



## Circular 20 – STAMP BANK

To: National Scout and Guide Fellowship,  
CB groups and individuals

In 1965, guild members in Norway decided to collect and sell used postage stamps in support of Guiding and Scouting in any part of the world. Since then National Scout and Guide Fellowships and Central Branch groups have established national/local Stamp Bank teams to organize the collecting, cutting, sorting out and selling at national level. The proceeds from the sales are being sent to the International Development Fund who provides the practical financial support for Guiding and Scouting and ISGF projects. Detailed practical information will be displayed in Bali.

### *How to organize a national Stamp Bank?*

The **individual ISGF members** should collect all kind of used stamps, first day envelopes etc. Such stamps can be collected from the individual members, family, neighbors, working place, shops, hotels and from any other place that received postage stamps.

In the **National or Local Scout and Guide Fellowship (LSGF)** there should be a member that is responsible for organizing cutting and sorting out the stamps. It is a very good activity to spend an afternoon or evening with many scissors cutting the stamps off the envelopes – a lot of talking and exchange of ideas and information can be done at the same time!

When cutting, leave approximately 1 cm of envelope boarding.

The National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF) should establish a **national Stamp Bank Team** to organize the collecting of stamps from the LSGFs and the selling of all the stamps. It differs from country to country which stamps are the most valuable. The leader of the national Stamp Bank Team is called the **Stamp Bank manager**.

### *How to organise the selling?*

With the current use of e-communication tools, stamps become more and more sought after and if they are sold in countries different from their origin issues, they are even more valuable. The stamps are sold during Scout/Guide/Fellowship events, exhibitions and auctions or you can contact a Stamp Bank Team from another country and get a better value for the stamps of your country.

Having in mind that some of you collect stamps for the Stamp Bank but that you have difficulties in proceeding with their sales, we propose you to organise a collection of stamps in Bali to hand them over to representatives of the ISGF global level at the World Conference 2017 in Bali.

Those who are interested in this opportunity are requested to inform the ISGF World Bureau by filling-in the part below:

COUNTRY	NAME OF THE NSGF/ CB GROUP	NAME OF THE CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL OF THE CONTACT PERSON	QUANTITY/ WEIGHT OF STAMPS

Form to be sent back to [worldbureau@isgf.org](mailto:worldbureau@isgf.org) by 01<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

Thank you for your participation and for your support to ISGF fundraisings.