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World Association of Chefs Societies to Assume Administration of WCC Certification from American Culinary Federation

St. Augustine, Fla., July 21, 2010— Gissur Gudmundsson, president of the World Association of Chefs Societies (WACS), and Michael Ty, president of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), have announced that the administration and implementation of the WACS Certified Chef (WCC) certification program, currently managed by ACF, will be assumed by WACS starting Sept 1.

The WCC certification, instituted in 2006, recognizes international culinary excellence and is a testament to culinary professionalism and personal achievements. Certification is based on international standards of education and training, with qualifications determined by individual member countries. ACF began administering the program in September 2006. As the current administration agreement with ACF ends, WACS now has the resources to manage the program and will preside over the WCC certification program going forward. John Clancy, WACS certification chair, will assume responsibility for the program's administration.

"The World Association of Chefs Societies thanks ACF for the great groundwork and amazing foundation that we can now build on," said Gudmundsson. "This is an important and historical step for WACS in its greatest objective; education. We look forward to continuing to work with ACF on this and many other programs for the benefit of our profession."

"The American Culinary Federation is pleased to have piloted the certification program for WACS," said Ty. "We realize that after four years it is time for WACS to take over the administration of its program, and we are glad we were able to assist them. We wish President Gudmundsson much success as we pass the baton."

About the World Association of Chefs Societies

Founded in 1928 in Paris, the World Association of Chefs Societies, www.worldchefs.org, is a global network of national chefs associations from 93 countries, representing more than 10 million professional chefs worldwide. WACS is a nonpolitical professional organization dedicated to maintaining and improving the culinary standards of global cuisines through education, training and professional development of its international membership. As an authority and opinion leader on food, WACS represents a global voice on all issues related to the culinary profession.

About the American Culinary Federation

The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 20,000 members spanning 225 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and programmatic accreditation. In addition, ACF operates the most comprehensive certification program for chefs in the United States. ACF is home to ACF Culinary Team USA, the official representative for the United States in major international culinary competitions, and to the Chef & Child Foundation, founded in 1989 to promote proper nutrition in children and to combat childhood obesity. For more information, visit www.acfcchefs.org.

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