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### **Michel Escoffier Inducted into American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame**

**ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., July 16, 2009**—The American Academy of Chefs (AAC), the honor society of the American Culinary Federation (ACF), inducted Michel Escoffier into the AAC Culinary Hall of Fame. Escoffier was inducted during a formal ceremony and dinner at the 2009 ACF National Convention held at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Fla., July 10.

Established in 1988, the AAC Culinary Hall of Fame recognizes AAC Fellows for their accomplishments and extraordinary contributions to ACF, AAC and the culinary profession over a lifetime.

Michel Escoffier was born in Paris in 1944, the great-grandson of Auguste Escoffier. He lived throughout Europe and attended university in Switzerland. A former executive and consultant in urban development and telecommunications, he spent several years in Tunisia and Morocco with the World Bank and the United Nations before returning to Paris to market new technologies worldwide. His extensive world travels fostered an acute awareness of the legacy left by his great-grandfather, which led him to work with partners to develop a multimedia professional culinary education program.

Today, he is president of the Foundation Auguste Escoffier, Villeneuve-Loubet, near Nice, France, where Auguste Escoffier was born and where the Escoffier Museum is located. He has published *Auguste Escoffier: Memories of My Life* (John Wiley & Sons, 1996), by Auguste Escoffier, an account of his great-grandfather's life. He is actively involved in many events with culinary schools, the nonprofit organizations bearing the Escoffier name—Les Dames d'Escoffier, Les Amis d'Escoffier in the U.S. and Les Disciples d'Escoffier worldwide—the American Institute of Wine and Food and the American Culinary Federation.

“Induction into the American Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame is the highest honor an AAC Fellow can receive,” said AAC National Chair Thomas Macrina, CEC, CCE, AAC. “Since 1988, we have recognized more than 70 chefs who have dedicated their careers and their lives to advancing the culinary industry. We are proud to welcome five more to the Hall of Fame.”

Sponsors of AAC events at the 2009 ACF National Convention are: Allen Brothers; American Lamb Board; Barber Foods; BelGioioso Cheese Inc.; Buckhead Beef; Butterball Farms; The Chef's Garden; CleanFish; Contessa Premium Foods; The Crystal Cave; Desserts International; Ecolab; Harbor Seafood; Hudson Valley Foie Gras; Ice Caterers; Icon Estates; Jennifer Garant; Labriola; Lactalis; Les Chateaux de France; Marky's; Nestle Waters North America; New Chef Fashion; PinSource; Revol; The Schwan's Food Company; Shucks Maine Lobster; Tito's Hand Made Vodka; Valrhona; and Villeroy & Boch.

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The American Culinary Federation, Inc., established in 1929, is the premier professional organization for culinarians in North America. With more than 22,000 members spanning 230 chapters nationwide, ACF is the culinary leader in offering educational resources, training, apprenticeship and 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.acfchefs.org](http://www.acfchefs.org).

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