



## INTERNATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE FELLOWSHIP

### Chairman's talk



Dear ISGF members,

I trust all of you are safe and healthy wherever you are at the moment.

This has been a challenging year for all of us, and my heart goes out to everyone affected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

ISGF has not been insulated from this unwelcome pandemic, it forced us to make some difficult decisions including to postpone the 29th World Conference to year 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation and its implication for our World Conference in 2021. We will also explore into other options including to postpone the 29th World Conference further or to have a virtual World Conference.

Despite all the challenges, we do have a few good news to share. ISGF World Bureau is now moved to a better place, so our Secretary General could work in a better working environment and to serve the organization better. With your utmost support, ISGF also completed the IMVEPI shelter project in Uganda by building 50 huts for the refugees in the settlement.

ISGF World Committee will work alongside with all our members to continue to strengthen our Organization further. I believe, together we can bring ISGF to a greater height.

I look forward to a healthy and fruitful year ahead. Wishing you a joyful and safe holiday season.

Zalillah Mohd Taib  
Chairman  
ISGF World Committee  
International Scout & Guide Fellowship

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## December 2020

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**The ISGF World Bureau will be closed from 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 included.**

## News from the World

### ISGF World Conference 2021

After consultation with the Host Committee and the World Committee Conference Team the following terms and conditions shall now apply to World Conference 2021.

The payment plan and cancellation policy have been adjusted:

20% before 15 May 2021 (was 15 February)

50% by 15 June 2021 (was 15 May)

After June 15 (was 15 May) there will be no refunds

NB: The registration can be applied to another person not previously registered, without any cost.

If World Conference 2021 is prevented from carrying out its obligations because of COVID-19 the following costs will be deducted from the received amount.

1. Bank transfer expenses
2. Currency conversion (if any)
3. 3% for compensation for cancellation

If you have a question regarding this adjustment to the cancellation policy you may contact: [29WConf@aisg.es](mailto:29WConf@aisg.es).



## News from the World bureau

### We are moving



Time to move as the former World bureau building will be transformed into social rental housing. The new World bureau will be located near the Brussels Central Station.



New location information :

Address : Avenue des Arts 6, 1210 Brussels, Belgium.

Phone number : +32 (0)2 313 39 08

More information will be published on the ISGF website. Please note that the new World bureau information will only be effective on the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2021**.

### Annual report 2020 and census 2019

The information on the annual report is really important to update the NSGFs profiles on the ISGF website. Make sure your NSGF profile is adjusted, do not forget to send your logo. We would like to remind the countries that have not yet sent their census 2019 to share your census no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020 otherwise the invoice will be issued based on last year census with a 10% increase.

### Stay connected

Even through the covid-19 pandemic, ISGF members showed their commitment on the different social platforms of our Organization. Many have thus lived up to Baden Powell's motto: Always ready! even in adversity. We are happy to publish on our website the many initiatives taken by the NSGFs during this difficult period. Please do not hesitate to share your events and meetings with social-distancing by email to [webmaster@isgf.org](mailto:webmaster@isgf.org) so that we can publish it on our [ISGF Website](#)



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## News from the Region

### AFRICA *News from Hussain Iddrisu, Africa region Chairman*

The Africa Region Committee supported three projects within the Region with the ISGF Region Development Fund: Planting three Eucalyptus, Uganda NSGF, Cooperative farm in Hinvi, Benin NSGF and Grannies in distress, Kenya CB Trefoil Guild. Due to covid-19 the projects are on hold. But soon reports will be available. We are also pleased to know that multiple countries from the Region will join us for the World Conference in 2021 with 50 participants in total : Angola (proposed NSGF), Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia.

Do not hesitate to like the facebook page of Africa Region : <https://www.facebook.com/isgfafricaregion>

### ARAB *News from Fathy Mahmoud Farghaly, Arab region Chairman*

The ISGF Arab Region and all NSGFs members of the Region celebrated Arab Pioneer Day. The Day of ISGF Arab Region establishment on Friday 7th December 1984 and in the general session of the sixteenth Arab Scouts Conference in Mascot of Oman Sultanate on the Saturday 8th December, the late Mr. Youssef DANDAN, former Secretary General of ISGF Arab Region announced to the Conference the establishment of ISGF Arab Region. The slogan of this year day is "helping the people in need"

Find links for items of the Celebration Day Activities: [https://youtu.be/dc\\_bZwcb05Q](https://youtu.be/dc_bZwcb05Q) and <https://youtu.be/PGEvcOYNwKA>.

### ASIA PACIFIC *News from Brian Jackson, AsPac region Chairman*



On the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020, AsPac Committee had their first regional meeting of the year. Unfortunately, the main focus was to assess covid-19 impact all around the World, however a very positive attitude was taken by all the attendees. The Region decided to go ahead with all the arrangements for the Region. The Committee greeted observers from Myanmar and Brunei who are currently working towards ISGF membership.

In June, the Committee held their meeting on Zoom and asked all AsPac NSGFs what would be the better option

for the 16<sup>th</sup> AsPac regional Conference : to go ahead in 2021 or to postpone to 2022. In October, it was decided for the Conference to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November in Penang, Malaysia. It is 4 months later than originally planned to count on the possibility that international travel will be advisable by then. Malaysia is working hard to host a great conference. The arrangements and the costing will be available after the next Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Brian Jackson would like to thank NSGFs that assisted with humanitarian aid related to covid-19 in the worst affected countries within AsPac Region. Their efforts and their work are highly appreciated. For instance, the Maldives NSGF distributed 1400 surgical masks to frontline workers in their capital Male.



**Next event: 16th AsPac Regional Conference in Penang, Malaysia.  
25-30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021  
More information coming soon.**

## EUROPE *News from Pierre Decoene, Europe region Chairman*

What a year 2020. We started after the Europe Conference in Bremen full of courage. And then all of a sudden everything has changed. Covid-19. We learned a lot of new words. Mostly in English : lock-down, social distancing, first wave, second wave, etc...

And we have hoped that after the first wave everything should become more or less back to normal. The new normal. Nothing of the kind. A lot of activities in 2020 have been cancelled or postponed. Most urgent meetings have been held by video conference.

But now we have new hope. The vaccines are almost ready. We cross our fingers for the CESR workshop/gathering/conference in Puck, for the World Conference in Madrid and for, the workshop in Porto all planned for 2021. And thumbs up for the gatherings that are postponed until 2022.

Let us celebrate Christmas and New Year, perhaps not like before, let's stick to the rules. This is the best to overcome this pandemic.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **2-16 May 2021** 10th Central Europe Conference Puck, Poland
- **26-30 May 2022** 30th Nordic Baltic Gathering Selfoss, Iceland
- **25-29 October 2022** 17th Mediterranean Gathering, Cyprus
- **2022** No dates available 28<sup>th</sup> Western Europe Gathering Lille, France
- **2023 August** No dates available 11 Europe Region Conference, Denmark

## Western Hemisphere *News from Alberto Azambra, WH Region Chairman*

The Regional committee (Alberto Zambrana, Chairman, Ricardo Blengini, Secretary and Bryan Bell, Treasurer) meets every month to discuss day-to-day issues, to promote the activity and growth of the groups. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the planning and putting into action most of activities, was slowed down during the first part of the year.

Mario Bertagnolio, member of the World Committee and liaison with the Western Hemisphere Region, participates in the committee's monthly meetings. Vanessa Hoogenbergen and Marcos Clayton Pessoa helped the committee with high commitment and generous teamwork spirit.

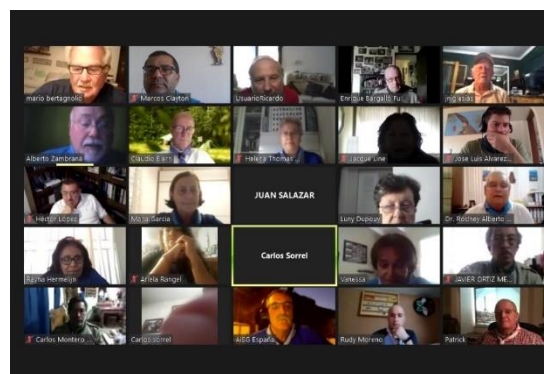
**Strategic Plan.** In June, the committee approved a strategic plan for 2019-2022.

**Guests** Representatives of the NSGFs and Central Branch groups are invited to each monthly meeting, for the committee to learn first-hand about their activities and needs and for the national organizations to learn about the support the committee can offer them as well as the committee's projects.

Since this committee was installed in September 2019, the following members have participated: Anand Rameshwar Singh from ISGF- TT (Trinidad & Tobago); Oscar Ibañez from ASGACH (Chile); Jorge Nilo Iglesias from AASGC (Cuba / USA); Jamilie Haile and Solange López from Copernicia (Curaçao); Eustace Ward and four other members from ANSGA (Panama); Alejandro Bargallo from ANASMACH (Mexico).

### Performed activities

1. On the occasion of the 4th Anniversary of the Western Hemisphere Region, on September 5, a successful Zoom meeting was held, gathering more than 50 members from 14 countries.



2. On October 25, the anniversary of ISGF, a flyer was published in the WhatsApp groups inviting members of the Region to make a Fellow's Phone Call to a member of another country, to strengthen personal ties.

3. On November 7, a Concrete Action was organized, based on the proposals made by the participants in the 2nd Conference of the Western Hemisphere Region. Seven NSGFs and groups from the Central Branch participated.



### Scheduled activity.

On December 12, the regional committee convened national organizations to carry out an end-of-year activity, called Solidarity Day, consisting of donating non-perishable food and toys to those in need on the occasion of the end of the year's festivities.

### Central America and the Caribbean Sub Region.

On November 11, a Zoom meeting was held with representatives of Mexico, Curaçao, Panama, Trinidad - Tobago, Guatemala and Suriname, along with the President and Secretary of the Committee of the Western Hemisphere Region. The intention was to carry out preliminary conversations to create a new Sub Region. The outcomes were very encouraging as the participants demonstrated enthusiasm and vocation to advance in this Sub Regional organization.

### Development of National Organizations.

Despite the Covid-19, during 2020 the Region grew at a good pace, and the committee carried out a specific task of accompaniment, support and facilitation to the following countries:

1. In Guatemala, a new group (ATZ FSGG) was created in September and consolidated in November, with more than 150 members.



2. ANSGA (Panama) returned to ISGF activities in the Region, after some years of absence.



3. In Peru and Chile, there are vibrant Central Branch groups that are developing and increasing their membership to finally become NSGFs in their respective countries.

4. The NSGF-AMO of Argentina (SGAA) is growing its membership in order to become a Full Member at the 29th World Conference Madrid 2021

5. The Central Branch's groups of Brazil (ABAEB), Suriname (PAVEURS) and Venezuela (FASGV) have their legal procedures well advanced with ISGF Legal Team, to become Full Members in Madrid 2021.

In short, 2020's challenges became opportunities of development for the WHR



**The World Committee and the World bureau wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Hoping 2021 will bring you peace, good health and new friendship.**

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