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## 1. News from individuals/groups/(sub)regions

### AFRICA

#### **Regional Committee**

The regional committee is working very hard to put the Africa Region on the ISGF map.

Gatherings are planned; publicity material developed and contacts being renewed.

In 2015 three gatherings will take place in West, East and South Africa.

Western Africa (not yet known)

Eastern Africa: 25-27 August in Kampala, Uganda

Southern Africa: 12-14 June in Lusaka, Zambia

A website for the Africa Region has been opened, see <http://www.isgfafricaregion.org>.

#### **Kenya**

In Kenya we have now two Local Scout and Guide Fellowships as well as some individual members. We have a group of Trefoil Guild members in Nairobi since many years and this year we welcomed the Nyeri Scout and Guide Fellowship. Lord Baden Powell as well as his wife Olave are buried in a grave at Nyeri.

The new Guild is working hard to attract more members.

#### **Malawi**

Some activities of Central Branch group Ekwendi are: cleaning the streets, assisting the elderly with harvesting and make the gardens tidy. They also give advice to the members how to be a better helpful individual. The group has monthly meetings.

### ASIA PACIFIC

#### **Maldives**

The Maldives Scout and Guide Fellowship worked very hard in order to be admitted as a full NSGF during ISGF World Conference 2014 in Sydney.



Abdullah Rasheed represented Maldives and received the official membership certificate. They gained more members and the total is now 147.

#### **Nepal**

We received a message from Shree Ram Lamichane, contactperson of the Central Branch group in Nepal, that the group in Nepal will soon be more active and we hope to hear from them soon.

#### **Taiwan**

After the ISGF World Conference, Leny Doelman (CB Coordinator) and her husband visited Taipei (Taiwan). In Taiwan there are four individual ISGF members and 2 of them wanted to show us their city. Chen Chin-Chu and his wife Chen Yeh Chun-Chien were excellent guides in the beautiful global city of Taipei.

The couple became life time member of ISGF and Leny provided them with an ISGF scarf and woggle.



Chen Chin-Chu received recently an International Friendship Award during an International Scout Camp in South Korea. He is a staff member of the Taiwan and Korean Leader Exchange Programme.

## EUROPE

### Europe Region

The Europe Region committee is organizing their 6th workshop in the town of Pannonhalma, Hungary from 16-20 March 2015. The theme will be: *Route 2020 – Step by Step to the Future (Part Two) “How to attract new members”*. Participation is open for at least one member of each European country including Central Branch. The participant should preferably be involved in development and or public relations. If some financial support is needed the participant should apply to their sub region. Total costs will be 195 euro which includes accommodation, full board and program. Deadline for registration is 15 January 2015. More details on the ISGF website.

### Netherlands

From Central Branch NL seven members were present at the ISGF World Conference. Members and some active Scout groups contributed toys for the ISGF Fellowship project but because of logistic and financial shortage the collected toys could not be sent to the Syrian refugee children in Turkey. Instead they donated 1500 toys to the Syrian children who have been taken care of in the refugee centres in the Netherlands.



## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

### Argentina

After 11 years working towards membership, the Scouts y Guías Adultos de Argentina (SGAA) has been admitted as Associate member during ISGF World Conference 2014 in Sydney. No one from Argentina was present but the news was immediately sent to Omar Rubén Coppa, National President of this Fellowship. Because of a change in the ISGF Constitution they finally could become a NSGF.



Argentina will be the host of the South America sub-regional Gathering that will take place in Cordoba, the second largest city in Argentina from 10 to 12 October 2015.

### Brasil

We received great news from Brazil. Marcio Randig who visited ISGF World Bureau in May 2014 will be the contact person for the 17 ISGF members in Brazil. Marcio has contacts in various parts of the country and promised to structure a Fellowship. They are planning activities in 2015.

### Surinam

The Central Branch group PAVEURS donated their homemade stuffed ISGF Fellowship toys to several children's homes in Surinam. Due to logistics problems and having in this region only one UNHCR agency in Washington D.C. in the USA they could not deliver the toys for the refugees as planned. All 94 toys will now be delivered to three different children's homes in Surinam. They still have some left over material and the group will continue to produce toys for children's homes.



### **USA (CASEGHA-USA)**

At ISGF World Conference 19 members participated. Two of them volunteered to be in the Central Branch delegation.

They support the Guides in Haiti who want to buy a property in order to build a center for Girl Guides in Haiti. Besides of that some members support other charity organizations in Haiti .

CASEGHA will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 21/22 February 2015.

### **USA (State of Maine Scout Fellowship)**

This Fellowship has ceased to collect the ISGF fee from the 50 individuals in the USA. They did a tremendous job with collecting the fee via PayPal or sending a cheque which resulted in some life time members. The Fellowship is busy with community service projects.

### **USA**

During the weekend of 27/28 September 2014 a friendship get together of the 35<sup>th</sup> B-P Guild of Canada with three individual USA members took place. George Robinson from Cleveland Ohio and Bob and Lucille Fisch from Newburg New York had a memorably weekend.



## **2. Highlights from 27<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference**

Soon a full report inclusive the resolutions adopted by the World Conference and a photogallery will become available on the ISGF website. See also the special World Conference webpages when you click on the scrolling text on the ISGF website [www.isgf.org](http://www.isgf.org).



*Registration of the participants*

One very important amendment was accepted in the criteria and conditions for full Membership. It will be no more necessary for NSGFs to forward a letter of recognition from their National Scout and or Guide organization to ISGF World Bureau. Central Branch had its meeting and welcomed 27 participants: 19 from USA-CASEGHA, 7 from Netherlands and 1 from Japan. During this meeting 3 participants offered themselves to form the CB-delegation (Lyssa Dallemand and Marie F. Bathard from CASEGHA and Toby Suzuki from Japan. The delegation received the World Conference paperwork. As you may know Central Branch has 4 votes at the World Conference. During World Market Leny sold some collector items and the profit for Central Branch was 140,16 euro which amount will be used for ISGF fee payment.



Eight members compose the World Committee 2014-2017:

*From left to right: Virginia Bonasegale (member) Italy; Md. Abdul Khaleque (member) Bangladesh; Verna Lopez (member) Curacao; Wahid Labidi (Vice Chair (Tunisia); Mida Rodrigues (Chairman) Portugal; Mathius Lukwago (member) Uganda; Nana Gentimi (Vice chair) Greece; Runar Bakke (member) Norway*

The 28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference will be held in **Bali, Indonesia in 2017.**

## **3. Annual reports 2013**

Thanks to Argentina, Chile, Malawi, South Africa TG, Surinam, Uruguay, USA-CASEGHA and USA – State of Maine Fellowship who have sent in their annual report 2013.

## **4. ISGF membership fee raised**

At the 27<sup>th</sup> World Conference the new fee was announced as in accordance with our Constitution (Article 13, 3).

The rates of the membership fee in euro were: A Category 2,04 - B Category 1,36 - C Category 0,68 and will become **2,17, 1,45 and 0,72**

The new membership fee will be applicable from **01 January 2015.**



## 5. Xmas Shopping at ISGF

Christmas is in sight and what is more important than to offer a present which makes our relatives, our friends happy? The ISGF propose you its wide range of ISGF items with a specific promotion on the new ones. For ordering, please contact the ISGF World Bureau: [worldbureau@isgf.org](mailto:worldbureau@isgf.org)  
Promotions are valid till 05th January 2015. Click [here](#) for the shop catalogue.

## 5. Update Central Branch members

As per 01 December 2014 we have now 916 Central Branch members in 38 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

**May 2015 bring us more wonderful opportunities to work together and to gain more members.**



You are welcome to join our discussion group on:  
<http://www.facebook.com>. Please register first (+confirmation by e-mail), then type ISGF in "Search" field and then click "Join the group". You may also find ISGF Twitter on [http://twitter.com/isgf\\_aisg](http://twitter.com/isgf_aisg)

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