



World Gazette Mondiale

News from the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (an organisation for adults) – ISGF

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The Flame, global symbol for the Scout & Guide Spirit

The start of a new century of Scouting and Guiding worldwide was the time for the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) to launch a permanent symbol representing the essence of the Movement, the "Scout & Guide Spirit". The Scout & Guide Spirit Flame is the basis for the preservation and continued growth of the Movement.

This Scout and Guide Spirit Flame completed its journey through the following countries:

Kenya • Ethiopia • Sudan • Egypt • Greece • Italy • France • Belgium • United Kingdom

Basically the Flame travelled as far as possible by human power but, however, this seemed not always possible. Means of transportation were: on foot, camel, horse, by bike, go-cart, donkey cart, parachute, train, raft and by boat.

The Scout & Guide Spirit Flame relay started on February 22nd, 2007 at the very heart of Nyeri, Kenya at the grave of Lord Baden-Powell. On July 31st 2007 (the eve of Scouting's Sunrise) it arrived on Brownsea Island (UK), which is the place where the very first Scout camp was held one hundred years ago. From there the Flame was brought to the World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in Chelmsford Essex, United Kingdom, in order to be part of the ISGF information centre. It was here that on August 7th the Spirit Flame was officially extinguished at the end of the 23rd Jamboree after having travelled more than ten thousand kilometres. The total adventurous trip lasted 160 days so more than 5 months and the relay of the Flame went through nine countries. For Europe, Toyota sponsored three Toyota Prius cars which joined the Flame and transported the Flame representatives and the material.

During the journey banners and flags were accompanying the Flame and the runners were dressed in reflecting orange safety vests provided with the ISGF logo. Below we mention some highlights of events which took place during the Spirit Flame crossing the nine countries.

Kenya

February 22 - March 09

Baden-Powell retired in 1937 and remained until his death in 1941 in the town of Nyeri (approximately 120 kilometres to the north of the Kenyan capital Nairobi close to Mount Kenya). On February 22nd, 2007 a procession left from B-P's old residence PAXTU, together with local and international Scouts,



Guides and ISGF members. The official ceremony took place at the grave of Lady and Lord Baden-Powell. A flame was lit at the grave of the founder of the Movement, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. It was a ceremony full of emotion and happiness. An ISGF wreath was laid down on the grave. Nearly eight thousand Scouts and Guides took part in this big centenary celebration on Founders Day in Nyeri. After the inauguration the Flame was taken to Nairobi and then brought to the border of Ethiopia by car via difficult rough bumpy roads. Because of political circumstances at that period of time the Flame could not pass Kenya on foot to the border of Ethiopia.

Ethiopia

March 09 – April 03

In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the President himself received the Flame and he urged the Ethiopian



Scout Association to strengthen its activities of accelerating nation's development and generating full-fledged citizens. The event of the Spirit Flame also took place on the eve of the Ethiopian millennium. Despite the fact that Scouting and Guiding are not widely spread, Ethiopia managed to get those youngsters to those places where they could meet the Flame. Even the locals were standing along the road to see a glimpse of the Flame.

Sudan

April 03 – May 01

Hundreds of Scouts and Guides marched with the Flame in the streets of the main cities. Ceremonies and celebrations were held and messages of peace were sent out to several districts. A camel and a donkey cart were also part to transport the Flame. Sudan already commemorated one hundred years of Scouting so many



festivals were held while the Flame crossed the country. In the capital of Sudan, Khartoum, a huge festival attracted the participation of a lot of Scouts making every visit of the Flame a colourful event. From Khartoum the Flame reached Atbara, and from there to the border of Egypt it had to travel by train.

Egypt

May 01 – June 06

After a successful relay in Sudan the Flame reached Egypt. The Egyptian Federation for Scouts and Girl Guides organized the celebra-

tions. The Flame was passed on in the 14 Governates through the River Nile Valley till Alexandria and attracted thousands of Scouts and Guides. In Cairo the Flame passed the famous Pyramids and the Sphinx of Giza. A huge celebration took place at the famous Alexandria library witnessed by the Governor of Alexandria. From here the Flame was relayed to the Greek and taken by sailing yacht "Carpe Diem" to Crete.

Greece

June 06 – 20

Under rough weather conditions the crew of the sailing yacht "Carpe Diem" finally reached Crete where ceremonies for the Flame were held. From there it sailed via the island of Sifnos to the harbour of



Athens. An impressive ceremony was held in Panathinaiko, the former Olympic stadium. The Flame even reached the Acropolis, one of the World Heritage Site monuments. It also crossed the famous Corinth Channel, built in 1881. At Patra a remarkable relay was held and the Flame was officially released to the Italians.

Italy

June 20 – July 10

The Flame travelled again by boat to Italy by another sailing yacht "Bluenose". In Rome Pope, Benedict XVI gave his Blessings to the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame at St. Peter's square in Vatican City. It contributed the significance of peace across the world. In Rome the Flame also attended a reception at the Capitol, the seat of Rome's Mayor and Municipal Council. The first Alp-Adria Jamborette invited the Flame and that was a big challenge. There was warm welcome during the handover to France





4000 scouts were present in order to renew their promise. The Flame was taken to the original camp fire circle and to the Stone on Brownsea Island commemorating the first Scout camp.

World Scout Jamboree, UK

August 01 – 07

The last relay took place at the 23rd Jamboree in Chelmsford, UK. Almost one thousand Scouts watched the Flame while being on display at the ISGF Information Centre at its final stop before it was officially extinguished on August 7th. The two official oil lamps, torch, logbook and all other attributes are brought to ISGF World Bureau to be exhibited as one of the most successful projects in ISGF history.



Conclusions

February 22nd 2007 will be engraved for ever as the launch of the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame. This project, organised by ISGF, is one of the projects designed to celebrate the centenary of Scouting. Many Flame countries combined their World Scout Movement Centenary celebrations with the presence of the Spirit Flame project. Carriers of the Flame were mainly local Scouts, Guides and members of ISGF. It was a great and unprecedented adventure: some people had said it was impossible, but all together we managed to kick the "IM" off that word. It was also an image-building symbol for the whole Movement and a very welcome complement to the Centenary celebration. The idea was to spread the Spirit all over the world, representing the founding of the Movement. It created a positive impact in the society and it was a golden opportunity to start or strengthen the cooperation between Scouts and Guides. It also created awareness among the Scout generation for the significance of peace.

Since the start we received many contributions totalling 12 thousand euro. In most of the Flame countries many national sponsors have been contributing a lot. However, our goal has been focussed on fifty thousand (50.000) euro as we had to support the African Flame countries. We still are trying to gain some money by producing an official souvenir DVD with the highlights of the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame journey and by selling Flame souvenirs.

You still can look at our special Flame website www.spirit-flame.com for all details of the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame where you may find how to make a contribution or order Flame souvenirs via www.worldscout-shop.org

**Walk with the Flame, run with your heart,
Go for the Spirit and do a Good Turn**

*The Flame Team
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France

July 10 - 24

The Flame was also relayed to Monaco where the Scouts and Guides of Monaco enthusiastically welcomed the Flame. In Moisson, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Jamboree of Peace 1947, the "Fire of Fires" was lit. This fire was made up of pieces of wood coming from all Scout and Guide historically grounds. In Paris, a round table was organized in the Senate at the Palais du Luxemburg and at the Arc de Triomphe there was a revival of the flame monument. Paris welcomed the Flame at the gardens of the Trocadero, close to the Eiffel tower.



Belgium

July 24 – 27

All the capitals of the provinces were visited by the Flame. In Brussels the Flame team had a meeting with the European Commission. Also the famous small statue "Manneken Pis" received a Flame scarf and also a "giant look alike B-P" stole the scene. A visit was brought to the Scouting museum in Leuven while in Antwerp a grand reception was held at the municipality. In Ieper the Flame visited the Menin Gate to honour the fallen

soldiers in memory of the First World War where the Last Post is still blown each day.

United Kingdom

July 27 – August 01

The Flame travelled by ferry to Folkestone UK where it received support and full assistance from our UK Trefoil Guild and the UK Adult Scout Alliance. Like its previous relays and tours the Flame gained media attention to BBC and newspaper coverage. Sea Scouts took the Flame to Brownsea Island in order to watch Scouting's Sunrise where





Photo: Rudi Tobisch

Prize of honour to HRH Princess Benedikte

At the biennial national assembly of St Georges Guilds in Denmark, a prize of honour is awarded to a person in appreciation for a remarkable humanitarian and ethical effort. This year, the prize was awarded to HRH Princess Benedikte. In her citation, the national president, Hanne Borgstroem, mentioned the extraordinary commitment of the Princess to Guiding at national as well as international level.

Princess Benedikte is an honorary member of St Georges Guilds in Denmark, but her role in Guiding is more than honorary. She is the chairman of the Joint Committee of Girl

Guides in Denmark, and also a very effective Patron of the Olave Baden-Powell Society. The recipient of the prize is given a wooden relief of St George and the dragon plus a 25.000 Dkr (4.800 USD). In her speech of thanks, Princess Benedikte emphasized the lifelong educating role of Scouting and Guiding, and she also stressed the need of new initiatives to keep Scouting/Guiding/Fellowship activities up-to-date. She immediately passed on the money to the Olave Baden-Powell Society in support of Guiding world-wide.

*Niels Rosenbom
IS Denmark*

21st World Scout Jamboree

This Jamboree took place in Hylands Park, Chelmsford, United Kingdom from July 27 – 7 August, 2007 and 40.000 Scouts from over 180 countries and territories participated. An ISGF Jamboree team was there with 15 volunteers from different countries being International Service Team (IST) members and this team was on site 17 days from July 24 – August 9. Moreover, more than 12.000 adults were working as volunteer for different services.

At the ISGF Information center we showed an exhibition about our organization and also information about the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame. Being at the World Scout Jamboree was a big opportunity for ISGF to advertise their work and to show the visitors who we are and what we are doing. In total we had over one thousand visitors and we registered new members on the spot.

The most historically significant of all events was Scouting's Sunrise on the 1st of August. At Brownsea Island there was a boy and a girl from each participating country for the renewal of their Promise. We simultaneously watched the ceremony live at the Jamboree area. We all wore special yellow scarves for this Scouting's Sunrise on which every Scout or Guide could put their name after the ceremony. The same day we received the Scout & Guide Spirit Flame that arrived via Brownsea Island to our booth where it got a prominent place for the rest of the Jamboree days. It was here that on August 7th the Flame was officially extinguished. Kristianstad, Sweden, will be host to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree.

*Leny Doelman
World Committee member*

COMING UP

2008

6th – 12th July

33rd WAGGGS World Conference,
Johannesburg, South Africa

Martine Levy and Faouzia Kchouk will represent ISGF.

www.wagggsworld.org

14th – 18th July

38th WOSM World Conference,
Jeju Island, Korea

Brett Grant and Faouzia Kchouk will represent ISGF.

www.scout.org

21st – 26th August

25th ISGF World Conference,
Vienna, Austria

Detailed programs and registration forms will be sent out end of January 2008. Please follow the flow of information on www.isgf.org

World Gazette Mondiale to be discontinued

Following extensive discussions by the World Committee (WCom) concerning the financial position and the future prospects of the World Gazette Mondiale (WGM), it has been decided to discontinue the publication of this magazine after this year, 2007. ISGF has been issuing the WGM since 1957 but has reached this decision for the following reasons:

- In addition to the 3 free copies sent to every National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF), only 28 NSGFs are subscribing for more.
- Of these 28 NSGF's only 4 NSGF's are subscribing for more than 100 copies.
- Out of 80,000 individual ISGF members, only 2,300 copies of the WGM are circulated. This is a very low percentage.
- Insufficient articles have been submitted for publication by the deadline.
- In addition to the work of the ISGF World Bureau, we received help from volunteers.
- Several attempts have been made to re-design the magazine, but without the hoped for result. We have had a deficit of €3,000 each year. The WCom has, therefore decided to replace the current WGM by a digital Newsletter commencing Spring 2008. This will co-incide with the launch of the new ISGF web-site. The newsletter will be published regularly with up-to-date information. As a special offer for those who have already sent their subscription for 2008 we will send you the hard copy version of the ISGF Newsletter.

Thank you for being loyal subscribers and we look forward to receiving news of your Fellowship so we can all share in your activities.

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