



# INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER No 6

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**Dear friends, members of I.A.G.**

**Welcome to our newsletter No. 6.**

**I.A.G. has entered a new era! The virtual era!!**

We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year , 2021!

2020 was a difficult year for the whole planet. Covid-19 turned our lives upside down and among all the other difficulties, it deprived us, the members of IAG, of the possibility to participate in the various meetings and events. The scheduled IAG General Assembly in Brussels in March 2020 did not take place, nor the ISGF World Conference in Madrid in August, where we intended to have a strong presence. However, the difficulties did not discourage us and so on November 15, 2020, we held the IAG General Assembly online with ZOOM! We dared and we succeeded . So we refuted the saying that “ you can’t teach an old dog new tricks” , yet we have learned to use the new technology and how to communicate and host meetings online. Of course our hope is that it will not take too long to get rid of this pandemic and we will all get together again, old and new members, old and new friends from all over the world. Getting together is more than important for IAG in order to recruit new members and advertise the good work done on the various projects. At present we can not predict future events. However, we can announce that the next IAG General Meeting will be held online again with ZOOM on Sunday, March 21, 2021. You will be informed accordingly. Until then, take care of yourself, stay safe and remain optimistic that sooner or later this pandemic will become a bad memory.



## GOODBYE LETTER

### FROM FORMER IAG CHAIRMAN

***Dear members of the Ambassadors Guild.***

*My term of office as chairman of IAG has*

*come to an end. Since 2012 we have met at ISGF gatherings and conferences and been able to talk about the idea of the Ambassadors Guild, welcome new members, discuss and have fun together and at the same time advertise for new members. Together we have made the Ambassadors Guild active and open and a good supporter of Scout and Guide projects. I would like to thank you, members of the board, the Secretary General of ISGF, translators and the good helpers in Brussels for very good feedback and support over a long period of time.*

*You may remember that I often asked for new members to join us. We need new members to be able to carry out our mission: Giving Scouts and Guides a helping hand by providing financial support to their project. We have not had the possibility to meet physically this year. All gatherings and conferences have been postponed. However, **we can all try just where we are to have a new member. Ask one of your friends to join us!!***

*I am sure, Nana Gentimi, the new chairman would love to welcome them. I wish her and the Board much luck with their future work.*

*Warm greetings to all*

**Björg**

## The New I.A.G. Board 2020-2021

Chairman Nana Gentimi (Greece)

Vice Chairman Bjørg Walstad (Norway)

Secretary Jane Wardropper (UK)

Treasurer Anthony Florizoone (Belgium)

Project Manager Mida Rodrigues (Portugal)

Project Manager Martine Levy (France)

Ex officio Zalillah Mohd Taib ISGF WCom  
Chairman (Malaysia)



**NANA**



**BJORG**



**JANE**



**ANTHONY**



**ZALILLAH**



**MIDA**



**MARTINE**

## MESSAGE OF NEW IAG CHAIRMAN

***Dear Ambassadors, dear friends!***

*At the 27<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference in Sydney, in 2014, as Vice Chair of ISGF World Committee, I had the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the Guild's work and realise the importance of the International Ambassadors Guild. Bjørg, as Chairman, was doing a great job, recruiting new members and publicising events and that's how I was inspired and became an Ambassador.*

*Now, 6 years later, I have the great honour of being elected as Chairman, and I am aware that It is a challenging task . On the other hand it is very encouraging that all the members of the previous Board will continue as members of the new Board a fact that ensures the continuation of a successful course. And I wish to thank them all for that.*

*But surely, we, the Board, are ready for a new beginning, a fresh start and the challenge of life in 2021*

*We set as a priority embracing new ways of communication to promote the idea of IAG as for the time being, Covid19 does not allow us to meet at various ISGF events . Of course another priority is to consider the kind of projects to be supported during the year which we think should be community oriented.*

*We have to work hard to achieve our goals and what we consider of utmost importance is to attract new members from all over the world and ensure that our proposed projects are relevant to the national programme of Scout and/or Guide groups.*

*We need your support, we need your spirit we need your good will !*

*We will keep in touch sharing with you, your and our efforts, activities and hopefully good news*

***Nana Gentimi***



**VERY IMPORTANT**

## **Ambassadors Guild Projects 2021/2022**

Despite the restrictions imposed by governments to control the COVID - 19 Pandemic, the Ambassadors Guild would like to offer support, in the form of small grants ranging from 100 to 2000 Euros dependant on the project.

The projects must be linked with community service and undertaken by members of Scouting and Guiding adhering to the regulations in their country.

The Ambassadors Guild is a charity associated with the International Scout and Guide Fellowship an organisation for adults who wish to continue to support the principals of Scouting and Guiding throughout the world.

Please read the conditions, complete your application and return it to the Ambassadors Guild by email.

### **Community service projects**

Today Girlguiding or Girl Scout Units and Scouting Units are looking at ways of supporting the community in which they live or normally meet. A small project can have a very long term effect and make the world a better place for people today and in the years to come.

The Ambassadors Guild welcomes applications for Grants. Please send your completed application to

The Chairman, Nana Gentimi email [ambassadorsguild@gmail.com](mailto:ambassadorsguild@gmail.com)

1. Describe the proposed project using the SMART Guidelines

#### **SMART Guide Lines**

**S = Specific** The project has one main target linked with the development of Scouting / Guiding values and the community.

**M = Measurable** The outcome can be measured and reported to the Ambassadors Guild at the end of the **project**

**A = Achievable** The planned project must be achievable giving value for money

**R = Resources** How the project will be funded and what part of the total budget will the grant be?

**T = Time** The length of time the project is expected to last.

**At the end of the project a report is to be sent to the Ambassadors Guild plus**

**Photographs.**

2. Provide any other information that is relevant.

# PROJECTS

## A short report from the Clean-Up project in Kinyago, Nairobi.



The Clean-Up project has been a great success so far. The scout and guide group, together with another youth group, have organised two Clean-Up campaigns in the village.

500 children, 70 grown ups and 23 scout and guide leaders participated.

When the work is done, they all have some food.

Clean-Up has been a popular activity. Together, the scouts and guides and a youth group from the village, have established a system for collecting garbage from families on a regular basis.

Scouts and guides activities are visible, and the group is popular. They are growing in number and units. Today they are 11 units of different ages.





*It is indeed a difficult task to say goodbye to friends from IAG family*

### **Werner Weilguny**



*In January , our good friend, Werner Weilguny , from Vienna Austria passed away. Werner became a life member of the Ambassadors Guild in 2000. For many years he served as a member of the General Assembly of the Ambassadors Guild till 2019 when he resigned for health reasons and was replaced by Hans Slanec.*

*Good bye dear friend! You will be missed*

### **Gerrit Jan Snier**



*Gerrit, a Scout from Netherlands, member of the Board of the Dutch NSGF and later member of the CB group, became a life member of the Ambassadors Guild in 2003.*

*He passed away in March 2020.*

*"I have chosen as a way through life the boy scout trail ! Lord give me the power. I am prepared."*

*Gerrit Jan Snier*

## I.A.G. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021

Dear friends, members of I.A.G.

As the problems caused by the coronavirus continue, the General Assembly of IAG for the year 2021, will be held again virtually by zoom, on Sunday, March 21, at 9 am Brussels time.

The invitation with relevant participation instructions will be sent in accordance with the constitutional provisions !!!

Don't miss it !!!!

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