



## Payment of registration fee

Some Central Branch groups have not paid their registration fee for 2006 yet which fee is normally being paid annually before July 1. For our 44 individuals we made an exception this year and their fee has been paid out of a special fund as banking costs are too high in comparison with the small fee to be paid.

## World Gazette Mondiale

Some members/groups/units have a subscription for this magazine of five euros per year. New members get a free subscription for the first year. This magazine is now also available on the website [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) in Word format and in PDF.

## Annual reports

Some units/groups sent in their annual report as requested. These reports are sent to the regional responsible persons in World Committee and to Communication and PR. We want to see how your unit/group is developing in order to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship. We also are eagerly looking into interested developments which you want to share and may be published in World Gazette Mondiale.

## New leaflet

With some adjustments in the text and replacement of some photos the general ISGF leaflet has been updated and re-issued. See [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) for a PDF version and for hard copies please ask the CB coordinator.

## Visas

We have issued a new document on obtaining visas. This document gives recommendation on the necessary steps for obtaining a visa when you want to attend an event. For more information see [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) and search for "obtaining visas".

## The Chairman's newsletter

The tradition of distributing a Chairman's Newsletter has started again. Why such a document? The World Committee meets once a year, usually in October. The Steering Committee, including the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen, the Secretary General and the Treasurer meet twice a year. Minutes are issued of these meetings are prepared and sent to World Committee members and not circulated to our National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGF's). In the Chairman's Newsletter you will find news and activities of the World Committee that have

been released and can be found on [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org) search for "the Chairman's Newsletter"

## Twinning

A member of the Canada Fellowship BP Guild has recently visited Allan Larrea, our only member in Ecuador, and they had a fruitful exchange.

Also some other CB members got in touch with members from other National Scout and Guide Fellowships. If you want to correspond with another member please ask me as I am also the Twinning Coordinator.

## Membership cards

All individuals and most of the units/groups who have paid their fees have already received their new laminated membership cards with an expiry date of five years. If the contact person of the unit/group has not send in their census for 2006 with names, the membership cards cannot be issued. So please see to it that the CB Coordinator gets the census and the names and the cards will be immediately sent to the contact person.

## Development

We welcomed four new countries in our CB family: Congo Brazzaville, Cuba, Iran and Peru. Recently we received a registration from Cuba together with a small note:

*My dear Scout Fellows,*

*It is for me a great emotion to address myself to you as it is now 42 years since Scouting in Cuba ended. I am very pleased to get the possibility to enroll myself in your organisation and to be as useful as you for the rest of my life. I was inaugurated in group "Havana 4", in April 1954 and I remember this as it happened yesterday. Since then I consider myself a Scout, like the saying "Once a Scout, always a Scout".*

*Leopoldo Vázquez Gutiérrez*

Editorial note: Scouting does not exist in Cuba and is not allowed. If you consider "Twinning" with him or even if you want to send him a note, please contact the CB Co-ordinator as we do not publish private e-mail addresses in any of our publications.

### Actual census Central Branch countries

As we did not receive all the invoices yet, the final total is not definitive.

Argentina	20
Azerbaijan	16
Brazil	2
Burkina Faso	15
Burundi	2
Cameroon	4
Canada (TG)	140
Canada (ACF)	7
Congo Brazzaville	1
Cuba	1
Ecuador	1
Iran	1
Israel	1
Ivory Coast	25
Japan	2
Kenya	25
Nepal	8
Peru	1
Rwanda	31
South Africa	10
Taiwan (ROC)	2
Tanzania	25
Thailand	1
Trinidad & Tobago	1
USA (Casegha)	95
USA individuals	22
Zambia	25
Zimbabwe	1
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Total	486

### The Scout & Guide Spirit Flame

The start of a new century of Scouting and Guiding worldwide is the time for ISGF to introduce the permanent symbol representing the essence of the Movement, the Spirit: "THE SCOUT & GUIDE SPIRIT FLAME"

#### Description of the project

On the evening of July 31, 2007 (the eve of Scouting's Sunrise), commemorating 100 years of Scouting, a flame lit at the grave of the founder of the Movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, in Nyeri, Kenya on February 22nd 2007 will arrive at the place of the very first Scout camp, Brownsea Island, UK. This strongly symbolises the founding of the Movement. The torch carrying the flame will be brought to its destination and to the extent possible by manpower only.

#### Flame route

The Flame will travel through Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium and United Kingdom.

### Carriers of the Flame

Walk with the Flame, run with your heart, go for the Spirit and do a Good Turn. The daily Good Turn idea is included in this project. Everyone can join in and support the Flame. The carriers of the Flame (runners and riders) will mainly be recruited from Scouts and Guides. The names of all runners are to be published on the website and it will be possible to sponsor a runner for a certain amount per kilometer. Also direct donations to the Flame are welcome. The money is collected centrally and goes to the Flame Fund. In the nine Flame countries, especially in the four non-European countries, the "Scout & Guide Spirit" Flame is linked to specific projects. The progress of sponsored projects will be reported on the Flame website.

### Promotional material

On the special Flame website [www.spirit-flame.com](http://www.spirit-flame.com) promotional material will be offered for sale.

The project has been encouraged and approved by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)

If you have a question please send a message to [info@spirit-flame.com](mailto:info@spirit-flame.com)

### Agenda events 2007

- February 22 – July 31

The Scout & Guide Spirit Flame project

- June 20 – 24

6<sup>th</sup> European Conference, Cracow, Poland

[www.isgf.krakowska.zhp.pl](http://www.isgf.krakowska.zhp.pl)

- July 27 – August 8

21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Hylands Park, Chelmsford, United Kingdom

ISGF will have an information centre and staff for running the booth has already been settled.

### Agenda event 2008

- October 20 – 26, 25th World Conference, Tozeur, Tunisia

**Seasons greetings and best wishes to all Central Branch members for 2007**

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