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News from CB members/groups per region

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Argentina



The Scouts y Guías Adultos de Argentina (SGAA) celebrated on April 4th their 7th year of being affiliated to ISGF via Central Branch. SGAA issues a newsletter "Por Siempre Listos" in which are highlights and actions of local guilds and other announcements for their members. One of the actions was that the local guild "La Ruca Huenei Taku" cleaned the pedestal of Baden-Powell's bust from graffiti and re-installed the logos of the different Scout organizations.

Canada

In 1977 the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds (BPG) was being recognised as the National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF) for Canada. In later years more Fellowships were formed in Canada like the Agnes BP Trefoil Guild (ABPTG) and the Amitié Canadienne Francophone (ACF), both are registered as Central Branch groups. At its meeting on 30 October 2004 World Committee decided to accept the members of both the ABPTG and the ACF as members of the Central Branch. Their status was temporary and would be reviewed later. Both groups have recently started negotiations on request of World Committee with BPG to come up with a proposal as only one NSGF per country can be recognised. Solutions have been given to form a federation or a similar link as described in the ISGF Constitution.

Uruguay

The local guild El Ñacuritú, invited volunteers of Red Cross of Uruguay and told them who they are and what they are doing in order to collaborate with them in time of disasters. They have worked with them before when there was a flooding disaster and by supervising and organizing the scouts and guides they were very needed and helpful.

USA

The Association des Anciens Scouts et Guides d'Haiti (CASEGHA) has been pretty much involved in the help for Haiti.

On January 13, 2010, the world was shocked to hear the news about the devastation that took place in Haiti. An earthquake with the magnitude of 7.0 hit the country hard. A few days later, the whole world was informed of the hundreds of thousands of people that were killed due to this horrific event.

AFRICA

Burkina Faso

We told in our December 2009 newsletter about an existing adults group, the Réseau National des Anciens Scouts et Guides Adultes du Burkina Faso (RENASAB) who has now fulfilled all criteria to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship. They will be officially announced NSGF at the next World Conference in 2011. The 15 Central Branch members will merge into this group.

ASIA PACIFIC

Maldives

Seven members from B-P Guild of Maldives joined Central Branch and they promised to have more than 50 members within five months from now.

International Projects Team launched

In January 2010 the contact persons of the CB groups have received detailed information on this team. It is a working group of the ISGF World Committee with the aim to document and co-ordinate all projects offered to the ISGF from the Scout and Guide Movement (WOSM and WAGGGS) and the National Scout and Guide Fellowships and Central Branch.

Such a register would thus give a clear picture of who is doing what and also enable ISGF

members (individually, locally and nationally) to support a project that suits them.
In the case of suggested new projects, the International Projects Team (IP Team) working as the arm of the World Committee, would be at its most useful, doing everything from researching to see if the project is achievable – to discovering if it corresponds to ISGF aims and vision.
Accepted projects will be listed on ISGF website and kept track of with regular reports.
For information on projects and submitting proposals write to ISGF World Bureau, Avenue de la Porte de Hal 38, BE 1060 Brussels, Belgium or contact the IP Team directly via projects@isgf.org
See also the information on the website.

Events

19-26 June 2010:

Until now more than 200 members have registered for the European forum in Grossarl, Austria. The Nordic countries will show the participants how to celebrate a midsummer night.

23-28 August 2010:

The Central Branch group in Zambia hosts the 3rd Africa gathering in Lusaka. In the programme there will be time to visit a project, going into modules and sharing knowledge. The theme is: *"Living the ISGF values in today's opportunities and challenges"*.

A registration form and full information can be found on the website. Deadline for registration is: **31 May, 2010.**

3-7 November 2010:

The 7th European Conference in Agia Napa in Cyprus has postponed its deadline for registration by one month to **31 May, 2010.**



25 Sept.- 2 Oct. 2011:

The information and registration form for the 26th World Conference in Como, Italy will be published in due course.

Central Branch update

As per May 01, 2010 we have now **740** members in 33 countries.

New registrations:

December 5, 2009 – May 01, 2010.

Maldives Ahmed Nasheed Hussain, Aminath Nadiya, Ibrahim Zameer, Ahmed Adam Hameed, Ahmed Ivan Latheef, Abdullah Ismail.

Annual paperwork 2010

All CB groups have received the annual paperwork and they have been asked to fill in their information and census to the CB Coordinator before **June 1, 2010**. Also invoices have been sent and payment of the yearly fee is asked to arrive before **September 1, 2010**.



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".

Leny Doelman
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The Central Branch newsletter is circulated to all individual CB members and contact persons of groups and can also be found on the website www.isgf.org as a Word file and as PDF.