



# ISGF Info

## December 2017

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**The ISGF World Bureau will be closed from 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 05<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

### Chairman's talk

Mathius Lukwago



Dear Friends,

Since October 2017 when we were elected in office, the teams have been shaping our action plan as it was presented during Bali world conference for effective and efficient delivery.

We are building our working teams in order to build our volunteer base in order to build our fellowship together.

We would like to extend our appreciation to members who have signed up for specific teams and tasks and willing to contribute their time and talents to make our Fellowship great. **Thanks very much.**

We would also like to call upon all our other friends who have not yet signed But have interest and ability to contact the Bureau on specific teams.

We are looking forward to achieving greater dreams and goals, reaching greater heights and we have opportunities for every one of us with interest.

For more information about the teams that have signed up to support the committee, see this link. [WCOM 2017-2020 Job Descriptions](#)

We would like to call upon you to support us and cooperate with us, as you know without your contribution it become extra challenging to meet the great heights we want

I would also like to call upon all regions to share with the Bureau all activities you are undertaking however small you may think they are.

We need to share to learn and inspire others with whatever we are doing in our respective regions.

We have undertaken the refugee project in Uganda and as you all know there are many different needs in our regions and our presence and contribution will make life better for those people in needs.

Remember the words of wisdom from our founder Lord Baden Powell  
*"No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way."*

*Wishing you the Best.*

## News from the world



The 28th ISGF World Conference took place from 09th to 14th October 2017 in Bali, Indonesia, in presence of 280 members coming from 55 countries and gathered under the theme 'hand in hand across the world'.

The friendship and cooperative atmosphere made this Conference a success and a wonderful time of learning, fellowship, sharing and decision-making.

With our special thanks to HIPPRADA, the NSGF of Indonesia, the Indonesian Host Committee members and the young volunteers who enabled the ISGF members to discover the culture and the local nuances of Bali.



The photo gallery is now ready [WCONF 2017- photos](#) and the report will be available soon. But, in the meantime, we would like to share with you a brief glimpse of what happened:

**The ISGF Bali Declaration**, as outcome of the Forum on the Intercultural Dialogue, the World Conference ratified:



To access to the Declaration, please [ISGF Bali Declaration - document](#)

### The election of three (3) new World Committee members,

in compliance with a statutory decision made with immediate effect, which let to reduce the number of the members of the World Committee from eight (8) to six (6).



From left to right: Puan Sri Zalillah Mohd Taib (Malaysia), Elin Richards (Iceland) and Mario Bertagnolio (Italy) were elected as members of the ISGF World Committee 2017-2023.



### The ISGF World Committee members 2017-2020

From left to right:

Puan Sri Zalillah Mohd Taib (Malaysia), Vice Chair;  
Elin Richards (Iceland), member;  
Mario Bertagnolio (Italy), member;  
Wahid Labidi (Tunisia), Vice Chair;  
Mathius Lukwago (Uganda), Chairman,  
Runar Bakke (Norway), member.

**Welcome to new ISGF Members**

The ISGF family has become larger with the accession of Nepal, Qatar, Turkey and United Arab Emirates (UAE) to the ISGF full membership and Zambia, recognised as Associate Member in 2011, was granted the status of Full Member in Bali after an outstanding growth.

ISGF has now 67 NSGFs and 39 CB countries.



**NEPAL**



**QATAR**



**TURKEY**



**ZAMBIA**



**UAE**



## What about 2020?

**Spain** will be the host country of the 29<sup>th</sup> ISGF World conference.



Be prepared to join us in Madrid in 2020...

## The new ISGF global project in cooperation with UNHCR in Uganda

South Sudanese people, facing conflicts in the Great Lakes region and suffering from famine in South Sudan, are forced to flee and to seek refuge at Imvepi in North-West Uganda, at an altitude of 730 metres. Every day, the refugee settlement received thousands of desperate persons, mostly women and children who had to leave everything behind them to save their lives. Normally each family is given either a tent or tumpline for them to construct huts to live in. However, the situation at Imvepi is so critical that not all refugees can get a shelter and their living conditions are very precarious, they lack the basic needs. The first need is a shelter because:



- ✚ **A shelter** is a determining factor for the survival of a population affected at the beginning of a disaster.
- ✚ **A shelter** is essential to give security, personal security, protection against climate and prevention of epidemics.
- ✚ **A shelter** is also important for the individual human dignity and to allow the affected population to recover from the impact of the disasters.

They need our support. **A shelter for one family costs 25€** and the ISGF objective is to provide shelters to 1,000 families in cooperation with the UNHCR in Uganda. We call on your contributions, whatever the amount is, any donation is a valuable gift for them.

You can send your donations to the ISGF as follows:

### Bank transfer:

International Scout and Guide Fellowship - ING :  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER 310-0369433 46  
 IBAN : BE33 3100 3694 3346  
 BIC : BBRUBEBB

Or by PAYPAL ( please contact [worldbureau@isgf.org](mailto:worldbureau@isgf.org) or via [ISGF website](#))

For further information, please [ISGF- UNHCR project in Uganda](#)

### ISGF UNHCR PARTNERSHIP

ISGF will have to renew its global partnership with UNHCR in 2018. In this regard, we kindly invite all NSGFs, CB members, Regions and Sub Regions having carried out projects, activities in favour of Refugees, to send a short report of activities to the ISGF World Bureau in order to better expose our abilities and assets that we can offer in the frame of our partnership with UNHCR.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

## ISGF at WAGGGS and WOSM World Conferences



Mida Rodrigues, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee 2011-2017, attended the WOSM World Conference that took place in Azerbaijan, from 14th-18th August 2017.



Nana Gentimi, Vice Chairman of the ISGF World Committee 2011-2017, represented ISGF at the WAGGGS World Conference in India, from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

These conferences were valuable opportunities to meet, exchange with participants and to promote ISGF while to reaffirm our cooperation with WOSM and WAGGGS. They respectively had the possibility to discuss with the World Scout Committee members, the WAGGGS World Board members and the respective Chairs. Nana also met with members of the OB-PS, the new Chief Executive Officer, David Coe. The new elected chair of WAGGGS World Board, Ana Maria Mideros, Peru, who received an ISGF grant in 1997.



Mida Rodrigues with João Armando Gonçalves, Chair of the World Scout Committee 2014-2017 and Nicola Grinstead, Chair of the WAGGGS World Board 2014-2017



Nana Gentimi with honorary members attending a plenary session.



Thanks to you, ISGF has now You tube page with a shorter URL <https://www.youtube.com/c/ISGFinternationalscoutandguidefellowship>.

THANK YOU.

You are all invited to subscribe to the ISGF You Tube Page for videos

## Our kit

Two (2) additional booklets 'Emergency assistance' and 'Interreligious dialogue' and the ISGF Book of Projects – English version- are now available: [Our Kit](#). The French version is being finalised.



We would like to renew our deepest thanks to Virginia Bonasegale (Italy),



for her commitment to realise the ISGF Book of Projects which was made with the contribution of ISGF Members.

Congratulations to all of you!

# News from the Regions

## AFRICA

In 2018, the ISGF Africa Region will hold its Sub regional gatherings and the Africa Region is working on the following plans:

### Eastern Sub regional Gathering

in Tanzania, at Morogoro  
from 4th to 8th June 2018

### Southern Sub regional Gathering

in Zimbabwe, at Vic Falls,  
from 10th to 12th August 2018

### Western Sub regional Gathering

in Benin,  
November 2018

The ISGF Africa Region will release practical information when possible.

## ARAB

### Arab Region Committee meeting. Mohamed Jarraya – Chairman

The Arab Regional Committee of Scout and Guide Pioneers met from 14 to 18 November 2017 at Makkah, Saudi Arabia, with the participation of five members (2 members were excused), an advisor and two deputy secretaries. The Committee discussed, in particular, the following issues:

- The evaluation of the participation of the Region in the World Conference, the role of the International Secretaries, the use of the Arabic language, the relations with the World Bureau and the World Committee member, 'Our kit' translated into Arabic ...
- The regional activities, the works of the Sub Committees, the 9th Regional Conference, the Arab Scout and Guide Day on December 7th, the outfits of the members, the Regional Union shop ...
- Cooperation with ALECSO, ISESCO, the Arab Scout Parliamentary Union, the Arab Youth Hostel Union ...
- The preparation of the next regional activities:

The meeting of the Committee of Information at Charm El Cheikh in December 2017, the first meeting for the International Secretaries of Arabic NSGFs in Tunisia from March 15 to 19, 2018, the 4th meeting of Scouts and Adult Guides in Tunisia from 21 to 28 April 2018, the implementation of two projects of assistance to the Community in Tunisia and Jordan, the meeting of the Arab Regional Committee in Tunisia from 26 to 29 April 2018, the meeting of the Arab Scouts and Guides Adults in Jordan in October 2018, the Regional Conference in Egypt in March 2019 with an opening ceremony in Cairo and the work of the Conference in Charm El Cheikh.

With our congratulations to the Scouts and Guides of Saudi Arabia, young and adult, for their warm welcome and for the perfect organization of the event.

With our best wishes of success to the Scout Pioneers and Guides.

### Do not forget! Coming in 2018...



#### 4th Tunisia Gathering

21- 28 April 2018

at Tunis and the central area of Tunisia

[4th Gathering Tunisia](#)

# ASIA PACIFIC



## News from Australia

Richard Stuart-Smith, International Secretary.

Nationally there are over 2000 members in Australia from the east coast to the west coast. This means a large variety of service activities are undertaken.

Service to the community includes the St George Guild in New South Wales visiting Nursing Homes and singing Christmas carols and Irish songs.

The Queensland Guilds supported the "Heart of Australia" campaign which delivers specialist heart cardiology services to the remote outback on a truck called the Heart Bus. Queensland also supported the drought relief effort in that state that helped both farmers and rural store owners.

Western Australia Guilds contributed funds to the Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

The Trefoil Guild of Australia made very generous donations to State, Australian and International Community projects. Service from the Trefoil Guilds also included supplying items for children in Westmead hospital in New South Wales (Ward Angels) and selling dried fruit to raise money for an Outreach Fund. This is in addition to the donations of food to women's shelters and the Salvation Army and knitted items for premature babies and dementia patients. The Trefoil Guild also contributed to Riding for the Disabled, Mercy Ships, Anglicare and Blue Care.

Scouting and Guiding was certainly not forgotten with terrific support from Guilds for events across the country such as Scout Hike in Victoria and Cubilee in Western Australia and the Guide's Agoonoree. The Trefoil Guilds also strongly supported State Girl Guides, International Girl Guides and Trefoil Guild Projects with funding. A Victorian Baden-Powell Scout Guild ran a food van for Surfmoat and Mudbash for Rovers and Trefoil Guilds made a donation to Fiji Guides and Kiribati Guides.

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship of Australia would like to wish the compliments of the season to the worldwide Guide and Scout fellowship, with best wishes for a peaceful and harmonious New Year in 2018



## News from Malaysia – Do not miss him!

Tajinder Sohanpal



**Peter Yoong** planned a 2-year (December 2017 – November 2019) solo cycling tour around the world. As part of this trip, he will be raising funds for World Vision Malaysia and would like to seek your kind consideration in collaborating with him by making a donation.

**with LOVE i ride**  
SOLO WORLD BICYCLE TOUR  
Charity and Adventure Ride  
Commenced 2017 in November 2018  
Charitable Distance: 22,000 Miles

<b>STAGE 1</b> Singapore - Kuala Lumpur 15 Nov 2017 - 15 Dec 2017 Target: RM12,000.00	<b>STAGE 2</b> Kuala Lumpur - Penang 16 Dec 2017 - 15 Jan 2018 Target: RM12,000.00	<b>STAGE 3</b> Penang - Medan 16 Jan 2018 - 15 Feb 2018 Target: RM12,000.00	<b>STAGE 4</b> Medan - Jakarta 16 Feb 2018 - 15 Mar 2018 Target: RM12,000.00
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**FUNDRAISING GOAL**  
STAGE 1 = RM12,000.00  
STAGE 2 = RM12,000.00  
STAGE 3 = RM12,000.00  
STAGE 4 = RM12,000.00  
**TOTAL = RM48,000.00**

"with LOVE i ride" is a project to raise funds for underprivileged children in Malaysia and around the world

For more information, see this link: [Peter Yoong and his cycling tour around the world](#)

**Coming in 2018... 15<sup>th</sup> AsPac Region Gathering, in Sri Lanka, From 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
More information to come



## EUROPE

The newsletter of the Europe Region was made public last November, you missed it?

Do not worry and see this link:

[Europe Region - newsletter](#)

For reminder, the European Sub-Regions are preparing to welcome many of you at their respective gatherings 2018, **so mark your agenda!**

### 29<sup>th</sup> Nordic Baltic Gathering

24- 28 August 2018, Sweden



For practical information:

[NBSR documents](#)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Central Europe Gathering

5-9 September 2018, Poland

More information to come

### 27<sup>th</sup> Western Europe Gathering

8-12 October 2018, United Kingdom



To access to the forms and information

[WESR documents](#)

### 16<sup>th</sup> MED/5<sup>th</sup> Southern Europe Gathering

19-27 October 2018 Greece



for the latest news:

[MED gathering in Greece](#)

Without forgetting the 50 years Forum Grossarl, 27 May -3 June 2018 in Austria , [GROSSARL - presentation](#)

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

### News of the Region

Vanessa Hoogenbergen, Chair of the Regional Committee

In connection with the first anniversary of the WHRC on September 5, we organized a Skype meeting with the participation of Argentina, Aruba, Brazil, Chile, Curacao, Mexico, USA, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The World Bureau has forwarded the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the WHR as approved during the 1<sup>st</sup>. WH Region Conference and which is into force.

With much regret we remember some of the members who left this year to a better place: USA/Haiti : CASEGHA : Anne Marie Mathelier and Max Colastin , both founders and Denise Gabriel and Guy Chicoye

Venezuela: SGAV: Filiberto Yanes, founder. FASV: Henry Khedari, they were both founders of the FASV.





Vaneesa Hoogenbergen

Aruba and Curaçao have participated with a total of 7 members at the 28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference held in Bali. We can look back at a very well organized Conference with 280 participants from 54 countries. Many important actions has been taken.

Everything went smoothly, everyone got the opportunity to expand their network and a lot of new friends were made.

We have to thank and say goodbye to Verna Lopez (Curaçao), who has served for 6 years as the member of the World Committee assigned to the ISGF WH Region and welcome Mario Bertagnolio (Italy) wishing him success on his duty.



Verna Lopez

Brazil has increased his members to 60.

Bryan Bell, Contact Person for United States, commenced the important task of contacting all 44 Individual Members in his vast country, to strengthen the liaison of every member with Central Branch and, therefore, with ISGF. Bryan is very motivated to make ISGF visible and the first option for adult Scouts and Guides in USA.

**Upcoming events:** 5<sup>th</sup> SASR Gathering to be held in Uruguay on November 2-3-4, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> WHR Conference to be held in New York in September 4-9, 2019

The ISGF World Committee and the World Bureau wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
May 2018 bring you peace, friendship, and good health.

