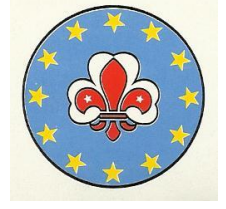




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Gatherings all over Europe

26th Gathering of the Western Europe Sub-Region 7-10 September 2015 Oostduinkerke, Belgium by Hans Slanec, Chair Europe Committee

This year I took part in this gathering in my function as acting chair of the ISGF-Region Europe.

Together with three guild members from Austria I arrived Oostduinkerke, where we met a huge number of "old and new" friends to stay with them for the next days.

A rich program with reports and excursions, lectures and commemorations filled our time, here at the shore of the North Sea. Pierre Decoenne, Anne Dupont and their team had done a lot of work to offer to all the participants an impression of this beautiful part of Belgium. One of the highlights had been the visit of Mons, Capital of Culture 2015. After a sightseeing tour, where we visited the cathedral and an abbey from the 13th century, we all had been invited by the mayor of Mons. During the welcome reception local scouts and guides served drinks and snacks.

The visit to leper, where one of the cruellest battles in WW 1 took place, was very impressive. We could see the cemetery of the soldiers from UK and the former colonies. After dinner we could take part in the "Last Post", a commemoration for the victims of war.

An interesting lecture of a board member of WOSM

Europe gave us knowledge about the way WOSM is trying to solve some of its (financial) problems. They are going to unite all scouts and guides – young and old – under the "WOSM-Umbrella". Motto: "We are open for all scouts and guides". So it will be necessary to watch them carefully.

In different workshops we had the possibility to follow our interests. So I took part in the workshop where all the National Presidents and International Secretaries had come together. We discussed the future of our region and sub-regions. At least we forwarded our wish to ISGF not only to support "new" countries and regions. Europe needs this support very urgently. If we are not able to stabilize our guilds in Europe on a satisfying level, ISGF will have a lot of problems. The WCOM members present agreed and promised to engage themselves a bit more for Europe and its sub-regions.

Allan Page from NSGF UK told us, that the next Western European Gathering in 2018 should take place in Great Britain. Venue and time to be circulated later.



Picture: Hans Slanec

15th Mediterranean Gathering and 4th Southern Europe Sub-Region Gathering 22-27 October 2015 Marrakech, Morocco by Sara Milreu

The Moroccan Alliance of Scouts and Guides (AMPSG) organised the 15th Mediterranean Gathering in Marrakech, from 22 to 27 October 2015, with the High Patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

180 members from 18 countries (Algeria, Belgium, United Arab Emirates, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Portugal, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia) participated in this Gathering. The Theme of the Gathering was "Renewable Energy, challenges and prospects".



Picture: www.isgf.org

The 4th Southern Europe Sub Regional Gathering took place on Saturday 24 October in Marrakesh, with representatives from France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland. Amendments to the SESR constitution proposed by France and Italy were unanimously adopted and Franco Vecchiocattivi, the Italian International Secretary, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Sub-Regional Committee. Ana Rodrigues, International Secretary of Spain, was elected by the new Committee as the representative of the Sub-Region to the European Committee, for 2016-2018. Her term will start at the 9th European Conference in 2016, in Tours.





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Gatherings all over Europe (contd.)

8th Conference of Central Europe Sub-Region

23-27 September 2015

Castle Zeillern, Lower Austria

By Hans Slanec

The Central Europe Sub-Region is one of the for sub-regions in Region Europe of our worldwide Scout and Guide Fellowship. It had been founded in 1992, because the countries Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany had decided to meet together for common projects. After the fall of the "Iron Curtain" and the end of the Russian Federation the countries Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania became part of the sub-region.

From Wednesday, 23rd of September, till Sunday, 27th of September, the 8th Conference of CESR took place. The venue had been the historic castle of Zeillern in Lower Austria, where the Austrian NSGF is a well known guest. Approx. 90 participants from 14 Countries had joined the conference as delegates and observers. A great honour had been the participation of Mida Rodriques, acting chair of ISGF, from Portugal.

According to the special characteristic of meetings of our movement, we had the possibility for an exchange of our international experiences and that all in the very special atmosphere of Austrian "Gemütlichkeit". After all the lectures and reports a new board had been elected for the next three years. The new chair person is Teresa Tarkowska-Dudek from Poland. She thanked Manfred "Manne" Bosse for his great work to develop the sub-region and its countries, especially the Baltic countries.

During the conference there had been excursions to Linz, the valley of the Mendling river and the area around.

After the conference sessions, the days have been ended with sing-along's and dance.

The 9th conference will take part from September 5th to 9th 2018 in Poznan, Poland.

You all are invited to come to Poland and to work and to have fun with friends.



Picture: Hans Slanec

28th North Baltic Sub-Region Gathering

25-30 June 2015

Horsens, Denmark

By Doris Stockmann

The North Baltic Sub-Region decided to hold its 28th Gathering in the same location where representatives from 18 countries met in 1955 for the first IFOFSAG (now ISGF) World Conference: Horsens, Denmark .

The 79 participants coming from Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden, had the opportunity of hearing two guest speakers, and debate the theme "Traditional Practice or True to Tradition".

Also worth mentioning is the fact that 13 new members joined the Ambassadors' Guild at this event.





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9th European Conference of ISGF Tours - Val de Loire - France 11-15 September 2016

Draft Timetable

Sunday 11th September 2016

All day Welcome at Tours railway station
Evening Reception with drinks in a garden close to the Vinci conference venue

Monday 12th September 2016

10.00 Sub-regional Meetings/Coffee
11.00 Opening Ceremony at Vinci Conference Centre
12.30 Lunch at Vinci
14.00 Lecture on Tours and the region followed by a visit of the town
18.00 Individual dinner in the restaurants of Tours

Tuesday 13th September 2016

09.30 Plenary session
11.00 Coffee break
11.30 Plenary session and Ambassadors Guild presentation
12.30 Lunch at Vinci
14.00 Panel discussion – “Scouting and Peace (100 years after World War I)”
15.00 Coffee break
15.30 Exchanges between the audience and the panel
17.00 Reception at the town hall of Tours
19.00 Dinner at Vinci

Wednesday 14th September 2016

09.30 Plenary session
11.00 Coffee break
11.30 Plenary session
13.00 Lunch at Vinci
14.30 Plenary session and Point on Ambassadors Guild new members
15.30 Coffee break
16.00 Closing words
16.30 Back to hotels
18.00 Departure from Vinci to “La Grange de Meslay” for the Gala Dinner

Thursday 15th September 2016

All day Excursion and visit of two palaces in the valley of river Loire
Individual basket lunch
Individual dinner after return to Tours

Friday 16th September 2016

Morning Individual departure or start of the post-conference excursions

**Theme of the
European
Conference:
Live together
Scouting and Guiding,
a School for
Peace and Citizenship**



Annual fee

The annual fee, in the amount of **€40**, for the year 2016 may now be paid. The countries which have not paid the fee for 2015 are reminded to pay it as soon as possible to the Europe account:

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Doris Stockmann - treasurer



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Grants available to attend the European Conference

To make sure a vast majority of our members can attend and participate in the European Conference, to be held in France, in September 2016, the European Committee is glad to announce that financial support is available to those with less possibilities.

Financial support will be given as full or half of the conference fee and sent directly to the organizing committee of the conference. The European Committee will decide up from 16th of February 2016 about the applications and send the information about the decision immediately, so the registration can be easily made until 29th of February 2016.

The application has to be confirmed by the local Guild Master and/or the International Secretary of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship.

In case of incorrect declarations, the European Committee has the right to reclaim the money given as financial support.

**Applications to be sent to Hans Slanec: by e-mail: hans.slanec@outlook.com
Or snail mail: Tannengasse 18/3, 1150 Wien, Österreich,
until 15th of February 2016 latest**

Please do not hesitate in contacting your International Secretary, the Conference Organisers, or the members of the European Committee, if you have any queries on the grants form and/or application.

The European Committee is glad to send you the third issue of the Newsletter "What's on in Europe", a joint effort of its members:

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Announced Events

Date	Event	Location
2 Feb 2016	St. George	Viena
11-15 Sept 2016	European Conference	Tours, France
6-9 Oct 2016	NSGF's Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia	Malenovice, Czech Republic
2017	28th World Conference	Bali, Indonesia
5-9 Sept 2018	9th Central Europe Sub-Region Conference	Poznan, Poland
2018	16th Mediterranean Gathering and 5th Southern Europe Sub-Region Gathering	Greece
2018	29th Nordic Baltic Sub-Region Conference	Gothenburg, Sweden