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

AFRICA

Africa Region

During the Africa Region Conference that took place from 24 February to 1 March 2017 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, a new committee was elected.

Henry Lukwele (Zambia) re-elected as chairman
Iddrisu Hussain (Ghana) vice-chairman
Pierre Damien Babo (Benin) secretary
Jean-Paul Thibault (Senegal) secretary-assistant
Susan Abalo (Uganda) treasurer



From l. to r. Iddrisu, Henry, Pierre, Susan, Jean-Paul

Ghana was elected to host, in 2019, the next ISGF Africa Region Conference.

Botswana and Zimbabwe

We welcomed more members from these countries.

ASIA PACIFIC

AsPac Region

The AsPac Region held a workshop from 20 to 22 January 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and they issued their vision statement. They issued an aspirational description of what the region would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future until 2024.

Nepal

The meeting of the proposed Nepal Scout and Guide Fellowship was recently held in the Nepal Scout Headquarters. Fundraising issue was an important one. The Fellowship has taken the responsibility to bring plans and try to get funding from various sources so that more good turn projects can be conducted. Copies and pencils to the scouts coming from the disadvantaged group in Lalitpur were distributed and they will also continue to support the victims of the earthquake in Nepal who have still not been able to have their own home rebuilt.

Various other topics were discussed including the participation in the ISGF 28th World Conference in Indonesia.



EUROPE

Europe Region

The Europe Region held their 7th workshop from 3 to 8 March in Smolenice, Slovakia. There were 32 participants from 13 European countries. The focus of the workshop was recruitment and they talked about:

- How to advertise ISGF
- How to communicate
- How to improve/keep membership in ISGF



Netherlands

The Board of the Central Branch group The Netherlands held their 43rd Twinning meeting with the Board of the Belgian Fellowship VOSOG on 23 April 2017, St George's Day. Also former Board members took part. They exchanged ideas and visited a museum with old steam locomotives and its antique wooden carriages. Moreover they visited worlds' largest old Cruquius steam pumping station which the Dutch used in 1850 for the struggle against water.



USA – CASEGHA

Since they had a fire in their headquarters last June they were able to resume their activities after all the repairs and the cleaning. Everybody was happy to see each other! They celebrated World Thinking Day and their 42nd anniversary.



WESTERN HEMISPHERE

WH Regional Committee

The committee has recently sent out an appeal to replace their vice-chairman who withdrew because of circumstances. All NSGFs, CB groups and individuals in the Western Hemisphere have received a letter and a nomination form. Candidates have to fill in the form **before May 15, 2017**. The Committee can be reached via whrcm@isgf.org

Brasil

The CB group is growing very fast and there are now 40 registered members.

Uruguay

On 20 November 2016, Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay (FASGU) carried out a simple but touching gathering to celebrate the refurbishing of their premises and to celebrate their 9th anniversary. After the words of the Chairwoman a Scout-style lunch was shared. In addition to having a work room well repaired, painted, illuminated and conditioned, donations of office furniture and archives besides a display cabinet for souvenirs and trophies were received; a ceremonial corner where the flags of Uruguay, FASGU and ISGF are displayed was also installed.

All this was possible thanks to the collaboration and work of the FASGU members.

USA – Troop 160 Memorial Scout Camp Guild

This Guild officially launched the 2017 Campership Program. This year, they offered three camperships of \$300 (USD) each. These were available to any scout/guide in any scouting organization, in the US or abroad, upon recommendation of his or her scout group leader. The camperships are available for long-term camping experiences of any kind.

Venezuela

In Venezuela there are now two CB groups. One is called Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts de Venezuela (FASV) with 158 members who started in November 2016 while the other with 113 members is called Scouts y Guías Adultos de Venezuela (SGAV) and started in 2007. Back in 1961 there was a NSGF in Venezuela which ceased to exist in 1985.



2. Information upcoming events in 2017

- **28th ISGF World Conference**
9-14 October 2017
Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Information about the World Conference can be found on the website, click [here](#). All contact persons of CB groups have received from the organization a username and a password. However it is also possible to register by email. You need to download the registration form which should be sent direct to the organizers and which must be received by **1st July 2017**. Even if a CB group is unable to come please send the action time request form to worldbureau@isgf.org and do not ignore this opportunity. We offer the CB group a possibility to show their activities and this bilingual English/French presentation should not last more than 5 minutes. In order to get an indication how many Central Branch members will participate, could you please inform the CB coordinator l.doelman@isgf.org. Central Branch will have four delegates elected among the CB members present. The election of this voting team will take place at the **CB meeting on 09 October at 14:00 hour**.



For other events scheduled for 2018/2019 please check the ISGF [website](#).

3. News from World Bureau

On 21 April World Bureau has sent to the CB contact persons a circular about the Book of Projects, part of Our Kit. This publication will be very important as it will show what we are actually doing. Each project covers one page and a photo. Send in your contribution **before 18th June** to World Bureau.

4 .Annual reports and contact details

The annual paperwork has been sent to the contact persons of CB groups. Do not forget to fill them in and send them to the CB Coordinator **before 30 May 2017**.

5. Update Central Branch members

As per 30 April 2017 we have now 1383 Central Branch members in 41 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

ISGF has a You Tube channel for videos which are published on the website. In order to get a shorter URL we need 100 likes so please help us and like the video by pressing the thumb up symbol under the video. The link to the ISGF You Tube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVDFhPCNFdf2jKiYzs0XOw/videos>

You are welcome to visit ISGF the new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/isgf.1953>

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