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## Editorial

We would like to make 2007 a starting point for assessing Bureau-Info as to its contents and design over these four years.

The format of Bureau-Info was following the new corporate design, more modern and that was set at that period. We wanted to provide you with enlarged information including news coming from the various entities cooperating with the World Bureau (Regions, NSGFs, WOSM/WAGGGS).

We explored all possible means to mail Bureau-info. It was posted to all. Then we e-mailed it and send it by post to those who were not e-connected. We started posting it on the internet with access on the Internet side. We informed you beforehand while providing you with the link. How far has this process been working?

We are a year ahead of the World Conference that will be held in Tozeur, Tunisia, 20-26 October 2008. How is the Host Committee doing as to the preparation of this event?

“Together for a better world” is the World Conference motto. What would be done so this motto does not remain vain? More information and replies to these questions to follow.

Faouzia Kchouk  
ISGF Secretary General

## News form the World Bureau

Contrary to the previous numbers, we are now passing this heading first for reasons you will soon get to know.

### Circulating Bureau-info

We have realized that the information on Bureau-Info has not always been entirely collected and that the news transmitted by World Bureau has somehow been penalized.

We have circulated Bureau-Info by post or by mail to all; we then abandoned the sending by post office to those connected to the internet in order to be cost effective.

E-mail postage was abandoned at the request of some International Secretaries: the volume of the documents incurred telephone and colour printing expenses. We have transmitted Bureau-Info on the Web Site by communicating the link in order to simplify access. As we said it previously, some made partial readings of the document and ended up not downloading the essential documents needed for the good functioning of our association. We have provided the necessary links to make it easier for you to get to the document straightway.

The next publications of Bureau-Info will be key ones as they will be focussing on the World Conference (sending of the statutory and required documents of the General Assembly).

Thus we will restart the postage and mail distribution to all the organisations while maintaining the transmission of the document on the Web Site.

### The Directory.

We are now transmitting the latest update (as of 24th July 2007) done by Margaret Gossing, our new Assistant to the Secretary General. We devoted time and much attention to this essential working tool. With meticulous research of all the information received, Margaret and I proof read this document.

The updating of the Directory is done based on the information that is sent to the World Bureau in Brussels. We ask our International Secretaries to, please, fill in and return the forms which we send every year and, please, keep us currently updated. We would like to express our thanks to those who do it on a regular basis.

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The latest Directory updates are put on the Site in Intranet. You will just need to key in your access code.

<http://www.isgf.org/Members/annick/Folder.2004-05-25.5104/Folder.2004-07-27.1232/file.2005-12-08.5524796092>

<http://www.isgf.org/Members/annick/Folder.2004-05-25.5104/Folder.2004-07-27.1232/file.2005-12-22.1903582983>

#### World Gazette Mondiale

We have noticed that many NSGFs delayed in ordering the WGM, compared to the first edition. We eventually came to good solutions with them. We hope that such issue will be avoided in future. The World Bureau wishes to have a better control of its expenditures and at the same time, continue service to our Fellowships.

#### The Activity Report

Referring to the statistics, we've noticed some progress regarding the NSGFs that send their report to the World Bureau. This document is important as it holds genuine information that is worked out by the World Committee members in order to have it shared among other NSGFs.

So, we are now reiterating our demand to those who have not yet submitted their report of activities to do so accordingly.

#### The Census from the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2006

This document is essential to calculate the 2007 quota and the preparation of the invoices. Some ANSG have not yet sent the forms despite our various reminders.

Besides, please note that, during the settlement of your contributions, especially by Bank transfers, you should absolutely mention the N° of the Invoice; otherwise it is very difficult for us to identify the payments. We thank you in advance and, we'll appreciate your eventual contribution.

#### The Assistant to the General Secretary

Margaret Gossing came to service at the World Bureau on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. Some of you have already had the opportunity to communicate with her via the internet and have appreciated her competence. Margaret is bilingual and has already worked as a preliminary. We wish Margaret more success in all her work and hope that you'll get to know her more when we meet at Tozeur in Tunisia.

#### Working together

The smooth running of the World Bureau is not the WB staff' responsibility only. It is a shared responsibility. We are closely related, so together let us make our respective tasks easier for ISGF's sake.

In our next edition we will devote more space and time to our common activities. We are open to your remarks and suggestions. So, please, do not hesitate to pass them on to us. We will give full consideration to them.

#### World Bureau Holidays closure.

This summer the World Bureau will be closed from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August only.

I will be off 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August 2007. So, please and if necessary, direct your messages to Margaret: [assistant-isgf@skynet.be](mailto:assistant-isgf@skynet.be)

However I would like to remind you that Margaret's working days and hours are as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

### **News of the World Conference**

The 25<sup>th</sup> World Conference will be held in Tozeur, Tunisia from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The Amitié Tunisienne des Anciens Scouts et Guides is working actively in finalising the preparations of the World Conference which it is hosting. We have visited the amenities together with the hotels which will accommodate the participants. We consider that all the requirements are met. We express our thanks to the Host Committee for their efforts. You will be welcomed in the pure tradition of the Southern hospitality.

It is the first time that ISGF organises its World Conference on the African continent. Tunisia is situated on the Mediterranean coast of North Africa. It is the northernmost African country. Tunisia is at the crossroads of many civilizations (Phoenician, Roman, ottoman, Arab) which made it a country of consensus and sharing.

Another important news is to be mentioned: the World Conference will last six days. Another key information is to be shared: the Fellowship Day will be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. On this specific day and together we will join our efforts and enthusiasm on a common community project. We will let the Tunisian host Committee communicate on their project. Before the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 you will receive the booking pack (registration form, practical information guide). You will register online, or by post. The Host Committee is setting its own website.

The Amitié Tunisienne des Anciens Scouts et Guides hired the services of a professional agency that will take care of your booking. Tunisia is a congress and tourist destination (many international fairs and exhibitions are held) and demands professional standard on its associations organising such events.

The theme of the Conference as decided by the World Committee is "Together for a better world".

### **Stamp Bank**

We informed you in our last number of Bureau-Info that Stamp Bank represented a valuable income for our International development Fund (IDF). We want to boost this activity and we would appreciate your involvement.

As a first step we invite you to provide us with the contacts of the person in charge of the Stamp Bank at your national level. Please send your details to the World Bureau and do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

### **The History Book**

The two versions (English and French) are available. You can order them from Strade Aperte

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By fax : 0039 0736 361369 – 0039 06 8077647

The cost of the book is 10 euros (postal charges are in addition).

## **News from the Region**

### **Africa Region**

The second ISGF African Gathering will be held in Accra, Ghana, 2-9 November 2007. The Gathering is organised by the National Fellowship of St. Georges Guild- Ghana. You will find the relevant information on our website, <http://www.isgf.org>

Or you can click direct on [http://www.isgf.org/Members/annick/Folder.2004-03-15.3219/Document.2004-06-08.3917/document\\_view](http://www.isgf.org/Members/annick/Folder.2004-03-15.3219/Document.2004-06-08.3917/document_view)

### Arab Region

The 5<sup>th</sup> Arab Region Conference was held in Tunis, Tunisia, 24-28<sup>th</sup> may 2007. Around 100 participants attended the regional Conference, from all the Arab countries, members of ISGF, including Jordan whose membership application is well under way. Mr Tahar Ettoumi, National President of the Libyan Scout and Guide fellowship was elected to the Arab Regional Committee. The Action and financial plans 2007-2010 were accepted.

### The Europe Region

The 6<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference was held in Krakow, 20-24<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The key issues to be mentioned are: the election of a new Committee, as provided below, and the designation of Cyprus as the next country hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> European regional Conference in 2010.

Chairman	Jane Wardropper
Vice-Chairman	Christos Loukatos
Treasurer	Werner Weilguny
Secretary	Olav Balle
World Committee Liaison Officer	Anne Dupont

### News from the NSGF

#### Cyprus

Cyprus is back. We welcome Messrs Photis Mammedis and Michael Mavronichis designated respectively as National President and International Secretary of Cyprus Joint Committee of Former Scouts and Guides. During the Conference we have had the opportunity to meet them and restart contacts between the World Bureau and the Cyprus Fellowship. Since then we are in constant contact.

#### Spain

The Conference gave us the opportunity to establish contacts with the members of the Spanish Fellowship who were attending the Conference. We welcome Mr Santiago Ferreri I Roca as the International Secretary of I. Mr Enrique Soto Soto maintains his position as National President.

### News from Central Branch\*

*Central Branch (CB) is gradually expanding and we welcome some new countries: Sudan, Liberia and Jordan.*

*We know that some countries are working very hard to expand and Ivory Coast has now 146 members and will apply for full membership.*

*Cashing the small fee from 0,60 to 1.80 eurocent per year for individuals where there is no unit or group, is not easy. So we are looking for National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGF's) who want to sponsor our individual CB members. We also want to urge our NSGF's to have a twinning contact in one of those CB countries in order to give them a helping hand in expanding.*

*For any further support or more information about this issue please ask our Central Branch and Twinning Coordinator: [Leny.Doelman@inter.NL.net](mailto:Leny.Doelman@inter.NL.net)*

*The actual census of CB as per July 15, 2007 is **627** in 29 countries (488 in December 31, 2006).*

<i>Argentina</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Kenya</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Azerbaijan</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Liberia</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brazil</i>	<i>individual</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Nepal</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Burkina Faso</i>	<i>group</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Peru</i>	<i>individual</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>Burundi</i>	<i>individual</i>	2	<i>Rwanda</i>	<i>group</i>	31
<i>Cameroon</i>	<i>individual</i>	4	<i>South Africa</i>	<i>group</i>	10
<i>Canada (Agnes)</i>	<i>unit</i>	153	<i>Sudan</i>	<i>Individual</i>	2
<i>Canada (ACF)</i>	<i>group</i>	7	<i>Taiwan (ROC)</i>	<i>individual</i>	2
<i>Congo Brazzaville</i>	<i>individual</i>	1	<i>Tanzania</i>	<i>group</i>	25
<i>Cuba</i>	<i>individual</i>	1	<i>Thailand</i>	<i>individual</i>	1
<i>Ecuador</i>	<i>individual</i>	1	<i>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</i>	<i>individual</i>	1
<i>Iran</i>	<i>Individual</i>	1	<i>USA (Casegha - Haiti)</i>	<i>unit</i>	95
<i>Israel</i>	<i>individual</i>	2	<i>USA</i>	<i>individual</i>	24
<i>Ivory Coast</i>	<i>unit</i>	146	<i>Zambia</i>	<i>group</i>	25
<i>Japan</i>	<i>individual</i>	2	<i>Zimbabwe</i>	<i>individual</i>	1
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>individual</i>	1	<b>Total</b>		<b>627</b>

### News from WOSM

Two young Scout Leaders from Mauritania and Nepal will attend the World Scout Jamboree 2007 and be part of the International Service Team (IST). Their participation was funded by ISGF grants due to The Youth organisation as part of our support to Scouting. A meeting took place at our World Bureau with Arturo Romboli, Unit Manager –External relations at the World scout Bureau. An annual meeting is planned to receive reports follow up of our respective World Bureaus activities and exchanges.

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