



Newsletter of the National Scout and Guide Fellowship United Kingdom.

27th ISGF-AISG WORLD CONFERENCE

Friendship – Beneath Southern Skies

Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia, October 11th – 15th 2014



World Conference 2014 Report

The 4 new members who were elected to the World Committee, for the next 6 years, left to right: Wahid Labidi, Mohammad Abdul Khaleque, Mathius Lukwago, and Alf Runar Bakke. Continuing for the next 3 years are: **Chairman** Mida Rodrigues (Portugal – Europe) Nana Gentimi (Greece – Europe) Verna Lopez (Curacao – **Western Hemisphere**), Virginia Bonsasegale (Italy – Europe). This means that every Region in the World is now represented on the World Committee with **Vice Chairman** Wahid Labidi (Tunisia – **Arab Region**) Mohammad Abdul Khaleque (Bangladesh – **ASPAC Region**) Mathius Lukwago (Uganda – **Africa Region**) Alf Runar Bakke (Norway – **Europe Region**). Non-Voting Members of the World Committee are: Cecile Bellet – Secretary General; Anthony Florizoone – Treasurer & Leny Doelman, Central Branch & Twinning Co-ordinator.

The Conference started with a magnificent Opening Ceremony, with a parade of flags of most of the member countries represented at the Conference, and welcoming words from the invited guests. Then it was down to business, firstly the Conference Rules & Officials were confirmed and then the Maldives was elected to Full Membership. The Triennial Report of the World Committee was accepted, as were the Financial Report, Increase in Fees as from Jan 2015 and the Financial Plan for 2015-17.

Bali, was chosen as the venue for the next (28th) World Conference, 2017; organised by HIPPRADA, the Indonesia Scout & Guide Fellowship, more information is already available on the ISGF website.

Amendments to the Constitution were agreed:

It is no longer necessary for a letter of recognition from the WAGGGS & WOSM Member Organisation for an NSGF to be a Member Organisation of ISGF.

Members appointed by WAGGGS or WOSM to represent them at World Committee Meetings will be Non-Voting. The norm for document delivery from the World Bureau will be by electronic mail, with the facility to send by postal mail for any country not able to receive email.

Following the acceptance of the change in constitution Argentina was elected as an Associate Member of ISGF.

An action plan was generated by collecting feedback from the delegates participating in a series of workshops held as part of the World Conference. Actions on Efficiency, Visibility, Communication, Finances, Cooperation & Personal Development and Fellowship will be implemented during 2015-2017.

A new Joint ISGF/WOSM statement was approved and this will now be put forward to WOSM for acceptance and signature.

The organisation of this conference in Sydney was excellent, good hotels, conference centre, and meals. Brian Jackson of Australia and his team did a fantastic job.



THE ISGF FELLOWSHIP TOY PROJECT

Presentations on this project were given at the World Conference by Martine Levy, a former member of the World Committee, Bangladesh and the UK.

The UK's presentation included information on **Phase I** when 2400 toys in 114 boxes, were distributed by staff from Save the Children on 22nd December 2013, this included both video and photos provided by UNHCR in which it was wonderful to see the smiles on the children's faces. **Phase II** -Toys collected from supporters in Cumnor, Oxon. Slough and Mortimer, Berkshire; and Malvern, Worcs. 4938 toys, in 116 boxes, despatched in March 2014, arriving at the Za'atari Refugee Camp Jordan in July 2014, more video was included of the children receiving their toys. In **Phase III** Scouts in Hertfordshire held collections in February and July 2014, when 3834 toys, in 91 boxes, were despatched to Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan, arriving in August 2014. In **Phase IV** further collections around the UK in: Cambridge, Northamptonshire, Edinburgh, Berkshire, Lancaster, Selbourne, Hants. Leeds, Shrewsbury, Malvern, West Sussex & Newcastle. Total toys collected to date, to **16,721** and counting....these have yet to be despatched.

Please Note: this appeal closed at the AGM in May 2014.

FUTURE ISGF EVENTS

2015

- Mar 12-14: World Committee Meeting
- Mar 16-20: 6th European Workshop, Hungary
- May 14-21: 3rd Tunisian Gathering, Tunis
- Jun. 26-30: 28th Nordic/Baltic Gathering, Denmark
- Sept. 7-11: 26th Western Europe Gathering, Belgium
- Sept.13-17: 14th ASPC Gathering, Bangalore, India
- Sept. 23-27: 8th Central Europe Gathering, Austria
- Oct. 10-12: 4th South American Gathering, Argentina
- Oct. 22-27: 15th Mediterranean Gathering, Marrakech

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- Aug 19-23: 5th African Conference
- Sept 12-15: 9th Europe Region Conference, France

Please do not forget to let the International Secretary know when you are attending International events.
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ISGF Region Europe invites you to the 6th workshop at the youth hostel and training centre, at the Benedictine Arch Abbey Pannonhalma, Hungary. Our venue is 16 kms. South from GYÖR. Our topic is:

ROUTE 2020 - STEP BY STEP TO THE FUTURE – PART 2 How to attract new members. If you are interested in attending, please send back the registration form as soon as possible. The program will be sent after registration and payment.

Costs: € 195.—(includes accommodation, full board and program) travel and other expenses in addition. Registration deadline: 15th of January 2015, valid after full payment has arrived on the European account. Registration form can be downloaded from the ISGF web site: www.isgf.org or from your International Sec.

The International Secretary has the following for Sale
Metal, pin ISGF Badges @ £2 each
Stick on Car Badges @ 50p each
Tie Clip @ £7.50 each, prices include postage
(Please make cheques payable to NSGF UK)

2014 AGM'S

National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK

JNC AGM – 21st May 2015 11.30am

The JNC AGM will be held at 11.30am on Thursday 21st May 2015 at Rodway Hall, Redland Road, MALVERN, WR14 1LY. All members are welcome to attend as 'observers' please advise the Secretary: Sue Page sue.page3@btinternet.com Tel: 01886 832940

Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain AGM

Sat 28th March 2015 11am

A warm welcome awaits you from members of Stourbridge & District Baden-Powell Guild your hosts for the National Guild AGM 2015 at the Elton Centre, Stourbridge Saturday 28th March 2015. Full details and booking forms will be sent out in January 2015.

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Scout and Guide Fellowship AGM

May 2015

It is hoped to hold the AGM as part of a 3 or 4 day break on the Isle of Man, it will be hosted by SAGF members from the Island.

See website: www.sagf.org.uk for more details.

26th Western Europe Gathering

September 7th to 11th 2015

Members in Belgium are organising the Gathering at Domein Westhoek, Oostduinkerke. This venue offers a wide variety of lodging and meeting possibilities. It is located in the dunes along the North Sea, 800 metres from the beach. Sea, beach and dunes guarantee wide vistas and a calming environment. Oostduinkerke and bustling Nieuwpoort, with its beautiful shopping street and attractive marina, are within walking distance. Domein Westhoek has a total of 91 rooms and 36 apartments, all equipped with the most modern comforts and offers a variety of recreational possibilities. The Brasserie with its sun terrace or our Bistro à la Carte provide you with many lunch and dinner options. Swimming pool with children's pool and sun terrace. Sauna-relax with Finnish sauna, hammam, infra-red, outdoor whirl pool (Jacuzzi) with dunes view. Cost approx. €400, plus travel.

Please let the Int. Sec. know if you would be interested in going as part of a Coach party.

All contributions for the next edition by 1st February 2015 please to Sue Page: sue.page3@btinternet.com