

30th ISGF World Conference

Granada, Spain 17 – 22 September 2024



CANDIDATES STANDING FOR WORLD COMMITTEE ELECTION 2024 - 2030

Agenda item 9
Circular 09

INTRODUCTION

Retiring members, not eligible for re-election:

The following three (3) members who were elected for their second term (extended to four years due to COVID-19 pandemic) at the 29th online ISGF World Conference in Brussels in 2022, will step down at the 30th ISGF World Conference in Granada, Spain and are not eligible for re-election:

- Mario BERTAGNOLIO (Italy - Europe)
- Zalillah MOHD TAIB (Malaysia – Asia Pacific)
- Elin RICHARDS (Iceland - Europe)

The ISGF World Committee is composed of six (6) members elected by secret ballot during the World Conference. We received six (6) candidacies while three (3) positions will be vacant. The following members, elected in 2022, will keep their position within the World Committee until 2027:

- Prosper BANI (Ghana - Africa)
- Vanessa HOOGENBERGEN (Curacao - Western Hemisphere);
- Ana RODRIGUES (Portugal - Europe);

On the following pages, you will find a presentation of all the six (6) candidates for ISGF World Committee 2024-2030. The presentations are excerpts from what the candidates themselves have written in the letter of motivation as well as the skills and experience on their nomination form.

Besides this presentation, each candidate will be allowed 3 minutes for a short presentation at the 30th World Conference.

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order by their family name.

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Carlo BERTUCCI (Italy)

General Information

Age

64

Languages spoken

English

Education

Master degree Economics

Professional now

Senior advisor of a central bank



Professional background

I have been working in a central bank for more than 30 years. I deal with both process risk analysis and IT projects. I am developing new knowledge in the field of blockchain and artificial intelligence.

<https://it.linkedin.com/in/carlo-bertucci-6a24b41a>

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship background

Scout leader for about 30 years (with wood badge).

Assistant of training camps at Association of Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts (AGESCI) in region Lazio.

In NSGF Italy (MASCI) I have been Regional Secretary of Lazio.

I was a delegate at the 2017 Bali ISGF World Conference.

I am currently the International Secretary of NSGF Italy (MASCI).

Community activities background

With my local Fellowship in Rome, I am involved in various community service activities, ranging from the development of scout groups to service in the territory by promoting clean lifestyles towards the environment.

Skills

I have been involved in international projects both as a scout and in my professional life. I hope to continue to do so.

Motivation

I firmly believe in the development of Scouting in the adult phase of life, promoting the spirit of the Scout and Guide Promise and Law. In my opinion, scouting in the ISGF must above all embody brotherhood, because, as the Scout Promise says, the scout and guide are brothers and sisters of every other scout and guide. Scouts and Guides from each country meet and share cultures, values, knowledge and, why not, conviviality. However, although they are adults, ISGF Scouts and Guides must have a very long time horizon, aware that the choices they make today will affect the world of tomorrow. Therefore, in addition to fraternity, it is necessary to develop knowledge of the problems of today's world and to find common ways to contribute to a better world. Furthermore, in my opinion, the ISGF Fraternity should develop the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and translate them into many concrete projects, which should also be shared with youth scout associations and local communities.

Greg DAVIES (Australia)

General Information

Age

67

Languages spoken

English

Education

No formal tertiary qualifications

Professional

Self employed in providing bookkeeping services



Professional background

Bookkeeping in chartered accountants office. Office Manager for RVBA, a large state wide sports organisation. Worked for a community based NGO providing hands on youth services, employment support programs and community based training courses. Currently - self employed running my own small bookkeeping business providing services to several local business.

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship experience

I started scouting aged 8, and have continued through the sections, becoming a young leader at my local scout group from 18. Current scouting warrant covers providing supporting advice and mentoring to 14 individual rover crews (approx. 180 Rovers aged 18-26). Working with the Victorian State Rover Council in various roles over 35+ years. Back in 2015 I was awarded the Silver Kangaroo from Scouts Australia for my scouting services. Attended international jamborees (two world jamborees and 18 national jamborees across 8 countries), as well as international moots. **ISGF Experience:** Have been an active member of CAS Terras BP Scout Guild since 1983, being the group's newsletter editor for many years. In 2023 I coordinated a group of 23 members on a nine day visit to Kandersteg International Scout Center in Switzerland. Served on the Australian BP Scout Guild executive – 8 years over three terms as Australian Guild Master, and currently serving second term as Australian Treasurer. Served on the NSGF Australia executive – two years as Chair, 6 years as Vice Chair over two terms, and currently serving as the NSGF Australian Treasurer.

Community activities background

Outside of the Scouting and Guiding roles, in the past I was mainly involved with two local community NGOs working mainly with bridging the educational gaps for young people as they moved from the schooling life and into the workplace. I volunteered on the Board of 'Youth Connect Inc' for 16 years serving as either the general committee or treasurer roles at different times. I was also a founding member and volunteered on the Board of 'Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Local Learning Network Inc' for 10 years serving as either the general committee or treasurer roles. This organisation looked more at providing advice and support to policy and program development in the school retention levels and youth employment areas.

Skills

Many years of 'scouting and fellowship' experience working in various roles have provided me with a very strong belief and commitment to the role of adults in scouting and guiding as they continue to support their local scouting and guiding organisations; and to international scouting and guiding, and the cultural awareness and benefits to those who participate.

I am a 'people' person that can work within a team. I am confident in my skills and abilities, which also includes having the ability to freely admit mistakes when they are made.

Motivation

A clear commitment to achieving the best results for the many ISGF members that I would be communicating and working with. A commitment to improving the ongoing communications and understanding of issues between the World Committee / World Bureau and the various AsPac NSGFs.

Essia FATHALLAH (Tunisia)

General Information

Age

65

Languages spoken

French and English

Education

Teacher training

Profession

Teacher and project coordinator



Professional background

Teacher; project coordinator (leisure; different activities; environment)

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship experience

1972-1974 Deputy Commissioner for Girls Branch; 1974-1980 Commissioner for Janettes; 1980–1988 Commissioner for Guides; 1988-1994 Training Manager for Girls; 1994-1998 Deputy International Commissioner; 1998-2003 Member of the International Committee; 2004- 2007 Member of the Arab region responsible for training and program; 2007-2010 President of the Arab Region WAGGGS; 2010-2022 Deputy Commissioner of Pioneers; 2022-2024 International Commissioner of Pioneers; 2014 until today Deputy Secretary General of the Arab Union of Pioneers/Scouts and Guides

Community activities background

- Awareness raising for the conditions of rural women
- Family reunification abroad (Defence of Tunisians abroad)
- Community initiative against domestic violence (advocacy)
- Planting trees (reforestation) in Tunisia; Saudi Arabia; Oman
- Family scouting (scouting family grouping of 3 to 4 generations)
- Editor of the scout journal “Etre Prêt”; from the newspaper “Les Jeunes Femmes”

Skills

I am committed to ensuring that the voices and concerns of the dynamic and diverse Arab region are fully represented in the ISGF Committee.

I strongly believe in the need for balanced and inclusive representation within our organization, and I am committed to working closely with my colleagues to promote this goal

Motivation

I hope that the new team of the global committee will be presented by the five regions.

Birthe ØMARK (Denmark)

General Information

Age

75

Languages spoken

English, French, German

Education

- MA Commercial translations and interpretation English and French.
- BA Philosophy
Communication & Rhetoric

Profession

Retired



Professional background

Director at UK subsidiary of Danish Company – 10 Years (located in London); Independent sales agent for UK and Scandinavia for Swiss based company 10 years (located in Denmark & UK); Key Account Manager relating to France; Freelance translator & interpreter; Part time teacher English & French for adults.

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship experience

Girl Guide, patrol leader, senior scout leader, National Leader Training Team, international secretary at district level, WAGGGS Young Adult Seminars Olave House (1969), Our Chalet (1971), WAGGGS World Conference (1972), Inactive 1980-1990 due to career development in England. 1991 – Joined NSGF Denmark in Horsens, Guild Master, District International Secretary, District Secretary, Member of International Committee, International Secretary, Chairman host committee of 11th Europe Conference, Attended ISGF World Conference in 1999 and 1996, Grossarl Forum and other international events.

Skills

Throughout my scouting (young and adult) and my professional career teamwork has been fundamental and also influenced my management approach.

Respect for the individual is important for my work.

My international experience and respect for other cultures along with my language skills, will surely be useful in my service to ISGF.

Motivation

I have strong belief in international institutions, associations and NGOs and trust that through active involvement we can make an impact. I want to see the legacy from B-P being administered and updated so that the core values that are valid in our time will stand out and make ISGF a skilful and respected partner throughout the world. In particular, I believe that we have to present our organisation in such a way that it appeals to younger people, so that they can bring ISGF into the future.

Sue PAGE (United Kingdom)

General Information

Age

77

Languages spoken

English

Education

Completed High school

Profession

Retired



Professional background

Administration and Finance

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship experience

Brownie and guide until 14. Switched to Scouting to help my parents with Wolf Cub Pack. When my sons went into cubs I switched to Scout Group Committee. Presently I am member of the Board of Trustees with this group. Joined B-P Scout Guild in 1973 and I am still member. In 1973 I became interested in ISGF and made contacts. When BP Guild of UK regained its membership in 2005 I became International Secretary. Been on the Executive Committee for NSGF UK for permitted terms of office. Served 3 years as International Secretary. Attended the Western Europe Sub-Regional (WESR) Gathering in 2009, 2015 and helped to organize WESR2018 in the UK. Attended ISGF World Conferences 2014, 2017 and the online one in 2022.

Community activities

As a brownie, aged 7, I promised to “lend a hand, do my best and do a good turn every day”. I have tried to do that in all areas of my life ever since. I have helped many other organisations in my local area, with my administrative and accounting skills and also with fundraising.

Skills


I have good administrative and financial skills. I work well as part of a team. I also have experience of social media and digital marketing. I am a good Communicator and experienced at networking.

Motivation

My objective would be to see ISGF back on a firm financial footing, leading to a full time Secretary General, with possible additional administrative help, this could be paid or voluntary. I would like to see more open communication between the World Bureau, World Committee and ISGF members. I would work towards more recognition from WAGGGS and WOSM (especially in the view of all the help and support our members give to the young people of those organisations).

Patrick de SOUZA (Senegal)

General Information

Age		64
Languages spoken		French and English
Education		License at University of Business Law Diploma Business Management
Profession		General director industrial and domestic cleaning

Professional background

Managing Director of the Radikal International Group. Industrial and domestic cleaning and measures taken to control crop diseases and infections (phytosanitary treatment).

Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship experience

Cub scout, troop, trainer of trainers for Woodbadge, district, regional, national commissioner, president of the association of scouts and guides of Senegal, president of the local Dakar guild, international secretary of the Senegal Fellowship since 2019 to date.

Community activities

Member of the following associations:

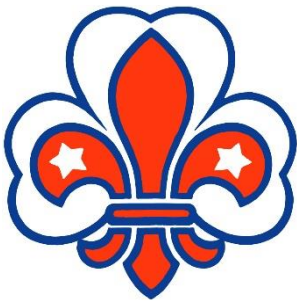
- YES with Africa association (initiation of young people in the field of sport and health)
- Ecological association for a better environment
- Volunteer association at the level of my municipality

Skills

I really like working in a team by making my skills available to members, so I would put my dynamism at the ISGF level. Ready to serve.

Motivation

- *Ready to energize my region, Africa and ISGF.*
- *Be close to the National Fellowships first of all my continent Africa and other continents that would need my experience and skills.*
- *Make programs with the African Fellowships for their development.*



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