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

AFRICA

Africa Region



The **1st Western Africa** sub-regional gathering took place Cotonou, Benin from 4 – 9 November 2018. The event has been hosted by the Association des Scouts et Guides Adultes du Benin, the NSGF of Benin.

Cape Verde



The Portuguese Fellowship “Nuno Álvares” together with the **Central Branch group St. Anthony of Cape Verde** contributed recently in

an ambitious project “Care to Integrate” in the city of Tarrafal, Cape Verde. In cooperation and with the supervision of the St. Anthony Central Branch group and the help of other interested parties, especially of the City Council of the Municipality of Tarrafal, the project was launched. Therefore, it is recovering the old Health Center and create the best conditions to install all the existing equipment. Outside and beyond this area of care for disabled children, Portugal and Cape Verde are going to create a Social Home with a class of embroidery, tailor and sewing that must work next to the Room for Handicapped Children to allow young women to learn new skills. This in cooperation with the City Council.

South Africa – Trefoil Guild

Most of the ISGF/Trefoil Guild members are of advanced age and support local charities and enjoy involvement with our respective Guiding Regions. Many Guild members are reaching the age where they are no longer mobile and depend upon each other for transport and support.

Zimbabwe



The **2nd Southern Africa** sub-regional gathering took place in Harare, Zimbabwe from 10 – 12 August 2018. The gathering has been organized by Central Branch members in Zimbabwe.

ARAB REGION

The 9th Regional Conference of the Arab Union of Scout and Guide Pioneers will be held in Cairo from 20 to 24 April 2019, followed by a tour from 24 to 27 April 2019 in other cities of Egypt.

ASIA PACIFIC



The **15th AsPac** regional gathering took place in Beruwala, Sri Lanka from 5 – 8 September 2018. Many ideas were exchanged, and everyone is looking forward to a better region for all members in the region. The campfire was officiated by the First Lady of Sri Lanka who is also a member of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides.

EUROPE Europe Region



The **29th Nordic Baltic** sub-regional gathering was organised by NSGF Sweden on the 24-28 of August 2018 in Gothenburg. There was a workshop about the co-operation with your national Scout/Guide organization. The keynote speaker, Lena Claesson, is both a guild member and active within the training system of the Swedish scouts. The participants were divided in 6 groups with participants from different countries, and each group moderator was an active scout leader. There were both positive and negative aspects. The discussion was lively and gave a lot of new ideas.



This year Poznan, the capital of the Polish Province Great Poland, hosted the **9th Conference of Central Europe** Sub Region (CESR) from 5 – 9 September 2018. After having taken notice of all the reports by the General Assembly, the members of the Sub Regional Board had been elected by the delegates. Beside this official work, there was a possibility to learn a lot about Poznan and its history.



The **27th Western Europe** sub-regional gathering was held from 8 – 12 October 2018 in Eastbourne, England. Overall the whole week was very well-structured time wise with presentations from different NSGFs of the countries attending. It was fascinating to hear the different ways they conduct their Fellowships.



The **16th Mediterranean** Gathering and the **5th Southern Europe** Gathering were held from 19-24 October 2018 in Athens. They symbolically

planted an olive tree, the symbol of "Peace and Friendship". The Refugee Crisis, this enormous issue of our times together with an exposé of the initiatives taken by the Italian MASCI, the Greek Guiding Association and the Scouts of Greece were among the subjects presented in the Gathering. The last morning was dedicated to a monument that for many people was a lifetime dream to visit: the Acropolis and its Museum.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE WH Region



The **5th South America** Sub-Regional Gathering has been held in Salinas, Uruguay. The host *Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay (FASGU)* was the organizer of this gathering. This CB group showed that they could organize such a gathering. The Memorandum of Understanding has been approved for the South America sub-region and a new committee has been elected. The Region has its own Facebook page, see this [link](#)

Brazil

The ISGF membership figures in Brazil show that they are making progress, but the *Fraternidade Brasileira de Escoteiros & Bandeirantes* faces some big challenges. Their membership increased very rapidly and is now at the level of 80. They are busy to fulfill all the requirements to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship.

Chile

The CB group *Scouts y Guías Adultos de Chile* will organize the 6th South America sub-regional gathering in Los Angeles, Chile in 2021. Los Angeles is the capital of the province of Bío Bío, in the commune of the same name, in Bío Bío, in the center-south of Chile.

Peru

After the South America gathering, Leny Doelman, CB Coordinator travelled on a private mission to Peru. She met Monica Meneses, one of our 4 ISGF members in Lima together with a potential member, Rafael Escobar, who got in

contact with Leny before she left her country. Rafael and two of his friends became member and he promised that more members will follow.



Suriname

They held a workshop on healthy eating habits with regard to diabetes and workshop on the use of local herbal teas with regard to general health.

USA – CASEGHA

The CB group CASEGHA-USA is busy to organize the Western Hemisphere Conference in 2019 in the state of New York. Soon more details will be available on the ISGF website.

USA – AASGC



The *Asociación Adultos Scouts y Guías de Cuba (AASGC)* will participate in the 49th Annual Lincoln Camporee that will be held from 25 till 27 January 2019 in Miami, Florida, USA.

Venezuela

The CB group *Fraternidad de Adultos Scouts y Guías de Venezuela (FASGV)* communicate through their very informative Newsletter. See this [link](#).

2. Information upcoming events in 2019

- Visit to Sangam WAGGGS/ISGF
21 – 25 February 2019
Sangam, India

- 9th Arab Region Conference
20 – 24 April 2019
Cairo, Egypt
- 3rd Africa Region Conference
30 April – 4 May 2019
Accra, Ghana



- 10th Europe Region Conference
21 – 25 August 2019
Bremen, Germany



- 2nd Western Hemisphere Conference
16 – 20 September
New York, USA



3. News from World Bureau



The ISGF World Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Nathalie Henrard as the next Secretary General of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF). Nathalie succeeds Cecile Bellet, who left ISGF on 7 September 2018. She started her first day in office at the World Bureau, in Brussels on 15 October 2018.

4. Update Central Branch members

As per 9 December 2018 we have now 1327 Central Branch members in 38 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

Links to our [Website](#), [You Tube channel](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Slideshare](#)



New Year marks a new beginning. New people to meet, new goals and new memories to create. Happy New Year!

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