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INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP



Chairman's talk

Mathius Lukwago

Dear Friends,

I would like to convey greetings from the World Committee and I express our appreciation for the support you are giving us continually.

We would like to give appreciation to our different globally teams who are making every effort to continue building our beloved institution: The World Bureau, Team Finance, Communication Project, Partnership and other teams for the great work of complementing consolidating the work of ISGF.

We still need more volunteers globally as you with different specialties to continue supporting and promoting our organization in order to meet our strategic goals.

I am happy to inform you that our South Sudanese Refugee project in Uganda was launched on the World Refugee day 20th June 2018. The construction of the huts has moved well and a half of the work has been done. We thank you very much for your contributions, you can't imagine the SMILE you put on our brother's and sisters' face getting new houses to sleep in!

In the next few months; we look forward to complete the remaining huts with your support.

In the same spirit, during a seminar held by MASCI in Italy, May 2018, we launched an appeal on "Human Rights and Immigration" and we will submit our petition to the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, in September 2019. It is part of our responsibility, as Scouts and Guides, to promote human rights.

We humbly request you to share the information and have more discussions during your meetings so that it can reach as many people as possible.

Finally, as you may be aware, our Secretary General Cecile Bellet, who have served our organization faithfully for almost a decade, will be leaving our organization by the first week of September 2018. On my behalf, the World Committee and ISGF at large, we would like to appreciate her whole heartedly support to our organization and wish her the best in her next career in life.

Remind the words of our founder

"Yet one more item is needed to complete success, and that is the rendering of service to others in the community. Without this the mere satisfaction of selfish desire does not reach the top notch".

Commitment and consistency is the spirit that will make us reach our goals.

I wish you the Best.

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The ISGF World Bureau will be closed 24th – 31st August 2018.

News from the world

ISGF World Bureau, vacancy

Life is made of changes, evolutions, surprises and unexpected events, which make you grow and go beyond some limits. During the last 9 years, I have not only worked with and for you but I have also shared wonderful time, made new friends, learnt a lot thanks to you, you who are wherever in the world. However, time has come for me to leave ISGF.

I would like to take this opportunity to deeply thank all those who offered me their confidence, their valuable support, advice, and their precious time. So many constructive and pleasant discussions we had for the sake of ISGF.... I will not name them but they will recognize themselves..... Thank you for everything.

It is with a heavy heart that I drafted this article and what about when I will close the door of the WB for the last time on the 7th September?

Our paths diverge but it is not an end, Friendship will remain. I wish you success and lots of fun in the pursuit of your endeavours. As I liked to say, ISGF would not be without you, you are ISGF so go ahead! Take care.

ISGF Secretary General- Recruitment

A call for filling in the vacancy was made to the NSGFs and on Belgian Job platforms. Those who are interested in the position and would like to get further information are invited to contact the ISGF World Bureau. Deadline for candidacies is: **26th August 2018**

The ISGF global project in cooperation with UNHCR in Uganda



On the occasion of the World Refugee Day, on 20th June 2018, you were informed in which terms the ISGF-UNHCR project in Uganda would be adjusted: it is no more a question to provide the refugees with temporary shelters but with semi-permanent accommodations for a better impact in their lives. This is with great satisfaction that, thanks to your generosity, we had been able to start the building of 25 huts. ISGF will not stop here as there is a very serious need in the camp and we therefore call once more for your support to help us to achieve our goal: to contribute to the building of 50 huts to make the life of 200 refugees easier and bearable.



For more information, see these links:

[Uganda project- update](#)

[Project launch - video](#)



UNHCR: ISGF representations



On 23rd April, an ISGF delegation composed of Mathius Lukwago, chairman of the ISGF WCom, Cécile Bellet, SG, and Martine Levy, ISGF representative to the UNHCR attended a meeting with the UNHCR representatives in Paris, France. The meeting was very positive and the exchanges fruitful and very constructive. It was an opportunity to assess the project in Uganda but also to discuss the future for a better cooperation and coordination of ISGF/UNHCR projects. The UNHCR representatives offered their recognition for the expertise and the added value of adult scouting and guiding and will endeavour to facilitate an ISGF working visit to the headquarters in Geneva with the view of re-signing the global partnership by end of 2018.

UNHCR Annual Consultations
with NGOs 2018



In the same spirit of cooperation, Martine Levy and Cecile Bellet represented ISGF at the UNHCR annual consultations with NGOs, which took place from 26th to 27th June in Geneva, Switzerland. The theme was 'Putting people first'. Many workshops, plenary sessions took place aiming at identifying how to empower refugees, to offer them the opportunity to decide and to be actors of their lives because a refugee is not just a 'refugee' but a human person. Unfortunately, we often do forget it.... [Closing ceremony - video](#)

Vice chair of the ISGF World Committee, awarded by WAGGGS

Puan Sri Zalillah Mohd Taib, Vice-chairman of the ISGF World Committee, has been awarded by the Girl Guides Association Malaysia at their recent Annual General Assembly. Pin was given by the Royal Patron, the Queen of Malaysia.

This award is given by WAGGGS to those who had contributed to the region, as you can see on the photo, the diploma was signed by the CEO of WAGGGS & the Chair of Asia Pacific Region.



2018, an important year for the International Ambassadors Guild

From 20-22 April 2018, the International Ambassadors Guild (IAG) members met in Brussels, Belgium to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the IAG and could enjoy a full programme of activities. The IAG newsletter will provide you with more details and souvenirs and it will be available on the ISGF website soon.

Do not hesitate to visit the IAG webpage....

Read more about ISGF Regions...

News from the Regions

AFRICA

Events of the Region for 2018 and 2019.
Iddriss Hussain – Vice-chairman of the Regional Committee

2nd SOUTHERN SUB REGION GATHERING- ZIMBABWE - 2018



The second Southern Africa Sub Region Gathering will take place in Zimbabwe, in the town called Victoria Falls from the 10th to 12th August 2018.

Both Zimbabwe and Zambia have confirmed participation.

A team of about 10 Zambians will be joining their counterparts in Zimbabwe at TATENDA LODGE for three days gathering. There will be sightseeing after the gathering. Members are encouraged to participate.

[Access to the webpage for this gathering](#)

2nd WESTERN AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL GATHERING- BENIN - 2018



Benin is a small country located in West Africa and it shares borders with Togo and Nigeria. The Fellowship of Benin is pleased to organize the Western Africa sub-regional gathering.

Benin has rich culture and hopeful all members coming from other countries

will have a good memory of Benin after the gathering. The event will be held in Cotonou the capital city as known to most people in Africa, from 5th to 9th November 2018. Come and experience our hospitality and culture. [For more information, click here](#)

3rd AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE- GHANA- 2019

The 3rd Africa region Conference will be held in Accra, Ghana. This conference is held every 3 years to discuss issues facing Africa region. Ghana as host country is very much grateful and is working hard to make the conference a successful one. The venue for the conference is a Presbyterian Women centre which is located in the heart of Accra the capital of Ghana and it's about 20 minutes drive from Kotoka International Airport.

THEME: Discovering potential in Africa, the role of National Scout

Date: 30th April to 4th May 2019.

Ghana fellowship is working closely with the stakeholders in ensuring visitors are provided with the best hospitality ever as long as the fellowship is concern and we will encourage members all across Africa and above to register for the great experience awaits you. Ghana welcomes you all.

Information and forms available here : [3rd Africa Region Conference, documents](#)



ARAB

The 4th Fellowship Gathering in Tunisia.

Mohamed Jarraya, Chairman of the Regional Committee



The event took place in Sousse, Tunisia, from 21st to 28th April 2018, with the participation of 75 scout and guide pioneers coming from 9 countries of the Arab Region.

The programme included :

- A workshop on the experience of each NSGF in attendance about relief projects in favor of the scout and guide movement and/or of the community;
- Visits to Sousse, Kairouan, El Jem, Mahdia and Monastir;



- Donation of wheelchairs for disabled people by the members of the Arab Union of Scout and Guide Pioneers;
- Donation of books and dictionaries by the NSGF of Tunisia to a high school's library located in a rural area;
- Scouting and recreational vigils;
- A boat trip to the touristic area, Kantaoui;
- The participation of ISGF World Committee members on the farewell vigil of the gathering;

Looking forward to seeing you in 2021 for the 5th Fellowship Gathering that will take place again in Tozeur.

ASIA PACIFIC

News of the Region

Satish R. Khanna, Chair of the Regional Committee

AsPac. ISGF Forum of Growth & Service

It was 25th October 1953, one day after the formation of United Nations that IFOFSAG was formed in Lucerne (Switzerland, European Zone).

At the same time same was also formed with name as Past Scouts Guides Association in the year 1955 in Delhi (India. AsPac. Zone). The name IFOFSAG changed into International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) in the Year 1996, during the World Conference in Montegrotto, Italy .

Since then Fellowship grew rapidly, but its growth was visible only in the European Zone & it remained as a shadow in AsPac. Zone. Further it became worse when we found that there was no representation of AsPac in the World Committee during the World Conference in Como (Italy). This prompted myself & other colleges to form our own AsPac Region Committee. The idea was precipitated in the year 2012 during AsPac Regional gathering in Bangladesh. The committee was formed & myself was elected Chairman.

Our aim was to spread the Fellowship all over AsPac region. We decided to meet once every year in the AsPac Region to evaluate its growth.



Since then Committee met in India 2013, Philippines 2014, Malaysia & Singapore 2015 , Maldives in 2016, New Zealand 2017 & Nepal 2018. We are going to meet in Sri Lanka during AsPac Regional gathering Sept'2018. We aim at founding new Members like South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia etc.

Apart from the growth, every region successfully carried out special activities & covered the various community projects.

Distributions of free books to needy students was carried out by Maldives, India, Bangladesh, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Nepal, Malaysia covered various projects like helping the needy,

Elderly people providing them with their needs at different times. Some important projects need special attention.

Fight against Tuberculosis (TB) - project



Project was launched in Mumbai (India) to invent special diet which will keep the TB patients healthy & recover fast. It is a unique health project undertaken, keeping in mind the report published by WHO in 2012, that the TB Patients are developing immunity against Antibiotics and other Drugs. Nutrition therapy developed will help to combat immunity and help the treatment of Patients both clinical and surgical sides. Therapy products contains vitamins A , C and E with multivitamin enriched proteins. Project has already involved scientific and statistical results of improvement in the health and rehabilitation of the patients .

Asia Pacific Regional Scout Guide Foundation

Idea of forming and promoting Foundation is to make ourself financially strong to help Scout and Guide movement with various community projects. Foundation accepts donations of any kind. Foundation was initially launched in Maldives 2016 and subsequently it was legally registered in New Delhi (India). AsPac Scout Guide Foundation will support scouting and guiding by way of assisting under privileged and worthy in AsPac. Region to attend jamboree or gatherings by giving them financial support of 300 US \$ and give humanitarian aid to scout guide families in need after natural disaster .



Do not miss the **15th ASPAC Gathering, 5-9 September 2018 in Sri Lanka**
 See this link for further information: [AsPac Gathering - information](#)

EUROPE

The European Sub-Regional Gatherings 2018 are very close to us now. With our best wishes of success

29th Nordic Baltic Gathering

24- 28 August 2018, Sweden



For practical information:
[NBSR documents](#)

9th Central Europe Gathering

5-9 September 2018, Poland



For information :
[CESR information](#)

27th Western Europe Gathering

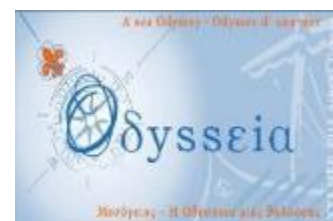
8-12 October 2018, United Kingdom



To access to the forms and information
[WESR documents](#)

16th MED/5th Southern Europe Gathering

19-27 October 2018 Greece



Information available for those with walking restrictions, see this link
[MED gathering in Greece](#)

APPEAL FROM MASCI, Italy



The NSGF of Italy, the MASCI, organised an international seminar on 'Human Rights' on the 3rd May in Roma, Italy, in cooperation with FOCSIV in presence of representatives of Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece. MASCI offered us the opportunity to reflect and debate on an important issue: how to advocate and take an effective commitment to the respect and the recognition of human rights for all, wherever in the world. According the UNHCR information, 65 million people around the world were forced to flee their homes, an unprecedented figure. They include almost 22.5 million refugees, more than half of whom are under 18 years old.

There are also 10 million stateless people who have been denied citizenship and access to basic rights such as education, health care, employment and freedom of movement. Millions of people are deprived of their fundamental rights, their human rights. Disregard

and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts, tyranny and oppression.

As adult scouts and guides, we endeavour to make this world a better place to live and this cannot be achieved without promoting the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family, which is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

As adult scouts and guides, we act with integrity, we respect and support others, we make a positive difference, we cooperate with others and make friends. The scouting and guiding values are strong assets to contribute to the mutual understanding, the intercultural dialogue, and therefore to the Peace in the world.

As adult scouts and guides, and with reference to the Bali Declaration adopted during the last ISGF World Conference, we will "Encourage politicians, law-makers and other stake-holders to adopt policies that reflect the universal values of human rights as a mean to bring us together and to combat hate and intolerance."

It was a valuable opportunity to address this issue exploring the socio-economics moods of our time, with courage and consciousness, the synergy between volunteer organizations, the political-social choices for welcoming migrant brothers in the spirit of friendship among people.

As conclusion of the seminar, MASCI issued a declaration and all ISGF Members are invited to contribute to the action launched by MASCI providing them information, examples of activities, good practices etc... for more information: [Appeal made by MASCI](#)

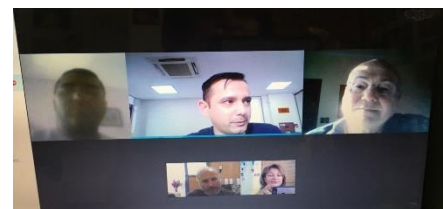
WESTERN HEMISPHERE



News of the Region

Vanessa Hoogenbergen, Chair of the Regional Committee

We continue to follow our goal to include a representative of a country member of the Region in our monthly Video Conferences. We already had the opportunity to have the participations of Enrique and Alejandro Bargallo from Mexico, Bernardo Herrera from Chile, Mabel Pais and Patricia Santana Alanis from Uruguay and this month we had the participation of Márcio Randig from Brazil.



With great pleasure, Brazil was accepted as a member of the South American Sub Region (SASR).



FASGU Uruguay is working with much enthusiasm in the organization of the 5th SASR Gathering, to be held November 2-4, 2018. The 2nd Newsletter has been released and the Organizing Committee is very happy with many confirmed registrations [Information for the 5th South America Gathering 2018](#)

On July 7, the Club Antiguos Scouts Adultos de Valparaiso of Chile has elected a new board of directors; Bibiana Calderón is the new President for the next two years.

The 2nd Regional Circular of the Western Hemisphere Region Committee has been released and uploaded on the ISGF website. You missed it? Do not worry see this link [Western Hemisphere newsletter 2](#)

Two members of Copernicia Curaçao has received a special recognition, Maria (Poppy) Wawoe has been appointed honorary member of the National Guide Association and Ivy Lichtenberg has been awarded as honorary member of her own community Sta. Maria.



In connection with the visit of the Contact Person of CB member ODIG Aruba, Dorothy Hunt, the members of Copernicia who went to the World Conference last year, organized a get together to remember the good time they had together in Bali.

From July 14-21, our treasurer Marcos Pessoa assisted at the Brazilian National Jamboree at Barretos, Sao Paulo, Brazil with participation of 5229 scouts from Brazil, Portugal and Paraguay. Marcos helped with the PW2J radio amateur station showing the scouts knowledge of radio amateur.

Upcoming events:

5th SASR Gathering to be held in Uruguay on November 2-3-4, 2018

2nd WHR Conference to be held in New York in September 16-20, 2019

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