a global representative grouping of national chefs' societies. Each country can only be represented by a single chefs' society, which must be of national significance. In this context, the expression "country" shall refer to an independent state recognized by the WACS community. Attached is the recognized WACS list with 196 countries. Countries that are not on the list have to apply to the congress for inclusion.

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**2.1.1.d** Attached is the recognized WACS list with 199 countries. Countries that are not on the list have to apply to the congress for inclusion.

**2.1.2.** Individuals are WACS members through their membership of a WACS-recognized national society.

**2.1.3.** All WACS National Member Societies remain independent for economic and organizational purposes.

**2.1.4.** Member benefits and opportunities:

Attending a WACS congress and continental meetings, Junior competition and meetings at the congress, Attending approved WACS competitions, see current list on the updated website., Monthly newsletter from the website [www.wacs2000.org](http://www.wacs2000.org) / [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org) News from your association on the website [www.wacs2000.org](http://www.wacs2000.org) / [www.worldchefs.org](http://www.worldchefs.org), WACS Judges' seminars, WACS Judges' passport, Education opportunities, Networking between member chefs across the globe.

### 2.2. Affiliate Members

**2.2.1.** Affiliated membership constitutes a temporary, non-voting, fee-paying membership status not to exceed a five-year period. This provision would allow developing associations in new countries to become part of the WACS family, and at a later point become a regular member. Affiliate membership can only be granted with the support of the respective national member society.

### 2.3. Associate Members

**2.3.1.** On recommendation from a WACS National Member Society or a WACS Member of the Board of Directors, Members may apply for membership to the World Association of Chefs' Societies.

**2.3.2.** Associate Members may be from a trade related association, an organization or institution.

**2.3.3.** Applications for admission for a WACS Associate Membership must be made to the Board of Directors, who will, based on the criteria, vote on its acceptance.

**2.3.4.** Associate Members have no voting rights.

**2.3.5.** Associate Members pay a current annual fee to WACS.

**2.3.6.** After becoming an official WACS Associate Member, the name of the member will appear on the official WACS list. Other benefits include receiving WACS information and the ability to participate in WACS congresses and other events of WACS.

**2.3.7.** Associate members may apply for the use of the WACS Associate membership logo. (See logo guidelines)

**2.3.8.** Membership can only be granted with support of the respective national member society.

### 2.4. Corporate Members

**2.4.1.** On recommendation from a WACS National Member Society or a WACS Member of the Board of Directors, Corporate Members may apply for membership to the World Association of Chefs' Societies.

**2.4.2.** Corporate Members may be a company, corporation, culinary school etc.

**2.4.3.** Applications for admission of a WACS Corporate Membership must be made to the Board of Directors, who will, based on the criteria, vote on its acceptance.

**2.4.4.** Corporate Members have no voting rights.

**2.4.5.** Corporate Members pay a current annual fee to WACS.

**2.4.6.** After becoming an official WACS Corporate Member, the name of the member will appear on the official WACS list. Other benefits include receiving WACS information and the ability to participate in WACS congresses and other events of WACS and networking with WACS membership.

**2.4.7.** Corporate members may apply for the use of the WACS corporate membership logo. (See Logo guidelines)

**2.4.8.** Membership can only be granted with the support of the respective national member society.

### 2.5. Application for National Membership

**2.5.1.** Applications for either category of WACS membership must first be submitted to the Continental Director, who will submit it to the General Secretary who will duly process the application in line with the set WACS criteria for acceptance.

**2.5.2.** In the case of applications for WACS National Member Society membership, correct and complete applications should include documentation, of their legitimate existence, recognition by their national government, (under special circumstances the board reserves the right to approve applications) and a track record of active members as a national society for a minimum of two (2) years. Applying chefs association has to pay a fixed fee to WACS at the time the WACS board is considering the application.

**2.5.3.** During the WACS World Congress, the Board of Directors will present approved applications whereby current WACS National Member Societies will vote on their acceptance for WACS membership (majority vote).

**2.5.4.** If the country from which an application for WACS National Society membership originates is already represented by a national cooks' society, the WACS Extraordinary Member membership must be offered to the applicant.

**2.5.5.** Membership can only be granted with the support of the respective national member society.

### 2.6. Notice of termination of membership

**2.6.1.** Six months prior notice must be given by a National Society or Associate Member or a Corporate Member to end their membership in WACS.

**2.6.2.** Notice must be sent in writing to the current WACS Board of Directors stating the reasons for termination.

**2.6.3.** All financial contributions outstanding must be duly paid until termination.

**2.6.4.** All categories of WACS membership that have violated the statutes of WACS or have damaged the interests of WACS and/ or the professional status of chefs through their misconduct will be excluded from WACS. Termination of membership can be initiated by the Board and confirmed by the next Congress.

**2.6.5.** Official WACS current members will vote on such measures at the world congress on the request of the WACS Board of Directors. A two-thirds majority of the delegates must carry the decision for membership exclusion.

**2.6.6.** National Society, Affiliate, Corporate, or Associate members which fail to pay their dues for two (2) consecutive years will be notified at the next congress by the Board of Directors that they will be removed from the WACS membership lists due to such delinquent payments.

**2.6.7.** Inactivity of member country can result in the election of a different and more active member society if the current member 1. Have not paid the dues. 2. Does not respond to communications calls // email // fax 3. Does not attend Congress or regional meetings on an ongoing basis