

# News from Europe



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## News from the World Conference

### Congratulations Sue Elected ISGF World Committee Member

We are delighted that Sue Page a member of NSGF UK was elected at the 30<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference in Granada Spain on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, to the World Committee. Sue will serve a 6-year term.



Other newly elected members are Greg Davies, Australia and Essia Fathallah, Tunisia.



Our thanks go to all members of the Spanish Host Committee and their Conference helpers. In the next edition there will be a link to a website with all the Conference photos.





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## SCOUTING SUNRISE

The Zentral Gilde, whose members are spread all over Germany, organises summer camps for its members at irregular intervals. Scouting Sunrise' is also celebrated in this context. This includes a celebration with promise renewal. Members who were not guides / scouts in their youth also make their promise here. As the members of the guild come from different guilds (WAGGGS and WOSM), there is no standardised song for promise celebrations. This year, due to our stay at Lochgoilhead Scout Centre in Scotland, we decided to sing a song in English 'On my honour'. However, this required some practising, as it was difficult for us to harmonise.



After an introduction to the ceremony, candles are usually lit to symbolise the individual stages of the Guiding and Scouting movement. A text is then read out that is appropriate to the individual stage and describes the task of this age group. This is followed by texts describing the challenges of our age group. These are self-created texts or passages from literature. During the ceremony, two guild members hold the flag and the member speaks her own Promise text. The neckerchief is then awarded. The knot was tied by the candidate herself the day before. This is followed by the joint renewal of the promises, which this year took the form of a song. In 2000 we were in Chelmsford with our guild. There we celebrated 'Scouting Sunrise' for the first time.

**Angela Dernbach - Gildensprecherin Zentral Gilde e. V.**



The Ukrainian scout camp in Sardinia ended on 9th September. 23 scouts from Ternopil participated together with a small team of Ukrainian scouts living in Italy. The camp was a great success. Besides MASCI, who took care of the organisation and coordination, Italian scouts from AGESCI and CNGEI also took part in some of the activities.



I would like to thank ISGF Europe, IAG, UK and Antony. Without their generous funding of the air travel costs the camp would not have been possible.

This camp concludes the 2024 annual cycle of twinning between Ukrainian and Italian scouts, coordinated by MASCI, in which a total of almost 300 Ukrainian scouts have participated.

We tried to offer some serenity. One little girl, Polina, lost her father in the war during the camp, but only found out when she returned home.

Also, as you know, a MASCI team was in Kiev in July, and we met Ukrainian scouts from NOSU and PLAST. One of the NOSU scouts is now doing military exercises. We hope to organise partnerships next year in an atmosphere of peace and brotherhood.

**Carlo Bertucci, MASCI**



SCHWEIZ. PFADFINDER-  
PHILATELISTENVEREIN  
L'ASSOCIATION SUISSE DES  
PHILATÉLISTES SCOUTS

## 40 years of Swiss Scout & Guide badges and philatelist association 2024

It was a great occasion in Central Switzerland, not only to look back on the past four decades of beautiful memories and shared experiences, but also to look forward and plan new adventures. We have achieved a lot during that time and made countless friends at home and abroad. Especially the joint activities, such as the realization of the exhibitions at the last three federal camps of the Scout Movement Switzerland, the exchange of ideas and the exciting excursions to the EuroScout and other meetings, have made our association what it is today.

On this special day we focused on the joy of collecting scout philately, postcards, vignettes and badges, ties. These small treasures tell stories and unite us in our passion. You brought your most beautiful stamps and badges to make exciting exchanges. Who knows, maybe you found one or two badges that were still missing from your collection...! While others admired the diversity of our collections.

We looked forward to an unforgettable day of laughter and good conversations. We toasted the next 40 years of our association and all the adventures that lie ahead. Together as paths, we will continue to explore the world, support each other and create unforgettable memories. Here's to many more years of friendship and common collector passion!

Since 30.08.2024 - we also have a group collecting Boy Scout Memorials, i.e. badges, scarves, pin, belts, postcards, vignettes and much more! **What do you collect?**

Swiss Scouts & Guides Philatelist Association (SPPHV)

Martin Bosle, President - [www.pfadfinder-briefmarken.ch](http://www.pfadfinder-briefmarken.ch)

More photos under: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/spphv/albums/72177720320684437>

## Registration is now open for the

### WESR Gathering.

**Venue:** Accommodation HYGGE  
Burgemeester Aartslaan 51, 5571 TR Bergeijk,  
The Netherlands

**The fees per person:** The expenses for accommodation, all meals starting with dinner 10 October 2025 and ending with breakfast on 14 October 2025, coffee and tea breaks and excursion are included.

**€450 room with 2 separate beds - €450 room with 4 separate beds**

**€415 camping Belltent with 2 beds - €236 camping in your own camper caravan or tent**

1. **Reduction of €25 for early birds if registered and fully paid before 15 December 2024**
2. First payment with registration €200,00 before 01 February 2025
3. Deadline and balance final payment: 01 May 2025

Registrations forms are available from your International Secretary or from the Dutch Scout and Guide Fellowship.: [international@dsgf.nl](mailto:international@dsgf.nl) or their Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/153831610030284/>



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