



INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS GUILD aisb

NEWSLETTER No 4

January 2020

Welcome to our newsletter No. 4, which comes out at the beginning of the New Year, 2020! So we wish you a Happy New Year with many new IAG members and new projects!

2019 was a very exciting year with ISGF events around the world. We are very pleased to confirm that IAG board members were present and organized presentations with IAG activities and projects and recruited new IAG members.

Accra 31Apr-4 May2019 (3rd Africa Region Conference)

Bremen 21-25 August2019 (10th Europe Region Conference)

New York 16 - 20 September2019 (2nd Western Hemisphere Region Conference).

For the year 2020!



Don't miss ISGF 29th World Conference in Madrid, Spain,

17-22 August 2020!!!

We' ll all be there!!!!

MESSAGE OF I.A.G. CHAIMAN

Dear Ambassador

First of all I want to wish you a prosperous and happy New Year. May it also be a year for new members to join the Ambassadors Guild.

In 2019 many members took the opportunity to meet as a guild in Brussels in March at the General Assembly and at different regional conferences.

In Bremen more than 40 members met for the traditional ambassador's party.

To meet, have fun and news from projects make us feel we really are *an international guild*. Reports from projects prove that the financial support we give to scout and guide units means a difference for them. Some of them are growing in membership

You will soon receive an invitation to participate in the General Assembly in Brussels in March 21 -22, 2020. On Saturday we do a day trip to Antwerp and have dinner together in Brussels in the evening. The G.A will be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

Björg

Meeting of I.A.G. members and friends during the 10th Europe Conference
Bremen, Germany, August 2019



Jean Vandervelden, Belgium, founder of the International Ambassadors Guild and ex World Committee member, died on 7 July 2019 at the age of 87

IAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Brussels, 23 March 2019



In 2019 , IAG General Assembly was held in Brussels on the 23rd March at 3 pm at Les Scouts Pluralists Headquarters , next to ISGF World Bureau. 28 Ambassadors were present.

Many of us met for the first time the new ISGF Secretary General **Nathalie Henrard** (on the right).

During the General Assembly, these new members were welcomed and received their diplomas from Björg



From left to right
Meinhard Perkman (Austria)
Cecile Bellet (Former ISGF
Secretary General)
Björg Walstad IAG Chairman
Margarita (Maita) Garcia
Arrizabalaga (Spain)
Roeland de Boel (Belgium)
Hans Slanec (Austria)

The I.A.G board members for the year 2019

Björg Walstad from Norway Chairwoman
Mathius Lukwago Uganda ISGF Chairman
Mida Rodrigues Portugal Project manager
Nana Gentimi Greece Secretary
Antony Florizoone Belgium Treasurer
Jane Wardropper UK member
Martine Levy France (new member)



Attending the GA



Having fun



Lunch during the day trip to Waterloo



GREEN PROJECTS

In 2017 to celebrate the 20th anniversary, it was decided that extra money 20000 Euros would be allocated for grants supporting Scouting and Guiding projects to a maximum size of 2000 Euros, emphasis of these projects given to the environment.

Here are some of the projects

PROJECT VERDE ROMANIA



Girl guides from Romania asked in October 2018 for support to develop a training for leaders to plan a camp 100% green and train the leaders beforehand. The board decided to give them the grant to be able to start planning. Report from Hans Slanec, Austria, the contact person to the project, tells that they are working well.

GUIDE GROUP IN PUMWANI SLUM NAIROBI KENYA

Cleaning up in the slum



From the Kinyago scout and guide group in Kinyago slum Nairobi, Kenya we have got excellent reports on activities they have done. The group focus on leader training and projects on environment. They have regularly training during camps in Pigeon Park. The group is doing a good work in the local community. They are growing in numbers.

IVORY COAST

Uniforms, tents and training



Great job!

The report from Ivory Coast describe how the group have succeeded in upgrading the center for the children and the scouts and guides.

Dear friends!

We thought it will be very interesting to share with you the letter below sent by the scouts in BRØNNØYSUND (Norway). They had support from IAG for their international camp last year. They had a training focused on environment, take care of the nature and how to handle the waist and Garbage during the camp. It was quite a challenge for them and they had many fruitful discussions with scouts from the other countries.

We are a large scout/guide group with around 100 members. We were founded in August 1984 as Brønnøyspeiderne KFUK-KFUM (Brønnøy scouts YWCA-YMCA).

For the past 21 years we have had a unit called the Makalause (the Special Unit) who are scouts/guides of all ages who have special needs/impediments. Anyone can be included here. We are a gang of around 30, where more than 20 are disabled. In addition to normal scouting activities, we sing, play music and perform, both locally and at wider scout events.

Otherwise, we have the equivalent of beavers/rainbows, cubs/brownies, scouts/guides and rovers/rangers. All units take part in a trip in the autumn, a large jumble sale in the autumn, a Peace Light service, a skiing trip to Hermavann in February and usually an arrangement on St George's Day. In addition, all take part in the annual summer camp, which in 2020 will be a district camp at Valnesfjord.

We also have extensive cooperation with scouts and guides in many countries, first and foremost in Sri Lanka and northern Russia, but also in Poland, Burundi, Germany, Denmark and Sweden. Every second or third year, a group of us visit Poland, Russia or – most often – Sri Lanka. Those who go are scouts/guides (10-15-year olds), rovers/rangers and the Makalause. We have a camp site in Sri Lanka that we in praxis own, though we are not the formal owners.

In addition, we have a school for the disabled in Sri Lanka together with the Norwegian branch of Y Global, «Makalause Dream School». At present there are fifteen pupils and two teachers. The school also functions as a resource centre for scouting and for the disabled. There are now four scout/guide groups for the disabled in Sri Lanka, and we expect the fifth will soon be established. There is also a large scout/guide group for the disabled in Burundi, which is also called Makalause.

We have weekly meetings for the scouts/guides in addition to trips, while the other units have meetings each fortnight in addition to trips, and the Makalause also hold concerts. Every two or three years, the Makalause visit Spain in the autumn and hold concerts and services in the Norwegian and Swedish Seamen's Church and Mission.

At present we run a second-hand shop, in addition to applying for funds from many sources in order to maintain the activities we have. The shop is only open three days a week, because we don't have staff to keep it open more often.

That's a bit about us and our «madness»!

Kirsten Østergaard

<p>Contact us ambassadorsguild@gmail.com m VISIT ISGF WEBPAGE (www.isgf.org) and click on Int Ambassadors Guild for all the up dates</p>	<p>Please note I.A.G. General Assembly will take place Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 2pm- Brussels</p> <p>On Saturday March 21 a day trip to Antwerp by train</p> <p>Members joining for the weekend often stay at the hotels near to Brussels Midi station as it is in easy walking distance of the Bureau and restaurants for an evening meal together</p>
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