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## 1. News from individuals/groups/(sub)regions

### AFRICA

– Regional website <http://isgfafricanregion.org/>



### Botswana

Three first members from Botswana registered. They have been approached by Henry Lukwele, chairman of the Africa Region, and so is Botswana the 40<sup>th</sup> Central Branch country. We hope to welcome Botswana soon as a new group.

### Kenya

The Local Scout and Guide Fellowship Nyeri got visitors from the International Ambassadors Guild who were touring around and visited the grave of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell in Nyeri.

### South Africa



A certificate of Merit was presented by the Scouts of South Africa on Founders Day on 22 February 2016 to Mary Gillett-de Klerk. Mary is contact person of the Central Branch group in South Africa. During Founder's Day, Scouts South Africa reward members for their dedication to Scouting and for being of service to others.

The "De Grendel Trefoil Guild" based in Monte Vista, Cape West, South Africa, knitted Easter chickens and put together with chocolate eggs in a small handmade basket, for a local charity: "Locals helping Locals" and distributed to children on Easter Sunday. On the photo you see the results of hard work and since December the

Guild members have been knitting to get the chickens ready on time.



### ASIA PACIFIC

#### Nepal

Nepal gains more and more members and there are now 146 members throughout the country. They have applied to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship. Some of them registered for the Europe Regional Conference in September 2016 in France as an observer in order to become more acquainted with ISGF.

### EUROPE

#### Netherlands

On 23 April 2016 the 42th Twinning meeting took place between the Board of the Dutch Central Branch group and the Flemish Fellowship of Belgium. The Twinning event took place this time in Belgium. Before socializing they visited an agricultural equipment company and a compost processing plant. Since 1975 both committees are Twinning with each other and they meet once a year where they share their news and development.



Members of a local Guild called OPUS derives from Suriname. Eight (8) members have registered as an observer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere conference which will be held in their home country Suriname.

### Israel

The Central Branch of Israel lost many of their members and their number declined from 60 to 15 and now they are trying very hard to gain more members. Five members have registered for the Europe Conference.

## WESTERN HEMISPHERE

### Brazil

Marcio Randig, contact person, reported that 4 members will support him in establishing Local Guilds. The National Scout Organisation is willing to launch a special project to gain members in 3 different provinces: Santa Catarina, São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul.

In the first semester, the mission is to establish at least two more Local Guilds. They also will launch a website. There are plans to have by the end of the year 10 Local Guilds and around 70 people in their Central Branch group.

### Surinam

A sing-along day has been arranged in a home for the elderly in Paramaribo, Suriname. During the day the PAVEURS sang with them common genres like old Suriname songs and Girl Scout songs. There were sketches, also presented by the residents, and in between there was a snack and a drink.



The deadline for the registration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Conference is now 31 May so the PAVEURS, the CB group who is the host for this event, is working very hard to get the programme and all other arrangements ready.

### Uruguay

On April 15, 2016 there was a violent storm with winds that swept across the so-called South

America Tornado Corridor in Uruguay. Fierce storms packing 250 km/h hit the city of Dolores in West Uruguay. The powerful storm killed five people and 250 were wounded.

At the same time a low pressure front went into the country causing heavy rain in just a few hours. Many regions were flooded and more than ten thousand people had to evacuate. Helping hands came quickly to help on the spot and among those volunteers were Scouts of Uruguay, Red Cross and members of the Central Branch group Fraternidad Adultos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay (FASGU). They collected and donated clothing, mattresses, blankets, food, medicines, building material etc. Cooperative actions are still going on in order to help those who became homeless.



### USA – CASEGHA

Sixteen (16) members have registered for the 1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Conference in Suriname.

### USA – Cuba

The Asociación Adultos Scouts y Guías de Cuba from Miami participated in the Lincoln Martí Jamboree organized by the South Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

They had a travelling poster collection with images of scouting in Cuba until 1961.



## 2. Information upcoming events in 2016/2017

- **1<sup>st</sup> Western Hemisphere Conference**  
3 – 7 September 2016  
Paramaribo, Suriname  
Deadline: **extended till 31 May**

- **9<sup>th</sup> Europe Conference**  
11 – 15 September 2016  
Tours, France  
Deadline: **extended till 15 June**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Africa Conference**  
25 – 30 November 2016  
Burkina Faso
- **7th European workshop**  
Spring 2017  
Slovakia
- **28<sup>th</sup> ISGF World Conference**  
9-14 October 2017  
Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

For a schedule of the last updated dates please check the ISGF [website](#).

### 3. Project Haiti 2016



As many of you may remember, six years ago, in 2010, Haiti suffered bad damage due to a severe earthquake. That year the National Fellowship ADSEGAH and the Central Branch group CASEGHA

USA asked for medical support and many countries helped. Since then nothing else happened and the needs are still there. We invite you to please help us to continue our work in support of the Haitian people. ISGF project **HAITI 2016** focuses on some of those urgent needs:

- Build the Headquarters of the National Girl Guide Association of Haiti
- Complete the fence of the Orphanage “Enfant Haitien Mon Frère”, supported by the ADSEGAH, the NSGF of Haiti.
- Refurnish the newly constructed School Carmen René Durocher, supported by the Girl Guide Association of Haiti.

Special ISGF Haiti pins (clutch fastener – 2 cms round) are available for sale at 3 euro each at World Bureau [worldbureau@isgf.org](mailto:worldbureau@isgf.org)

The ISGF offers you the opportunity to totally or partially fund the required furniture, supplies for the school and the orphanage.

Please donate to project **HAITI 2016** today by ordering those pins.

As soon as we have more information of the abovementioned support actions we will share it with you.

### 4. News from World Bureau/World Committee

World Bureau published ISGF bulletin ISGF Info nr. 2 in December 2015 and this issue can be seen on the [website](#).

The following countries are working towards qualification as a National Scout and Guide Fellowship: *Kenya, Nepal, Qatar, South Africa, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.*

### 5. Annual reports 2015

Not all the Central Branch groups sent in their annual report 2015 yet. Please share your plans and your activities.

### 6. Unpaid fees

Some groups did not pay their fee yet and reminders are frequently sent. These invoices, sent to the contact persons, should not be overlooked. It is recommended that any possibility of paying cash at ISGF events or visits should be exploited. It is also possible to pay in advance.

### 7. Update Central Branch members

As per 30 April 2016 we have now 1188 Central Branch members in 40 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

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". You may also find ISGF Twitter on [http://twitter.com/isgf\\_aisc](http://twitter.com/isgf_aisc)

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