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## 1. News from individuals/groups/(sub)regions

### AFRICA

#### *Africa Region Conference*

The 5th ISGF Africa Region Conference scheduled on 25<sup>th</sup> - 30th November 2016, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, has been postponed to 24th February - 01st March 2017. This decision has been taken after having gone through the situation in terms of registrations and ISGF African country members represented. The condition is not appropriate for assuring the legal aspect of the Conference (elections and voting). Therefore, on this basis, the Conference management has decided to postpone the Conference in order to enable the ISGF African Members to get better prepared and to attend massively the Conference. You will find full information on ISGF website, click [here](#).



### ARAB

#### *United Arab Emirates*

An ISGF Delegation held a meeting mid-November with UAE Scout Pioneers Committee Executive Board discussing the admission of the UAE membership in ISGF and many topics of interest for pioneers.



### ASIA PACIFIC

#### *AsPac Region*

The organizers of the AsPac workshop invite key figures such as National Presidents, National Secretaries and International Secretaries as per allotted quota from AsPac Fellowship and Central Branch countries. The workshop will be held from 20 – 22 January 2017 in Kuala Lumpur. For full details see this [link](#).



### Nepal

Five members participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Europe Region Conference in Tours, France that was being held from 11 – 15 September 2016.



### EUROPE

#### *Europe Region*

During the 9<sup>th</sup> Europe Region Conference in Tours, France, the voting for the Central Branch has been officially ratified. Each NSGF and the Central Branch shall have four votes, which they can use as they think fit, irrespective of the number of their delegates attending.



### **Netherlands**

Piet Kroonenberg, bearer of the Bronze Wolf died on 7 September 2016. He wrote many historic publications as historic consultant for the European Scout Committee.



### **Turkey**

The Association of Turkish Scouting Volunteers has made progress in their qualification to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship but still last steps need to be taken.

### **WESTERN HEMISPHERE WH Regional Committee**

The first WH Regional Committee has been elected during the WH Conference.

- Vanessa Hoogenbergen (*Curaçao*)  
Central America/Caribbean - Chairman
- Richard Moore (*USA*)  
North America – Vice Chairman
- Alberto Zambrana (*Uruguay*)  
South America - Secretary
- Marcos Clayton Pessoa (*Brazil*)  
South America - Treasurer



### **Central Branch Coordinator Latin America**

Juan Salazar has been released from his responsibility as Central Branch Coordinator for Latin America. Because of the new structure in this part of the Western Hemisphere, management and coordination will be taken over by the South America sub-region together with WH Regional Committee.

### **Surinam**

The PAVEURS, the Central Branch group in Suriname, did a great job. They were the host for the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Regional Conference held from 4 – 7 September 2016. They did a marvellous job and also the post tour was fabulous.



### **Trinidad & Tobago**

We welcome Anand Rameshwar Singh, as a new ISGF member.

### **Uruguay**

On 17 and 18 September more than 700 scouts from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay participated, in the 6th EN.I.ESC (Encuentro de Integración Scout).

Members from the Central Branch group Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay (FASGU) joined this event and supported them in many ways. When the flags were raised also the FASGU flag was there. Perfect visibility.



### **USA – CASEGHA**

They were present with 14 members at the WH Conference. Casegha USA has offered to be the host for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Western Hemisphere Regional Conference which will be held in September 2019 in New York.



### USA – Cuba

Every first Saturday of the month the group of the Asociacion de Antiguos Scouts y Guias de Cuba based in Miami Florida, USA has a breakfast meeting. They come together and discuss plans for the future and come up with ideas to help the local chapter of the South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



### USA – New Guild

A new local Guild became member of ISGF under the name of Troop 160 Memorial Scout Camp, based in the State of Maine. See their website <http://www.memorialscoutcamp.org>

## 2. Information upcoming events in 2017

- **AsPac workshop**  
20 – 22 January 2017  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **5<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference**  
25 Feb. – 1 March 2017  
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- **7<sup>th</sup> European workshop**  
3 – 8 March 2017  
Smolenice, Slovakia
- **28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference**  
9-14 October 2017  
Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

For a schedule of the events scheduled for 2018 please check the ISGF [website](#).

### 3. News from World Bureau

Our Kit has been published now and can be seen on the [website](#).

### 4. Update Central Branch members

As per 1 December 2016 we have now 1174 Central Branch members in 41 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

**Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a very Happy New Year**

You are welcome to join our discussion group on: <http://www.facebook.com>. Please register first (+confirmation by e-mail), then type ISGF in "Search" field and then click "Join the group". You may also find ISGF Twitter on [http://twitter.com/isgf\\_aisg](http://twitter.com/isgf_aisg)

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