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TREVOR RITCHIE WINS THE WACS HANS BUESCHKENS JUNIOR CHEFS CHALLENGE

SANTIAGO, CHILE: The **Canadian Culinary Federation (CCFCC)** is proud and delighted to announce that Junior Chef **Trevor Ritchie**, of Niagara, Ontario, under the guidance of his Executive Chef and mentor James Olberg of Queens Landing Hotel, finished in first place with a gold medal and the Memorial Trophy at the WACS Hans Bueschkens Junior Culinary Challenge, which took place at the WACS Congress in Santiago, Chile on Wednesday January 27, 2010.

Trevor, winner of the 2009 CCFCC National Junior Culinary Challenge at the CCFCC National Conference in Kelowna last May, represented Canada and competed against Junior Chefs from other WACS member countries. This competition was first held in Japan in 1992 and is named after the late renowned Canadian chef Hans Bueschkens, who served two consecutive terms as WACS President from 1980 to 1988, and who played a key role in the creation of programs that would interest junior chefs.

Each Junior Chef had three and a half hours to prepare and present a well-balanced three-course menu for 8 in this “mystery basket” style competition for a panel of international judges including Christophe Luzeux, Executive Chef of the Trade Centre Limited in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

I was extremely proud and pleased to be a part of this event and of Trevor’s tremendous accomplishment”, said Luzeux. CCFCC National President Judson Simpson also congratulated Trevor for winning this high level competition and for being such an outstanding role model to other Canadian junior chefs.

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