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

AFRICA

Zimbabwe

The Central Branch group in Zimbabwe is in the process of registering their organization at the official authorities in Zimbabwe.

ARAB

Arab Region

Meeting of the international delegates of the pioneers in the Arab Region was held in Tunisia from 22 till 26 October 2019. Items on the agenda were the importance of the role and tasks of the international secretaries as well as the upcoming elections in the World Committee and focus on choosing candidates from the Arab region. They also discussed the efforts to complement the proposal of the Arabic language at the upcoming World Conference and focus on the millennium sustainable development goals.



ASPAC

Asia Pacific Region

The AsPac Region committee will have their meeting on 28 February 2020 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The AsPac Regional Conference will be in 2021 in Penang, Malaysia. The exact dates and more information will be sent in due course to the Central Branch members in Cambodia, Hong Kong, Iran, Japan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

EUROPE

Europe Region



The 10th Europe Region conference was held in Bremen, Germany from 21 – 25 August 2019. One hundred and eighty (180) members were present. The European region has a constitution which states that each subregion nominates one member to the European committee. The next Europe Region Conference will take place in Denmark in 2022.

After the conference in Bremen the European committee 2019 - 2022 has the following members;

From right to left:

- Chair/treasurer:
Pierre Decoene, Belgium, Western Europe
- Vice chairman:
Hans Slanek, Austria, Central Europe
- Secretary:
Lena Claesson, Sweden, Nordic Baltic
- Public Relations:
Ana Rodrigues, Portugal, Southern Europe



WESTERN HEMISPHERE

WH Region

The 2nd Western Hemisphere Region Conference was held in New York, USA, from September 16 till 20, 2019.

There were 132 participants from 14 countries: Argentina, Aruba, Chile, Curacao, Haiti, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Uruguay, USA and Venezuela.

A new Regional Team was elected for 2019 - 2022:

- Alberto Zambrano (Uruguay) chairman
- Ricardo Blengini (Argentina) vice-chairman
- Bryan Bell (USA) treasurer

Western Hemisphere Regional Team



Alberto, chairman

Ricardo, vice chairman

Bryan, treasurer

The 3rd WH Conference will be held in Cordoba, Argentina in 2022.

Brazil

Members of Guild 1, Joinville (Santa Catarina) of the Central Branch group "Asociacao Brasileira de Amigos, Escoteros e Bandeirantes" (ABAEB) started to work on a project.

Seeds of the Jussara Palm (*Euterpe Edulis*) plant have been transported and dispersed by paragliders who were carrying special bags to carry the seeds during the flight.

Another group of the Joinville Guild went to Monte Crista carrying the seeds in their backpacks and in total 60 kilos of Jussara palm seeds were dispersed.

In addition to seed dispersal, in joint efforts, more than 280 seedlings of native trees were planted.



Canada

Leny Doelman, Central Branch Coordinator, was invited by Linda Bates from Canada (former World Committee member 2005 - 2011), for the opening ceremony of a Brotherhood Camporee that took place in Morrisburg, Ontario. Leny already travelled through the eastern part of the USA and Canada after the 2nd Western Hemisphere Conference. At that occasion seventeen (17) new members from Canada registered on the spot to become member of ISGF via Central Branch.



Suriname

Together with the Alzheimer Foundation the Central Branch group PAVEURS from Suriname organized an event on June 29, 2019 for people with dementia, their partners, family members and friends.



Trinidad & Tobago



Anand Rameshwar Singh started to become member of Central Branch in September 2016. He attended the Western Hemisphere Region Conference in New York where he became very enthusiast about the concept of ISGF. As contact person for Trinidad & Tobago he gained many more members and now there are 29 members and many more to follow.

2. Upcoming ISGF events in 2020

Do not forget to register for participation in the 29th World Conference which is **only possible online**. See this [link](#) on the ISGF website for full information.

Discount will be given until **December 15, 2019**.

- 29th ISGF World Conference
17 – 22 August 2020
Madrid, Spain
- Workshop Southern Europe
27 – 31 March 2020
Porto, Portugal
- 6th Friendship Meeting
5 – 12 June 2020
Puck, Poland

3. News from World Bureau

Nathalie became mother

With excitement and joy, Nathalie Henrard, Secretary-General of ISGF World Bureau, announced the delivery of her newborn baby girl to the world on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Mother and child are doing fine and are both healthy. The name of the baby is Lilah Emmanuelle. Nathalie will soon be back in the office to continue her World Bureau duties.



Chairman ISGF World Committee

Mathius Lukwago, elected as chairman after the World Conference in Bali informed the World Committee that, for personal reasons, he resigned his position of chairman but will remain member of the Committee until the end of his term at the end of next World

Conference.

The World Committee decided that Zalillah Mohd Taib, former vice-chairman, will take the position of chairman (chairman@isgf.org) until the end of the term of the present committee.

4. Fee payment

Some members/groups did not pay their fee yet and reminders are frequently sent. The invoices were sent to the contact persons and most of the Central Branch groups in Africa and the Western Hemisphere paid their dues during the Africa and Western Hemisphere Region Conferences. It is recommended that any possibility of paying cash at ISGF events or visits should be exploited. It is also possible to pay in advance.

5. Annual reports

Thanks to 8 (eight) Central Branch groups we received feedback of activities in the different groups over 2018. In the beginning of January 2020, the contact persons will receive a new questionnaire over 2019 to be filled in. We are looking forward having your feedback on using this new document.

6. Update Central Branch members

As per 7 December 2019 we have now **1443** Central Branch members in 39 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).



We wish you a successful year ahead!

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