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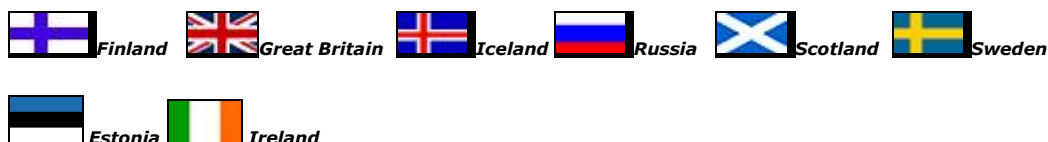
WACS
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Countries not participating at the Meeting:

Azerbaijan excused, **Lithuania** excused, **Latvia** excused, **Norway** excused,
Portugal excused, **Moldova** excused, **Montenegro** excused, **Belarus** excused,
Denmark excused, **Wales** excused,.

Not excused: **France**, **Spain**, **Turkey**, **Ukraine**, **Uzbekistan**

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1. Welcome by the President of the Slovak Union of Chefs and Confectioners Frantisek Janata and the Chairman of the Conference Reinhold Metz Continental Director Central Europe

The President of the Slovak Union of Cooks and Confectioners Mr. František Janata in his opening speech welcomed participants at the conference in Bratislava and introduced a founder of the Slovak Union Mr. Ondrej Antovszký, honorary President of the Slovak Union of Chefs and Confectioners. He wished all participants successful meeting and a pleasant stay in Slovakia.

Continental Director Mr. Reinhold Metz welcomed participants, emphasized the need to honour forerunners and founders of Unions and acknowledged the presence of Mr. Antovszky and Mr. Hüpfel, a founder of the Austrian Union of Chefs and Confectioners. He read a message from the WACS President Mr. Ferdinand Metz, who could not attend the conference due to his working schedule.

2. Chairman Information about the meeting procedure

Reinhold Metz informed participants about the program and procedures of the meeting.

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 Helsinki

Reinhold Metz informed that the Minutes of last meeting in Helsinki were distributed with apologies for their lateness and incomplete version.

The minutes of meeting in Helsinki were unanimously approved.

5. Reports of the Continental Directors:

Continental Directors presented their activities

Attachment 1 Report from G. Gudmundsson CD Northern Europe

Attachment 2 Report from Srečko Koklič CD Southern Europe

Attachment 3 Report from Reinhold Metz CD Central Europe

The following proposals were discussed:

CD Gudmundsson: questioned about the convenience of the date of the conference in Bratislava.

Chairman R. Metz: did not understand the discussion because the date was sanctioned and accepted by all countries which were in Helsinki.

Great Britain: to have a conference every six months is too often

Cyprus: proposed compromise – to organize a conference every 9 months

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- Bulgaria : proposed to hold regional meetings every 6 month and a continental conference once a year
- Chairman: we like to see everybody of the European Continent as often as possible. Regional meeting can be done if there is a need.
- Italy: proposed to hold regional conferences in regular interval as per the recommendation of R. Metz:, which stated that if a meeting is necessary it will be scheduled.
- Scotland: proposed to organize conferences on an as-needed basis and at the end of a meeting to approve the date of next conference.

Proposal of the representative of Scotland was fully accepted.

6. Education Program (Certification; Continued Education)

At this point R. Metz reminded everyone that a survey was developed in a form of questionnaire. He announced that only 12 countries have sent back completed questionnaires and he emphasized the importance of feedback. In the discussion participants criticised that the questions in questionnaires are not formed in a right way and proposed to have 25 % of the questions to be oriented individually and 50 % of the question to be oriented generally. Tony Jackson as member of the education committee will take the complains into the next meeting of the education committee..

Further they proposed to fix the deadline for sending back the questionnaire. Representative of Germany mentioned the high cost of the certificate program. R. Metz mentioned that WACS is looking for sponsors to financial support of this program.

7. Women in WACS

Important field of interest is the initiative of Women in WACS. Participants of the conference received working papers titled Women in WACS Status in March 2007

Participants agreed that it is necessary to pay attention to this topic in order to increase an involvement of women into WACS activities. R. Metz asked the participant to pay attention to these problems and mentioned that updated information will be published on WACS website.

All participants had a handout in their support.

8. WACS Global Chefs Challenge

Participants received working papers containing dates of regional finals, judge committees, and awards .

At this point of the meeting Denes Sandor, Hungary presented the standing of the Global Chef Organizing Committee for the Central European Competition. In Budapest.

CD S. Koklič presented final details concerning finals of Global Chefs Challenge South Europe in Bled, Slovenia.

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Mrs. Ovajeski , Estonia gave a verbal statement about the organizing committee doing the Northern European Competition of The Global Chef Challenge. Gissur Gudmundsson mentioned, that he was as an observer in Johannesburg, South Africa and gave a report of the first Continental competition of the WACS Global Chefs Challenge. He referred to the Report of Robert Oppeneder, who was the head judge without jury duty, the adviser and the official observer of the Culinary Committee.

9. New upcoming WACS Presidency

R. Metz introduced the subject of the new presidium and explained the criteria for future candidates as developed by the board. The representative of Cyprus stated that each country must have the same chance regardless the largeness of the country. Reinhold Metz explained that smaller countries will be able to take over the presidium once a permanent office has been established.

10. European Union Programs: Comenius-Leonardo-Erasmus-Lingua Junior Exchange Educational Programs

It is possible to draw the money from mentioned programs to support activities of Unions. R. Metz emphasized that it is not possible to apply for these resources through WACS, each country must do it itself.

In the discussion a representative from Poland Kurt Scheller informed about obtaining money from these funds. Representative from Malta mentioned that Leonardo is a good starting point. R. Metz requested a representative of Malta to work out the “guide” how to proceed. Representatives of Malta promised to work out an information about procedure about the exchange programs. Representative of Romania informed that there exist several possibilities for obtaining money, e. g. joint venture with schools.

11. Permanent WACS Office / By-Laws

In a discussion participants confirmed the necessity to establish permanent WACS Office, which is a financial problem as mentioned representative of Malta. Representatives of Hungary asked for information on the criteria concerning the establishment of an office. Hungary would be interested in establishing the office and R. Metz asked representatives of Hungary to complete and send concrete proposal, including financial contributions they would be willing to make.

12. WACS Approved Judges List

R. Metz informed the delegates that the condition concerning age limit was eliminated. It is proposed that judges’ panels would be a combination of older, more experienced judges and also of young judges. The Culinary Committee will compile a new list. Recommendations for judges of individual countries are necessary to be present through the Continental Directors. R. Metz informed that there will be a judges seminar in Dubai where new countries with little experiences could achieve necessary information how to proceed.

13. Standing Committees Changes

Participants were informed about the changes in the WACS Standing Committees.

See Attachment

14. European strategy for the next congress bids by the Czech Republic and Hungary

Representative of Hungarian delegation presented readiness of Hungary to organize WACS World Congress in 2012. President of the Chefs Union of the Czech Republic informed about abdication from candidacy for organizing WACS World Congress 2012 and called for support for Hungary.

Furthermore Italy and Russia expressed their interest to organize WACS World Congress. Russia will present the candidacy at next WACS continental conference.

15. Website activated through more European influence

Mr. R. Metz stated that European countries are not well presented on the WACS website and called on individual countries to provide more input.

16. Reports by present Association Presidents

Representatives of each country informed the delegates about their most important activities since the conference in Helsinki.

Austria:

- Cooks educational activities oriented to health food with low content of cholesterol and fat,
- Developing huge cooperation with spas,
- Organizing junior competition,
- Participated at Expogast Luxembourg.

Bulgaria:

- Founded a new office,
- Running new educational system

Croatia:

- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg,
- Organizing educational activities for chefs,

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- Founding of a new office in Varaždin,
- Preparation for Global Chefs Challenge 2007,
- Started series of educational seminars with different topics

Cyprus:

- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg,
- Started preparation for IKA Erfurt,
- Preparation of General Assembly

Czech Republic:

- Developing cooperation with Hotels Association of the Czech republic,
- Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic,
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic preparation of meeting with the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic concerning change of educational system,
- Preparation of participation at competition in Chicago,
- Participation of senior national cooks team in Moscow.

Estonia:

- Preparation of participation at 3 junior competition,
- Preparation of Global Chef Competition,
- Publishing 2 books,
- Close cooperation with schools

Finland:

- Obtain high credibility in government and parliament,
- Establishing relations with newly elected Minister,
- Orientation to health nutrition and increasing consumption of potatoes
- Will become an active member of the WACS ICMC program

Germany:

- Participated at Expogast Luxembourg
- Presentation and invitation for IKA Erfurt 2008,
- Emphasized connection of theoretical and practical activities.

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Great Britain:

- Magazine Culinary news achieved national award for quality,
- Candidates chosen for the Global Chefs Challenge in Tallinn,
- Cooperation with young people for support of their interest in gastronomy.

Greece:

- Orientation to support Greek production,
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism
- TV orientated to promotion of Greek cuisine.

Hungary:

- Successful participation in Luxembourg,
- Organizing of competitions for restaurants and sommeliers,
- Preparation for Global Chefs Challenge in September 2007

Iceland:

- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg and SCOTHOT,
- Organizing of reception for 1000 persons,
- Junior exchange program with Canada,
- Preparation for Nordic Congress in May 2007

Ireland:

- Creation of new senior cooks team,
- Preparation for competitions

Italy:

- Presented proposal for 2 candidates for judges,
- Support of trainers and educational programs for juniors,
- Support of health nutrition

Luxembourg:

- Celebration of 75th anniversary of Vatel Club,
- Organizing of Expogast 2006 Luxembourg more than thousand chefs 1000 participation of 45.000 visitors

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Malta:

- Preparation for Global Chefs Challenge,
- Organizing of the event “Malta Culinaria”,
- Olive oil festival 2006 with planting trees action
- Invitation Malta Chefs associations on action “Make Malta green”.

Netherlands:

- New competition North of Holland,
- Cooks academy – basic cooking,
- Preparation for the competition in Global Chefs Challenge

Poland:

- Junior team participated at Expogast in Luxemburg
- Participation at a competition in Italy,
- Cooperation with schools

Romania:

- Election to the national office,
- Participation at the gastronomy festival in Istanbul,
- “Spring in Gastronomy” – opening of the summer season,
- Publishing of book about traditional Romanian cuisine,
- Preparation for Culinary Cup in Moscow,
- preparation for Global Chefs Challenge

Russia:

- participation at a competitions in Malta and Turkey,
- Preparation for Kremlin Culinary Cup,
- Participation at several national and international competitions

Scotland:

- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg,
- Organizing of SCOTHOT COMPETITION concluding an agreement on Cooperation with the National Tourism Authority

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Serbia:

- Participation at the competition in Istanbul,
- Concluding an agreement on cooperation with the Federation of Italian Cooks
- Participation at humanitarian events

Slovakia:

- Thanked all participants for their presence at the conference,
- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg,
- Organizing exhibition “Poetry in Gastronomy” at the Inte.l Tourism Fair,
- Preparation of WACS Continental Conference,
- Preparation of conditions for selection of members for new national team of the Slovak Republic,
- Preparation of coverage in “Slovak House” at the World Olympic Games in China,
- Preparation of celebration of cooks patron

Slovenia:

- Participation at the Expogast Luxembourg and GAST Klagenfurt,
- New program for education and cooperation with government,
- Start work with junior chef s team for IKA 2008
- Participation at culinary festival in Slovenia
- Preparation of cooks day, charity evening for hungry Children in Slovenia
- Preparation of Global Chefs Challenge.

Switzerland:

- participation at the Expogast Luxembourg
- Participation at the Culinary Classics in Chicago

Sweden:

- Nobel Dinner organizing in November 2006 junior national team preparation,
- National assembly preparation,
- Preparation for Global Chefs Challenge

Montenegro:

- Start with competition on WACS regular
- Work together and with help colleague from Slovenia
- Start preparing the candidate for Global Chef s Challenge

Klub Köche Kärnten KKK:

- Participation at the Expogast Luxembourg
- Provided catering for football team during the European football championship

South Tyrol

- Participation at Expogast Luxembourg,
- Celebration of the 35. Anniversary of the SKV
- SKV presented the first red wine bottle with WACS Logo on the label.

The representative of Estonia proposed to present individual country reports in written form due to the time difficulties of this point of programme and disorderliness by holding 2 minutes time limit. Another proposal asked to present the written report and to hold 2 minute time limit for verbal presentation of the most important activities

Second proposal was agreed.

Mr. Yiannakis Agapiou from Cyprus will create a working sheet form for the Country reports.

17. WACS International Certified Master Chef

R. Metz appealed to member countries to participate in the selection of candidates for the WACS International Certified Master Chef.

There was a misunderstanding about the costs. They will not be higher than around 150 € to 200 € for the pin, the ribbon, the certificate and the announcement into the Master Chef Council and Master Chef Roll.

18. New European Countries 3 CD's

R. Metz welcomed newly accepted affiliated countries members Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro with the assurance that they will be officially presented to be voted in as new WACS members at WACS World Congress in Dubai.

19. European Meetings, Structure, Translations, Secretary

In discussion with reference to point 16, a proposal was presented to extend conference meetings to a 11/2 days. This proposal did not meet a wide support of the delegates.

Proposal from Cyprus;

Meeting young Chefs at the same time on EU conference and than report of them on conference.

All agreed and we will start a tryout at our next Conference in Prague.

Everybody should think about a interesting program for the youngsters.

20.Next Meeting / Date and Place

Interest for candidacy for organizing next continental conference was expressed by: Serbia, Czech Republic and Greece. In a secret voting 27 entitled members voted. As the results the

- Czech Republic PRAGUE won with 13 votes over to
- Greece ATHENE (10 votes) and
- Serbia BEOGRAD (4 votes).
- Dates for next conference were set for the end of February 2008.

21. New Business / Open Floor

It was agreed that new subjects of interest to the WACS membership should presented in written form. (and must before conference to give away or to mediate on e mail to chairman of conference in English language).

The delegates were also reminded that only one association can represent one country.

22. Thanking the Host Country

The chairman of the conference R. Metz express thanks to the Slovak Union of Chefs and Confectioners for a very well organized European Continental Presidents Conference with a big personal engagement.

Chairman Reinhold Metz closed the meeting at 18.00.

Bratislava 23. 03. 2007

R. Metz

S. Koklič

G. Gudmundsson

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CD Report Central Europe Reinhold Metz

WACS Standing Committees