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

AFRICA

Africa Region

The official date for the 6th Africa Region Conference will be from 30 April till 4 May 2019 to be held in Ghana.

Zambia was a Central Branch country until 2014 when they become an associate member and at the 2017 World Conference they became full member.

Kenya Trefoil Guild

This very active guild started Twinning with Trefoil Guilds in Australia.

Zimbabwe

We welcomed more individuals from Zimbabwe and the total is now 6 and more to follow.

ARAB

Arab Region



The first seminar dedicated to information and communication officers of National Scout and Guide Fellowships was held in Kuwait from 15 to 20 July 2017.

There were 35 participants coming from 9 countries: Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

The organization of pioneers from Qatar and the United Arab Emirates became a full ISGF member during 2017 World Conference.

ASIA PACIFIC

Japan



Reiko (also Central Branch member) received the Bronze Wolf award from her husband Toby Suzuki who is also member of Central Branch and who received the decoration in 2007. It is the highest honor that can be given to a volunteer Scout leader in the world and it is the only award given by the WOSM World Scout Committee. After Lord and Lady Baden Powell they are the second couple that both have received both the Bronze Wolf award.

Nepal

Nepal fulfilled the criteria and they took the next step to become Nepal Scout and Guide Fellowship. We congratulate them with their ISGF membership.



Singapore

Our first member from Singapore, Roney Tan, joined Central Branch and he also attended the 2017 World Conference.



EUROPE

Europe Region

The host country for the 10th Europe Region Conference will be Germany. The Conference will be held in Bremen from 21 – 25 August 2019.

Turkey



The adult organisation in Turkey worked very hard to become a full member and three members were present during World Conference 2017 to receive the official certificate.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

WH Region

ISGF Western Hemisphere Regional Committee



Ricardo Blengini (Argentina) has been elected as vice-chairman of the Western Hemisphere Regional Committee.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Western Hemisphere region has been approved and published on the website.

Brasil

More individuals became member of the Central Branch group and the total is now 53.

Colombia

We registered the second member from Colombia, Luis Fernando Aguilera Jimenez.

Trinidad & Tobago

The Central Branch Coordinator met in August Anand Rameshwar Singh from Trinidad near the airport of Amsterdam and they discussed the way how to start a Fellowship.



Uruguay

The Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay will host the 5th South America Sub-Region Gathering that will be held from 2 till 5 November 2018.

USA – CASEGHA

For the first time CASEGHA could not go to the World Conference but with their excellent PowerPoint presentation they were with us. They will be the host country for the 2nd Western Hemisphere Conference in New York, 4 – 9 September 2019.

USA (individuals)

All 53 individuals have now been grouped together for better communication. Their contact person is Bryan Bell, bellmaple@aol.com

Venezuela

Much to our regret we inform you that Filiberto Yanes, contactperson of one of the Central Branch groups, the Scouts y Guías Adultos de Venezuela (SGAV), has “gone home” on 11 September. Filiberto was the first member of this group since 2007. He was very much dedicated to this work and he left a group with over 100 members.

2. Information upcoming events in 2018

- 4th Tunisia Gathering
21 – 28 April
Tunis/Sousse – Tunisia
- 50 Years Forum Grossarl
27 May – 3 June
Grossarl, Austria

- 29th Nordic Baltic Gathering
24 – 28 August
Gothenburg, Sweden
- 9th Central Europe Gathering
5 – 9 September
Poznan, Poland
- 27th Western Europe Gathering
8 – 12 October
Eastbourne, United Kingdom
- 16th Mediterranean Gathering
19 – 27 October
Athens, Greece
- 5th South America Gathering
2 – 4 November
Uruguay

For events scheduled after 2018 please check the ISGF [website](#).

3. News from World Bureau

- Our Kit:
The digital hand-out booklets are available on ISGF website and recently two more booklets were added: Emergency and Projects.



- WOSM Joint Statement:
The World Scout Committee considering that ISGF is complying with the requested conditions, granted it the Consultative Status. The Consultative Status is renewed every three years.
- Bali Declaration:
This document has been drafted by ISGF members with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all over the world. The Bali Declaration was proclaimed by the ISGF World Conference in Bali, Indonesia on 13 October 2017 as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations.
- Project: Uganda:
A campaign together with the UNHCR to provide shelters for the refugees from South Sudan who fled to Uganda. For one family the cost of an emergency kit which will protect them from bad weather is estimated at the cost of 25 Euro. ISGF

specific objective is to provide one thousand families with a shelter.



4 .News from 28th World Conference



- Report and photos:
Soon a full report inclusive the resolutions adopted by the World Conference and a photogallery will become available on the ISGF website.
- Annual fee payment:
A decision to extend the present fee system with an increase of 4 percent to allow for inflation; consequently the per capita fees in Euros for the 3 levels of countries based on their GNP will be 2.26, 1.51 and 0.75 euro for the triennium 2018-2020. This new membership fee is applicable from 01 January 2018.
- New criteria for membership:
One very important amendment was accepted in the criteria and conditions for full Membership. A Full Member of the ISGF is a national adult organisation which consists of at least 125 members. However in the case of countries with small population, less than 600.000, the minimum number of members required for Full Membership is set to 100 and for Associate Membership is set to 40.
- Presence of CB members:
Central Branch had a meeting before the conference and welcomed 12 participants: one from Aruba, one from Japan, 9 from the

Netherlands and one from Singapore. A delegation with four (4) votes of members from Aruba, Japan, Netherlands and Singapore represented Central Branch during the World Conference.



- Proceeds World Market:
During World Market the CB Coordinator sold some items and allocated the proceeds for the CB fee payment of a country.
- World Committee 2017 – 2020:



Now 6 members compose the World Committee 2017 – 2020. From left to right: Vice-chairman Zailillah MOHD TAIB (Malaysia), Elin RICHARDS (Iceland), Mario BERTAGNOLIO (Italy), Vice-chairman Wahid LABIDI (Tunisia), Chairman Mathius LUKWAGO (Uganda) and Runar BAKKE (Norway).

- Next World Conference:
The 29th World Conference will be held in Madrid, Spain in 2020.

5. Update Central Branch members

As per 15 November 2017 we have now 1268 Central Branch members in 40 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).



In 2018 view the world with a positive outlook, speak your heart out with confidence, listen to others as well as your inner voice and you will be on the right track in the correct direction.

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