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To the members of the future ISGF Western Hemisphere Region

Dear members, dear friends,

This first Western Hemisphere Regional Conference in Surinam will be a very important milestone for the development of ISGF in this part of the world.

For many years some of you had a real fight to develop ISGF in the American continent, north, centre or south, where countries with different realities exist and have to be treated in different ways.

The best way to handle the similarities is to create Sub regional structures in which Members from neighbouring countries will be able to enhance common activities, create a sustainable synergy and experience the sense of kinship.

The South Sub-Region is working for more than three years and soon it will be established and growing in member countries. Canada for the moment is the only Member from the North Sub-Region and the large Central America and Caribbean Sub-Region will be set up in Surinam next September

The best way to handle the differences is to create a Regional structure that will be the aegis of all Western Hemisphere Members; that will make the voices of Sub-Regions heard and erase the gaps by drawing a common path for the whole Region.

Coordination is needed, so a Regional Committee will also be elected during the 1st Regional Conference in Surinam having members representing the three Sub-Regions.

The best way to handle the similarities and the differences is to give the possibility to the Members to choose the ones they would like to see as members of the Regional and Sub-Regional Committees. The Fellowships and the CB Groups and individuals have this fantastic opportunity to take care of their future, to take into their hands the development of the ISGF Western Hemisphere Region.

The Spanish language is very important for the development of this Region and so the project "Cervantes" translates most of ISGF documents as well as "Our Kit".

I take the opportunity to inform you that due to this new situation, Juan Salazar from Chile is no more the Coordinator for Latin America and once again on behalf of ISGF I thank him for the work he did during all those years.

Longing to be with you in Surinam I wish you a very good preparation for this memorable event, even if you participate just by Skype due to economic reasons, I hope you send the applications of your candidates.

Yours in Fellowship

Mida Rodrigues
Chairman ISGF World Committee

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