



World Association of Chefs Societies
Continental Report Gissur Gudmundsson

My report

- I made the decision to keep my report short. You will find all my reports for this year on the WACS website. I will only give you an overview of what has happened this year up to this day.



Bigger WACS

- I believe that everyone has the right to be a member of WACS and it is our responsibility to bring them in as members. Since our last Continental meeting in Budapest, I am proud to say that Estonia, Lithuania and Belarus from my area have all been accepted in at our Congress in Auckland



But we can do better

- I have never said no to a country when they wanted my assistance, even if they were not in my area, but I have tried to inform the other Continental Directors when I was asked to help.
- Today WACS counts 73 countries. Still, we have about 100 countries around the world that could take part in our organization, in one way or another. Let's all try to work together to bring more countries into our family.



Where have I been this year

- Of my 16 countries, I have travelled to 10 of them this year and have had contact with all of them in one way or another. In most of them, I have taken part in competitions or other events and I can say that in all the countries, I have been a witness to great passions for our profession.
- I have also been in 6 other countries around the world to judge and take part in congresses. In all these places, I have had the opportunity to explain what WACS is doing and what it means, and I can tell you that interest for WACS is high, but most of these countries have complaints about the lack of information on our organization.



WACS Board Meetings

- This year we have had three board meetings including the congress.
- Many issues have been put on the table each time and it sometimes can feel like progress slow but, I think we are on the right track.



By-Laws

- The new by-laws were accepted at our last congress. We don't have many major on going changes at this time, but I have put them on today's agenda to give you the opportunity to come to us with your inputs.
- This is your meeting and you should use this opportunity to let us know if you can think of any improvements we can make.



Luxembourg is coming up

- Within a month, many of us will meet again in Luxembourg.
- We will have a stand or booth there to present WACS; what we do and what we stand for. I urge you all to let others know about it, take the time to come visit us and come and give us a hand if you can.
- This will be an opportunity for many to get to know us in person.



Global Chefs Challenge, Semifinal in Northern Europe

- I have made an agreement with Estonia to host and organize the first Semifinal in Northern Europe for the Global Chefs Challenge.
- This is a big task for small countries and we will need your support in this to make this into a successful event. Later on today, the Estonian Chefs Association will give you more information about this event.



Thanks

- I would like to thank you all in my area and in all of Europe for the support you have shown me. Without it I would not have the possibility to fulfill all the tasks you have given me and I am pleased to do this on your behalf. I welcome anyone who would like to be more involved and would like to help me out in these tasks.

