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News from CB members/groups per region

EUROPE

Azerbaijan

Jane Najafova replaces Aliyev Shamistan as contact person for the group of 16 members of the Azerbaijan National Scout and Guide Union. They have an excellent relationship with the Norwegian National Scout and Guide Fellowship.

Turkey

U. Savas Baran, the only member in Turkey who just returned to ISGF, makes publicity and information bulletins in Turkish language and circulates them to his scout friends.

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Argentina

This year the Scouts y Guías Adultos de Argentina celebrated a jubilee of their first 6 years being member of ISGF through Central Branch. They will also celebrate the visit of B-P through Argentina in 1909 when he was travelling to Chile to explain the movement he had created and to promote its development.

A Camporee will be organized from 10-12 October 2009 in Mercedes, near Buenos Aires. It will be mainly an event to meet friends and also adult scouts and guides from neighbouring countries are welcome to join. www.camporeeargentina2009.ar.gs

Canada

The Agnes Baden Powell Trefoil Guild announced in their bulletin "the Second Time Around" that they receive used postage stamps from their members which they mail regularly to the Stampbank manager in Canada to fund ISGF programmes in developing countries.

Nicaragua

Fraternidad Nicaragua launched their newsletter "Fraternidad Info.ni" which they have set up as a combination publication with the active youth movement. Due to lack of resources they publish all issues for them that are relevant to their communities and Nicaragua.

They also support the TELETON project. Started in 1997, Teleton is a yearly event in which money is collected through television and radio over a 27-hour period. The mission of Teleton is to design, construct, install and operate medical care, rehabilitation, and diagnosis centers in Latin America, with special focus and emphasis on poor children with neuromuscular skeletal disabilities.

Uruguay

On February 22, the local Central Branch guild "Ñacurutú No. 1" affiliated to Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay (FASGU) organized a lunch party on Founders Day. Scouts, Pioneers and authorities of various Associations of Scouts of Uruguay, altogether sixty people, participated in activities and certificates of participation were handed over to the leaders of Scouts de Uruguay. This same Guild distributes their newsletter "El Ñacurutú".

USA
CASEGHA was involved in ISGF World Committee development Haiti project wherethey support a remote school in Northern Haiti.

Development
- First Contact with Girl Scouts -USA
On 30 December, 2008 Mario Sica, World Committee member, met Maureen Quinn, Vice President of the Girl Scouts of the USA (GS-USA), at their Headquarters in New York. In what was probably the first direct contact, at least in recent years, between ISGF and GS-USA, Mario briefed Maureen on the recent developments within ISGF, in particular the transition from the concept of "former" (Scouts/Guides) to that of "adults".
On her side, Maureen described the GS-USA current policy, centred on girls. She also added some information on a rather recent structure, the Girl Scouts Alumnae Association (GSAA), to which any woman who has undergone a Girl Scout training can belong. GSAA has begun registering and reconnecting an estimated 50 million former Girl Scouts. These women represent a potentially huge and powerful Girl Scout network.
Maureen and Mario agreed on ways to further develop mutual knowledge between the two organisations. In particular we shall look into ways for the WAGGGS European coordinator to get in touch with a European NSGF, to get acquainted with ISGF's ways and activities.

- Amicale Canadienne Francophone (ACF) - Canada
On 29 December, 2008 in Montreal, at the Headquarters of the "Association des Scouts du Canada" , Mario Sica met with three representatives of the ACF: André Lafontaine, President; Nicole Rondeau, Secretary; and Raoul Lincourt, past President and founder of the ACF.
Only a handful of members of this French-speaking group are at present registered with ISGF, through the CB. This is a rather abnormal situation, as the ACF, which was founded some 10 years ago, now number some 250-300 members.
Various legal aspects of the situation were discussed. The aim is to get all of the ACF members registered with ISGF. In order to do this, some kind of understanding has to be worked out with the Canadian Fellowship of Baden-Powell Guilds. Contacts have taken place between the two Canadian parties. The matter has been examined by the ISGF World Committee at its meeting in March 2009 and further negotiations will be made.

Central Branch update
As per May 1st, 2009 we have now 630 members in 33 countries (15 CB groups with 548 members and 82 individual members)

New registrations: November 30, 2008 – April 30, 2009
Cuba: Eugenio Emilio Soto Cisneros, Maldives: Ahmed Ali Maniku, Turkey: U. Savas Baran, USA: Roslyn Hamilton and Diane Keen

ISGF events

It is still possible to register for sub-regional and regional gatherings. The deadline of the ASPAC gathering 16-21 July near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia has been postponed until May 31st.
Please download the information and registration form from ISGF website.
Also the sub-regional West European event in Dundee, Scotland 18-22 August has still many openings. Both gatherings offer a lot of activities and sightseeing and time to meet other members.

The third Africa gathering, scheduled at the end of August 2010, will be hosted by the Central Branch Zambia group. More details will follow in ISGF Info.

Annual paperwork
The annual paperwork, including the invoice for the annual fee 2009, to be filled in by the contact persons of the CB groups will be sent out at a later date as we are working on direct fill in forms.
Payment of the annual fee will be expected preferably before September 1, 2009.
Those groups who did not pay their fee yet for 2008 or earlier years will receive a reminder.

Central Branch Coordinator
World Committee decided during their meeting in March 2009 that Leny Doelman will stay Central Branch Coordinator until 31 December 2011. She is acting as an ex-officio member of World Committee.

New assistant to the Secretary General
As from April 20, 2009 Cécile Bellet joined the World Bureau as new assistant to Faouzia Kchouk, the Secretary General. She will work part-time.

Summary E-Newsletter "ISGF Info" February 2009
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