

ECG Steering Committee - WACS Congress 2008

(Most are also members of the Guild Executive Committee.)

Admin.

[M/s Josephine Cuthbert](#);

Guild Assistant Coordinator

[Uwe Micheel](#):

Guild President; Director of Kitchens, Radisson Dubai.

[Alen Thong](#):

Guild Coordinator, 2008 Congress Director, Managing Partner, John Holt Foods.

[Andy Cuthbert](#):

Guild Chairman, 2008 Congress Coordinator, EaM, F&B, Emirates Towers Dubai; Director of Operations, Jumeirah Hospitality..

[Heinz Zucchelli](#):

Guild Vice-President, Director of Production, Emirates Flight Catering.

[Andy Kuerfurst](#):

Guild PR Officer, Chief Competition Marshal, Executive Chef Renaissance, Dubai.

[Michael Wunsch](#):

Guild Treasurer, General Manager, Barakat Quality Plus, Dubai.

[Patrick Lannes](#):

Guild i/c French Sponsors, Executive Chef Le Royal Meridian Jumeirah Beach & Executive Chef Grosvenor House Hotel.

[Ingo Maass](#);

Guild MLA Black Box Coordinator, Executive Chef, JW Marriott Dubai.

[Alan Pedge](#):

Guild Assistant Treasurer, Executive Chef Millennium Hotel Sharjah.

[Raman Khanna](#);

Guild Culinary Judging Consultant, Director Hotel, Restaurant & Hospitality Development, Aldar Corp. Abu Dhabi.

[Martino D'Souza](#):

Guild i/c Indian Affairs, Executive Chef, Millennium Hotel Dubai.

[David Beckett](#):

Guild Membership Secretary, Manager Delicia Foods Dubai.

[Rabie Issa](#):

Chairman, Lebanese Business Council Dubai.

The guild has been in existence since 1989. It was formalized in 1992. It runs 3 major competitions each year: The four-day Emirates Salon Culinaire, with 1000+ entries; the seven-day Middle East Junior Chef of the Year, with 600+ entries and the two-day MLA Black Box Culinary Challenge, with 15 five-star teams. In addition, the guild organizes events on behalf of Dubai Government, e.g. in December 2006 the guild will organize the cooking and serving of 35,000 portions of the local dessert LOUKAMAT at Dubai's Heritage Village – this to celebrate the UAE's 35th National day.

In the case of the congress organisation, job titles are ignored. All decisions are made in committee. Members volunteer to take upon themselves those tasks they feel qualified to complete. All information flow in and out is channeled through Alen Thong and Andy Cuthbert. AT and AC in cooperation with Uwe Micheel, the guild president, ensure that all aspects of admin and logistics are covered. In essence, individual members of the committee report to AT & AC and AT & AC report back to the committee whole on progress made. The system works very well as everyone understands what is going on and all are working to the same end, therefore decisions can be quickly made and implemented.