Alan PAYEN

MAURITIUS



Academic and Professional Qualifications

- Studied at St Joseph College.
- July 1981 to December 1983 followed Hotel Management Course
 - o Diplomas in: Cooking/Housekeeping/Front Office and Restaurant

Industrial Attachments (2000 to 2003) in different Departments

• Training at the following Institutions: Le Paradis, belle Mare Plage, La Pirogue, Saint Geran and Trou aux Biches

Professional Experience

- Part Time Teacher in Catering Courses (1983 1992)
- Opened my Restaurant 'Le Bon Choix' in 1993 until 2012
- Executive Chef at 'Le Bon Choix' since 1993 to 2012

Culinary Affiliations and Judging

- From 1995 up to 2010 Jury at the Hotel School of Mauritius for examinations and competitions in the field of catering
- In 1998 joined the Mauritius Chefs Association as Executive Member up to date
- Chairman of Judges in National Culinary Competitions in 2004 and 2005
- President of Jury for Moulin de la Concorde Competition from 2010 to 2013
- Participated in Judging Seminar Singapore 2006 and acted as Judge at the Competition
- Participated in Judging Seminar Malaysia 2007 and acted as Judge at the Competition
- Chairman of the Restaurant Commission of Association des Hoteliers et Restaurateurs lle Maurice (AHRIM) from 2005 to 2006. Was also a Board Member
- President of Mauritius Chefs Association from 2010 to 2012
- Founder of Association Cuisines et Vins Ile Maurice in 2005
- International and Local Jury in Black Box Competitions from 2004 to 2011
- WACS Certified International Judge since 2008
- Culinary Judge in International competitions
 - o 2006 Singapore
 - o 2007 Malaysia
 - o 2008 and 2013 Dubai
 - o 2009 and 2011 Seoul (South Korea)
 - o 2011 Bangkok
 - o 2010 Jakarta and Bali
 - o 2012 Egypt
 - o 2012 South Africa
 - o 2013 Saudi Arabia
 - o 2013 Reunion Island with Yves Candeborde (MasterChef)
 - o 2013 Moscow (Russia)
 - o 2014 Ekaterinburg Russia

Honours and Awards

- Became Disciple of Escoffier in May 2005
- Honorary Member of Mauritius Chefs Association in 2014
- Became 2nd Mauritian to be Toque Blanche in Cannes (France) in October 2008
- Honorary Member of Association Cuisines et Vins in 2009
- Commandeur de la Commanderie des Cordon Bleus de France in 2011.

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