Chairman’s talk

Dear Friends,

I bring you the greetings from the World Committee, we would like to extend our appreciation for the great work carried by all our members, which makes ours more effective and more meaningful. In addition, we must underline the amazing work done by the Region Committees to support our Regions and National fellowships/CBs and to enable them to work as families. As you know, we rely on your commitment to make our Organization work as a team in different regions.

The preparation for the 29th World conference 2020 is moving on well. The Host committee is working extra hard to make this conference another great success. The Bureau will be able to update all of you in due course.

The ISGF Communication team is doing a great job to create more visibility to our Organization by updating the ISGF website and sharing information on ISGF social media platforms. We encourage all our members to share activities undertaken no matter how small they may seem to inform other members of what is happening in other countries.

When we look around our world today, we are faced with unfortunately increasing disasters: extreme weather, flooding, fires diseases … sometimes caused by human inability to take the necessary action. As Scouts and Guides it is our responsibility to raise awareness of these issues and to lead by example by supporting every effort to change the current situation of our planet. We encourage you to participate in environmental activities like cleaning events or planting trees within your community to contribute to a better world. As the wish of our founders was that; we can live and enjoy the world and leave it much better for the next generations.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

Mathius Lukwago
ISGF World Committee Chairman

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ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 29th ISGF World Conference will take place from 17th to 22nd August 2020 in Madrid, Spain. We look forward to meeting you in Spain.

Full information will follow in the coming months while the registration forms will become available as of September 2019.

During the World Committee meeting in March 2019 in Madrid, a successful meeting with the Hosting Committee was held to progress on the organization of the next World Conference. The World Committee paid also a visit to the World Conference venue, the Meliá Avenida América Hotel, which hotel is just 7 minutes away by car from the Adolfo Suárez Madrid Barajas airport.

All the information provided by Spain and the World Conference paperwork issued by the World Bureau will be sent by email to National President, International Secretaries, Regional and Sub regional Committees and contact persons of the Central Branch groups. But we invite you to visit the ISGF website on a regular basis to ensure that you have not missed an important communication.

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Last news about the 29th World Conference 2020, click here: ISGF News WConf20

SANGAM EVENT — ISGF DONATION TO WORLD CENTER

ISGF organized an event together with Sangam World Centre in Pune, India from 21 – 25 February 2019. Twelve ISGF members came from Denmark, Libya, Malaysia, Spain and UK. They celebrated World Thinking Day & Founder’s Day with many other Scouts and Guides from other parts of the world.

ISGF Vice-chairman World Committee, Zalillah Mohd Taib kindly donated 1.200 £ to the World Center on behalf of ISGF. Carine Uwizeyimana, Deputy World Center Manager, thanked ISGF for their kindness in SANGAM and for the generous donation that was used to renew the center furniture.

PICTURE FROM THE WORLD CENTER IN PUNE

Before

After

THANK YOU ISGF!
JEAN VANDERVELDEN PASSED AWAY

Jean Vandervelden, founder of the International Ambassadors Guild (IAG) and ex World Committee member died on 7 July 2019 at the age of 87. Jean was World Committee member for 6 years since the 20th ISGF World Conference 1993. At his second term of office he became vice-chairman. After his end of term in 1999 he continued to became Treasurer of ISGF till 2005. Jean was the founding father of the International Ambassador Guild since the start in 1998.

News from the World Bureau

New ISGF leaflet

The new ISGF 2019 leaflet is currently available in the two official ISGF languages, English and French.

1. How to order the leaflet: We printed a limited supply and copies can be ordered from World Bureau. However, shipping costs will be on your account. One leaflet = 11 grammes. There is also a possibility to receive the ordered leaflets at the coming Europe Conference (21 – 25 August 2019) in Bremen, Germany and the Western Hemisphere Region Conference in New York, USA (16 – 20 September 2019).

2. Print the leaflet yourself:
A high-resolution PDF version in English or in French will be sent. Printing costs are on your account.

3. Leaflet in your own language:
Those who want to produce the ISGF leaflet in their own languages are invited to contact the World Bureau to agree with practical details.

New annual report for 2020

The World Bureau would like to inform you that the ISGF PR team is currently working on the new annual report form. It will be a lighter version to ensure an easy follow-up for NSGFs. The information on the annual report is really important to update the NSGFs profile on the ISGF website.

World Bureau Census 2018

A regular follow up at the end of August with the NSGFs regarding their census 2018. We need this information to issue the invoice for the fee 2019. We would appreciate having this information as soon as possible. We would like to remind these countries to send their census not later than 15 November 2019. In case we do not have this information within the deadline we will issue the invoice based on last year census with a 10% increase.

Do not forget to check the news from ISGF Central Branch, link here to the last Newsletter: ISGF News Central Branch
3rd ISGF Africa Region Conference in Ghana — What next?

The 3rd Africa Regional Conference took place in the city of Accra from 30 April – 5 May 2019. Altogether 59 participants around the theme “Discovering the Potentials in Africa”. Participants from Africa National Scout and Guide Fellowships were present including Benin, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Uganda and Zambia but also from Central Branch countries including Cape Verde, Togo and Kenya. The new Africa Region Committee was elected for 2019-2022 with Iddrisu Hussain (Ghana) Chairman, Pierre Damien Babo (Benin) Vice-Chairman, Annie Kapapula-Landu (Zambia) Secretary Jean-Paul Thibault (Senegal) Treasurer and Rose Kudate (Kenya) PR officer.

The new Africa Region Committee have decided to support three projects within the Region with the ISGF Region Development Fund:

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ARAB News from Fathey Mahmoud Farghaly, Arab region Chairman

Plant planting day

In the Arab Pioneer Day, the ISGF Arab Region celebrated the planting of the useful trees in all over the Arab Region countries with participation of all Scout and Guide Fellowships.

In the same time, the Executive management of the ISGF Arab Region participated actively in the very useful project for Nature represented by Professor Abdullah Alfaahad, the new elected Chairman of the ISGF Arab Region and Mr. Hussain Sahal Elban, the acting ISGF Arab Region Secretary General.
Naseef celebrations

The ISGF Arab Region organized a big celebration for Professor Abdullah OMAR Naseef, the first ISGF Arab Region honorable Chairman and the one who established the ISGF Arab Region. The committee arranged the Ceremony in coordination with the International Union of muslim Scout and the Saudi Arabia NSGF, which Professor Abdullah OMAR Naseef is current president of. His deputy is Professor Abdullah Alfahad the current Honorable Chairman of ISGF Arab Region. After the arrival of his excellency, everyone welcomed him.

The ceremony started with some welcome speeches one of them was Mr. Hussain Sahal Eiban speech on behalf of ISGF Arab Region. In this speech Mr. Hussain gave to the participants a presentation about ISGF organization and ISGF history. In addition to that, he presented to the audience the amazing role his excellency Professor Abdullah OMAR Naseef played to improve ISGF Arab Region and make it one of the most developed International Organization. The leave of his excellency announced the end of the ceremony.

ASIA PACIFIC News from Brian Jackson, AsPac region Chairman

Australia
Queensland Trefoil Guild supported the "Heart Bus" which delivers specialist heart cardiology services to the remote outback of Australia. They have raised $66,801 for donations to various States, Australian and International community projects and have donated food to women's shelters and knitted items for premature babies and dementia patients. In addition, they contributed to Mercy Ships, Angicare, Royal flying Doctor Service, Friends of Sangam and cancer Research and Victorian Guides in School Program.

Indonesia
The gathering of Jawatengah in 2018 where 28 branches from 34 provinces met to encourage the adult Scouts or former Scouts to join the NSGF. An effort was made to recruit young members under 40 supporting scout base community system to join the NSGF of Indonesia/ Gerakan Pramuka.

Bangladesh
They established school for disabled children working with World Vision, which send a doctor twice a month to check children’s health. Also, they ran classes of awareness, theoretical and practical training on fire fighting. Multiple actions were done like the distribution blankets and warm clothes to the poor. During floods the distribution of food, drinking water and medicine to flood effected victims as well as doing the same for the landslide victims following the floods. Lastly, the donation of ceiling fans and furniture to a primary school as well as sporting gear to the school.
EUROPE News from Doris Stockmann, Europe region Chairwoman

Upcoming event: the 10th Europe Conference from 21-25.2019 in Bremen, Germany

The Conference theme is Diversity in Society. The German host committee has been busy with planning the event and now almost everything is ready to welcome the 180 participants from 23 countries many from Europe but also participants from other parts of the world.

The conference will start in the evening with an opening ceremony. On the following day there will be Sub-region meetings and then a welcome ceremony by the mayor of the Hansestadt Bremen at the Town hall. After that there will be a Bremen city tour lead by Scouts and Guides.

On the third day, an excursion by bus to Bremen harbour is planned. The participants can choose between different visits: House of Emigrants, Zoo by the Sea, Fishing Harbour, Shipping Museum and etc...

During the final day, a simultaneous translation (English, French and German) organised. The World Committee and the Ambassador’s Guild will be presented as well as the World Conference in Madrid, Spain 2020. Important decisions need to be taken: starting with approving, what has been done during the three years period and then deciding about the future of the Europe region. The new Europe committee will also be presented.

After the closing ceremony there is a Gala dinner. The following morning those, who are taking part in the post conference will take the busses and go to Lüneburg. The programme there includes: visiting the city and the Salt museum and going on a boat trip. Then the bus will take the participants to Hamburg from where we start returning home. Hopefully, with new ideas for how to develop our fellowship and keeping contact with new friends.

More Europe Region Conference information on the ISGF website, link here: Europe Region Conference info

Western Hemisphere News from Vanessa Hoogenbergen, WH Region Chairwoman

New contacts have been made with Costa Rica, Bolivia and Peru. A new group formed in Peru has already registered members in Central Branch and is working hard to increase their membership. There is one new member of Canada registered in CB and hopefully more members will register.

The WHR Committee held 5 Video conferences during this period with a participation of a guest, member of the WH, in each. Jorge Ocampo, President of the SASR Committee, Rodney Martinez, President of FASGV (Venezuela), Bryan Bell, Repr. for the USA group, Marie-Lourdes Charles and Lyssa Dallemand from CASEGHA-USA participated this time.

Upcoming event: The 2nd WH Region Conference 16 – 20 September 2019 in New-York, USA

A total of 14 countries have registered. Casegha-USA members are working hard to make this Conference a very successful one.

More information is available on the ISGF and the CASEGHA website.

ISGF Website, link here: ISGF WH Region Conference info
Vanessa attended the ISGF World Committee Meeting held in Madrid, Spain from March 14-16, 2019. It was nice and interesting to experience the sessions of the World Committee and to meet the members of ISGF Spain, organizers of the 29th ISGF World Conference in 2020.

The first of the 3 projects supported by ISGF WHR Committee has been realized in June by Paveurs of CB group Suriname, called “Alzheimer Café Surinaamse Stijl”. It was a great success with many participants. Brazil and Argentina are working on their project.

Although Venezuela is still going through difficult times, they keep on the Scout Spirit and have already 317 members registered. They are organizing their 3rd gathering in October 2019.

Copernicia Curaçao had the installation of two new members during their Annual General meeting. They celebrated their 34th Anniversary in May and will be present at the 2nd WHR Conference with 19 participants.

FASGU Uruguay started in March programming steady actions with some organizations with which they share principles and to make their Fellowship more visible to their society.

This included the participation in a reflection meeting about Good Deeds with non-Scouts citizens, the presence in an Animals’ Welfare Association Fair and in assisting to an interview at a broadcasting station, where members of FASGU explained their principles and activities.

A whole-day Volunteer activity during May and also a Grandfather’s Day Campaign, joining forces with a Co-operative Optician’s shop in helping them to collect used or broken spectacles for its repairing and later donation to low-income people, during June.

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