

International Scout and Guide Fellowship

Como, Italy, 26 September – 2 October 2011



“The common Goods: Water, Earth, Air”

CONFERENCE REPORT

Preamble

The 26th ISGF World Conference was held at Villa Olmo, Como, Italy, between 26th September and 1st October 2011. MASCI, the Italian National Scout and Guide Fellowship, welcomed 465 participants from 45 Member countries.

Villa Olmo a splendid 18th Century villa, surrounded by beautiful Italian and English style gardens, in a privileged location - facing Lake Como- made it a magic place offering every participant a chance to give genuine thought to “our Common Goods, Water, Earth, Air”, a theme at the heart of the MASCI discussions. Organising the 26th ISGF World Conference was seen by the MASCI members as an opportunity for raising awareness and commitment to a more respectful attitude towards the environment. These “Common Goods” belong to everyone and are our shared responsibilities.

The Villa Olmo, for the Organisers, was the right place to revive the Scout and Guide Spirit enabling events, alongside the plenary sessions, to be carried out outdoors; to live in environmental surroundings deserving respect; to facilitate the delegations’ tasks, to respect the schedule as the activities were taking place at the same location; and to afford others the opportunity to make the most of Como city without having to use public transport. Their targets were achieved. Once more we are pleased to note the expertise of MASCI Members who organised a successful event ensuring security was at the utmost. We do know that it is not as easy as organising an event in a hotel or a convention centre where all facilities are available.

The Organising Committee invited participants to interact with others by taking part in theme-based activities. Quality shows were performed. These entertainments were a real means of communication enabling people of different cultures and backgrounds to get closer.

We would like to mention the outstanding feature of the opening ceremony: the arrival of the Lucia boat with the three famous Icons linked to the common goods: Plinio (Water), Alessandro Volta (Air) and Terragni (Earth). The opening ceremony was enhanced by the presence of key political and Scouting figures: Dr Stefano Bruni, Mayor of Como, Dr Paolo Mascetti, Dr Michele Tortora Dr Massimo Mazza ; Honorable Luigi Lusi, Senator ; Franz Adami, Président of the Italian Scouting Federation, Dr Roberto Cociancich, Mauro Calvetti, Guiseppe Felicioni.

The President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio Napolitano, sent his greetings to the World Conference.

We also welcomed the following guests: Professor Simone Morandini, the Keynote Speaker, Mr William Spendler, Spokesman by the UNHCR, and Liesbeth Lijnzaad, WAGGGS.

The participants observed a minute’s silence to the memory of our dear departed:

Alex Annaert	Belgium
Georges Cojuc Kusenco	Mexico
Guetty Gautier	USA
Simone Ghelen	Luxembourg
Mickey Heydenrijk	Netherlands
Ed Hulme	Canada
Jean-Claude Lespinasse	USA
Abdoulaye Mbaye	Senegal
Leonce Nsengimana	Rwanda
Lucette Sclaepi	Switzerland

Jaime Soria	Ecuador
Alberto Sparrowe Molgora	Mexico
Ali Sweissi	Libya
Eugène Vilkas	USA
Ahmad Wadood Jilani	Pakistan

It was announced at the General Assembly that Kit Irving, Contact person and Treasurer of the Central Branch group, Agnès BP- Trefoil Guild Canada was killed in an accident on her way to the Conference. The attendees, who were expecting to meet Kit at the Conference, were stunned and felt deep sorrow at the announcement of her sudden death.

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Introduction

Over the last years the ISGF World Conferences usually hosted 400 or so participants. This time the regional representation was outstanding compared to the previous conferences. Africa was highly represented; including Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda and Zambia as participants. This is the result of the great deal of effort made by the successive World Committees. The quality of the participation of the Arab Country members, in constant growth, symbolizes their increasing interest in ISGF, encouraged by the former Chairman of the Arab Region, Hedi Baccouche. We can refer to the speech he delivered at the Conference 2008 in Austria. The Asia-Pacific Region representation included Australia, Bangladesh, India, Japan, New-Zealand, Surinam (Members from the Pakistan NSGF were expected but did not turn up), again a steady increase to be remembered. The European contingent, as usual, represented the largest number of participants. We note that members from many Western Hemisphere NSGFs and Central Branch attended the conference though we deplore the absence of an official delegation from the Canadian NSGF. Such a large and equitable representation was due to the efforts the Organising Committee made to facilitate the visa issue. The Italian hospitality worked well.

The ISGF consists of approximately 75.000 members (NSGFs and Central Branch members). Some delegations, present for the first time, had the opportunity of debating fundamental issues such as requests for resignation from founding members such as Netherlands Plus Scouts and the UK Trefoil Guild.

Main issues

Triennial Report 2008-2011

The World Committee endeavoured to implement the Action plan as voted on by the 2008 World Conference: improving our communication, enhancing our visibility, developing our membership and networks. Important marketing tools have been created and distributed to the delegations. For more transparency, as requested by our members, full reports including decision-making processes as well as action lists were regularly circulated to all NSGFs.

Attracting younger members could not be achieved so far. Considering our recent exchanges with WOSM and the draft memorandum, there is a preliminary need to define the limits of our field of expansion between WOSM and ISGF. The same comment can be addressed to WAGGGS.

The World Committee worked out a unified image in order to raise our profile. Our communication tools have been designed accordingly.

Developing projects was at the core of the World Committee commitments. The International Project Team (IPT) did its utmost to carry out project requests passed on by WAGGGS and WOSM, with a view to enhancing our visibility worldwide.

Finance

A new presentation of the statement of accounts was adopted for more transparency as far as the World Bureau and World Committee expenses are concerned. The expenses follow up and the coordination of actions to be implemented was facilitated by the fact that our income represents the membership fees only. Our budget showed a surplus that was allocated to the International Development Fund (IDF).

However we still note that a very many member countries have arrears regarding the payment of their fees. The next World Committee will have to carry on with the steps forward made by the outgoing Committee and probably have to be more proactive as serious cash

problems will be caused by the resignation of two important NSGFs. The annual fee increase has been limited to 6% as we are aware of the financial crisis worldwide.

WOSM relationship

ISGF has had its Consultative Status renewed by WOSM. ISGF, as a sister organisation, endeavoured to address any key and delicate issue whenever it happened, in close consultation with WOSM through an objective analysis from both sides. We can say that the ISGF and WOSM relationship is strengthening and progressing in the right direction. Luc Panissod' address to the Como General Assembly confirmed the dialogue existing between both our organisations. This address and the draft memorandum are joined to the report.

WAGGGS relationship

ISGF and WAGGGS relationship have been moving forward on an on-going basis. ISGF responses to the celebrations of the WAGGGS centenary are significant of the well-established cooperation between both our organisations.

Constitution

A formal review of the ISGF Constitution was implemented according to the recommendations of the 2008 World Conference. A few substantial amendments were adopted.

Action Plan 2011-2014

Once more the action plan was worked out by the participants. The NSGFs had their responsibilities well defined with the hope that our members involve themselves with more concern. A proposal from Saudi Arabia was put forward to the World Conference. It was admitted that the concerns raised by this proposal were to be tackled by the action Plan workshops as they need to be shared at all levels and be part of any actions for a better world. In his address to the 26th World Conference Luc Panissod made a call for a joint work on the "Messengers of Peace" initiative. Saudi's proposal could be tackled within this prospect.

Participation, as usual, is proactive and lively. The World Committee conveys its thanks to the participants for their involvement. For the Action Plan please see the enclosure.

Elections to the World Committee

There were 10 candidates standing for election to the World Committee. Four members only were elected replacing six outgoing members. As a reminder it was decided in 2005 at the World Conference to reduce the number of the Elected World Committee members to eight members hence the application of temporary provisions: in 2008 and 2011 four members would replace six outgoing members

Elected for six years (2011-2017):

Virginia BONASEGALE	Italy
Nana (Antonia-Athina) GENTIMI	Greece
Verna Maria LOPEZ	Curacao
Mida (Maria Da Piedade) RODRIGUES	Portugal

World Committee 2011-2014

It is composed of:

Mida Rodrigues (Portugal), Chairman,

Abdul-Aziz Ben Said (Morocco) and Nana Gentimi (Greece), Vice-Chairman;

Muftah Mohamed Ajaj (Libya), Virginia Bonasegale (Italy), Verna Lopez (Curacao) Harald Kesselheim (Germany), Paul Lokossou (Benin), Members.

For the first time ISGF welcomed an equal number of women and men in its World Committee.

World Conference 2014

Four countries applied to host the 27th ISGF World Conference 2014. India's last minute withdrawal surprised the audience. Australia, Cyprus and Ghana made their presentation. Australia's application was accepted. The World Conference 2014 will take place in Sidney.

Development

The General Assembly granted Associate membership to two African Member countries: Burkina Faso and Zambia .We report that the National Presidents of Burkina Faso and Zambia were present. Their membership certificates were presented to them by the outgoing Chairman, Brett Grant, at the plenary session just after the vote.

World Market

Due to its success in Lillehammer in 2005, where it was inaugurated, the World Market continued to be on the ISGF Conferences agenda. However it was admitted that after the Conference of 2008 the rules and the procedures needed to be reviewed if we wanted to ensure its objectives. Regardless of its festive aspect, the World Market is an opportunity for NSGFs to collect money through the selling of their own traditional products. The funds raised can help a country to pay its own fee or help any other NSGF or to provide cash for the ID Fund. The total amount raised was 3,256.30 €. Detailed figures are included in the report.

Quilt

A quilt, created by Linda Bates, former World Committee member, was raffled at the Conference. More than eighty donors were involved in this project. The proceeds (Euro 250) went to the International Development Fund. Miss Sheila McCoy from Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, was the lucky winner of this original quilt covered in badges from all over the world.

Shop

Every participant received the official ISGF neckerchief that will be worn at all future conferences. Extra neckerchiefs could be bought in the ISGF shop as well as other articles including Scout & Guide Spirit Flame left over articles, ISGF Jamboree polo shirts. The sales reached the amount of €2,400.

International Ambassadors Guild

The presentation made by Paulli Martin, the Guild's President, is attached to the report. Meanwhile it is important to clarify its aim which consists of supporting Scouting and Guiding at local, national and international levels. The Guild is to be transferred to Belgium as soon as the Belgian authorities give their green light. The postal address will be the World Bureau's which confirms the fair and good relationship existing between the Committees of both Organisations.

Action Time presentations

More and more NSGFs apply to present a national action at such a level, a proof that NSGFs are convinced that ISGF can be a platform for their actions and that they benefit from a better visibility. Their wish to share with others what they consider as their best experience is positive and encouraging. The *Harambee* project presented for the third time at the World level was welcomed with a lot of interest. It is a joint project lead by Austria, Germany, Italy and Liechtenstein. *Alpe Adria* is another instructive experience shared by Austria, Germany, Italy and Slovenia.

Other NSGFs presenting their activities at local and national level: Austria, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Portugal and Tunisia.

Forthcoming events

Presentation of the ISGF events:

- 27th Sub-Regional Nordic-Baltic Gathering, 14-17 June 2012, Birstonas, Lithuania
- 7th Central Europe sub-regional Conference, 15-19 August 2012, Pilzen, Czech Republic
- 25th Sub-Regional European Gathering, 24-28 September 2012, Cork, Ireland
- 6th Gathering, Tunisia, 5-13 October 2012, in various cities of Tunisia
- 14th MED, Mediterranean Gathering, Cadiz, Spain 31 October-5 November 2012.
- 2nd Caribbean Gathering, Curacao, September 2013.

Presentation of other events

- Jamboree Scout 2011, Sweden
- Denmark Jamboree, 2012.

Subjects for discussion

- *France* requests that the ISGF World Conference Organising Committees take into account all the religious celebrations when fixing the date of the triennial conferences.
- *France* requests that a meeting on « Scout archives, documentation and museum centre” be again integrated to the agenda of the conferences.
- *France* reminds us that French is the other official language of the ISGF. The Chairman’s speech on Wednesday should have been translated into French.
- The climate issue is of the most importance for the world and the coming generations. The Kyoto Protocol is expiring next year (2012). This protocol is incomplete and must be improved due to the necessity of avoiding climate changes. Even more, efforts to improve this protocol have failed.

At the moment: the most we can hope for is to prolong this agreement and thereafter to improve it according to the challenges.

On this basis: we urge the World Committee to send a petition to the General Secretary of the U.N. emphasizing the importance of the climate issue.

Simultaneously we urge the national boards to put pressure on their own governments to reach a binding agreement at the Conference of Durban in 2012.

Proposed by : Karin R. Thompson (Norway NSGF), Lone Erkmen (Denmark)

Seconded by: Liv Auri Olli (Finland NSGF), Gunilla Engvall (Sweden and Iceland NSGFs)

- With reference to the proposed theme for the 26th World ISGF Conference
« Common goods: Water, Earth, Air »

We propose that the Action Plan for 2011-2014 should also develop the theme of environmental sustainability.

When our founder Baden-Powell defined the essential principles of Scouting, he included Creation and Nature. We live using Nature; therefore it is our duty to make an effort to protect it.

Air, Water, Earth are the indispensable elements for life, which must be defended in all the forms in which it is revealed.

Therefore, we propose that the adult Scouts and guides movement, in each of the Countries where it is active, should strive to identify, analyze, exchange ideas and cooperate with other local organizations that are sensitive to environmental issues to assure:

- The best possible protection for Nature,
- The fulfilment of primary needs,
- The development of environmental sustainability.

The ultimate goal of this action is to sensitize and involve local authorities, so as to prompt them to act accordingly.

Lastly, for this proposal to be useful, it is important for the organizations of each individual ISGF member Country to make the commitment to publicize their activities, through their available information channels.

*The Italian delegation
Attending the WC 2011*

- *Denmark* requests that a list of all participants (including name and country) be issued.

Challenges

ISGF is facing an ever growing series of delicate issues. Founding Member Organisations such as the Netherlands and the Trefoil Guild section of the UK are resigning from the Organisation. The General Assembly emphasized the necessity of continuing the dialogue. It therefore invited the World Committee to take on every step for bridging the gap between all parties. Such resignations penalize ISGF as a whole and more effectively the members of these NSGFs. The UKASA is ready to reshuffle its structure and give more space to UK TG members for a larger representation. As we all know the UK is always the most important contingent participating in any of our events. On the other hand the former Dutch NSGF merged into their National Scout Organisation in 2004. They have been absorbed under the name of Plusscouts. At the beginning these structure changes were welcomed as they seemed to have been decided on a clear basis. Yet the situation moved into incomprehension on our respective roles and nature. Our members deserve their autonomy as it is laid down by our Constitution. In addition the World Committee will have to act as a facilitator regarding the Canadian issue. The motion as adopted, by the General Assembly, will be looked into in order to find a compromise. Canada has been a member of ISGF since 1977 and in 2002 successfully hosted the 23rd World Conference. It is hoped that Canada will successfully face this challenge. Other Member countries are also facing serious financial difficulties. At the World Market solidarity among our members is to be mentioned and congratulated. Others face difficulties in growth matters.

For the coming triennium taking on such challenges is a shared responsibility. The World Committee will have to explore, in a more proactive way, the best conditions for consolidating our membership. Moreover our member organisations will also have to play an active role in the development of our Organisation. The geographical representation noticed at ISGF events reveals an ever creasing interest in our Organisation. Such a positive fact makes one feel confident as to our future.

Our gatherings are a fertile ground for enjoying enriching experiences. Let us hope that these meetings keep on being a melting pot where mankind and our different cultures can meet and where the challenges of the Humanity get the right response.

We would like to renew our thanks to MASCI for having enabled us to understand the full extent of our challenges and commitments towards ISGF. After advocating for tolerance and peace our Italian friends invite us for more respect towards the planet challenges, such as our common goods: water, air, earth, the conference theme, clearing thus the path for the coming years for more commitment and a wider awareness of the sustainable environment and the protection of our natural resources.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 26th WORLD CONFERENCE

Resolution 1 : Associate Members

The Conference,
Having heard the report from the World Committee,
Accepts Burkina Faso and Zambia as Associate Members of ISGF

Resolution 2 : Triennial report

The Conference,
Having received the triennial report 2008-2011,
Accepts the triennial report as presented.

Resolution 3 : Financial report

The Conference,
Having received the financial report 2008-2010
Accepts the financial report as presented

Resolution 4 : Amendments to the Constitution and bye-laws

The Conference,
Having discussed the amendments to the Constitution and Bye-laws proposed by the World Committee and by Greece,
Adopts the following amendments:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1- Name, nature and admission of adults

2. Admission of adults

The ISGF through membership of a National Scout and Guide Fellowship (NSGF) or the Central Branch (CB) is open to former members **and present adult members** of the Member Organisations of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and to adults who did not get the opportunity to be Scouts/Guides at an early age or to be active Scout/Guide leaders, **but are now willing to subscribe to the values of Scouting and Guiding.**

ARTICLE 4- Emblem and flag

1. Emblem

The ISGF Emblem is a red Scout fleur-de-lys bearing two white stars on a white Guide trefoil. A black **or blue** key-line surrounds both fleur-de-lys and trefoil. All copyright and other intellectual property rights, together with any goodwill relating to it, belong to the ISGF. The Emblem forms part of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 5.-Membership

3. Criteria and conditions for Full Membership

g) consists of at least 125 members (**remaining part of letter g) deleted**)

k) [deleted]

l) [deleted]

7. One NSGF per country – Exceptions

In principle only one NSGF from any one country shall be recognised by the ISGF. However, where for various reasons, **it is impossible to have a single association or a federation as provided by art. 5.5, the World Committee may recommend that** two NSGFs be formed, one based on former members of a WAGGGS Member Organisation and the other on former members of a WOSM Member Organisation.

8. Submitting the Constitution

If the NSGF is a federation it is the responsibility of the federation to send a copy of each of the concerned constitutions to the ISGF World Bureau. If the NSGF is a section of a WAGGGS and/or WOSM Member Organisation, the constitution to be submitted is that of the WAGGGS and/or WOSM Member Organisation, **together with the constitution or bye-laws of the NSGF itself if such exists.**

ARTICLE 8 -The World Conference

3. Functions

[present text unchanged up to and including letter m]

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n) To approve the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

Bye-law 1.6 deleted

ARTICLE 10- Steering Committee

[Whole article deleted]

Article 13- Regions and Sub-Regions

1. Regions

NSGFs are grouped together in geographical areas known as Regions, **as defined by the World Committee after consultation with the NSGFs concerned.** NSGFs neighbouring two Regions may opt to join both Regions, after consulting the World Committee.

BYE-LAW 1- The World Conference

4. Appointment of the Conference Officers

Upon the proposal of the World Committee and for each of its meetings, the World Conference shall **approve the appointment of:**

BYE-LAW 5 -Registration procedures for Members

3. Granting the Membership

If the **World** Committee considers that the criteria and conditions laid down in Art. 5, paragraph 3 (Full Membership) or paragraph 6 (Associate Membership) are fulfilled, it shall grant the **appropriate** Membership to the applicant **and register it with the World Bureau.** This decision shall be endorsed by the World Conference at the next meeting.

BYE-LAW 6- Use of the Emblem

2. Use by organisations working towards membership

Non-Member national adult organisations recognised by the World Committee as working towards Membership may be granted **by the World Committee** a non-exclusive licence to use the Emblem for the duration of such recognition, but otherwise shall acquire no rights in it.

BYE- LAW 8- Annual report

Each NSGF shall submit annually to the World Bureau a report providing its membership numbers and details of the year's main activities involving personal growth and community service and those carried out in support of Scout and Guide organisations locally, nationally and internationally.

BYE-LAW 9- International Development Fund

1. Name and nature

An International Development Fund (ID Fund) shall be established by the ISGF. It shall be separate from the general ISGF budget, and shall be managed and spent according to the following rules.

2. Aims

The aims of the ID Fund shall be:

- a) to assist in the development of the ISGF by specific initiatives designed to increase the number of its Members and the membership within each Member;
- b) to support the development of WAGGGS and WOSM through their World Headquarters or their national member organisations, including by granting scholarships to individuals;
- c) to support ISGF projects directed to developing countries.

3. Financial resources

The ID Fund shall be financed by:

- a) donations from NSGFs, ISGF Regions and Sub-Regions, members of the ISGF World Committee and other individuals
- b) the proceeds of the Stamp Bank
- c) proceeds of the World Market organised at ISGF World Conferences
- d) legacies
- e) other specific fund-raising activities
- f) surplus membership fees.

4. Procedures

The ID Fund resources shall be applied to achieve the aims mentioned in Art. 2. Their allocation shall be decided by the World Committee and reported in the financial statement of accounts submitted annually to the NSGFs. They shall not be used for normal operations of the World or Regional bodies of the ISGF.

BYE-LAW 10 - colours of the emblem and flag

Blue dark PMS 286

Blue light PMS 292

Red PMS warm red

Resolution 5 : Authorisation to the World Committee

The Conference

Having approved amendments to the Constitution and bye-laws,

Authorises the World Committee to carry out a review of the text of the World Constitution and Bye-laws with a view to co-ordinating the changes with the rest of the text, eliminating any formal imperfection, and ensuring the consistency of the English and French texts;

provided any change so introduced will not alter the substance of the text and be fully reported to all NSGF's.

Resolution 6: Withdrawal of the UK TG

The Conference has learned with regret the decision taken on 13 January 2011 by the National Executive of the UK TG to withdraw from the ISGF as of 31 December 2011.

The Conference

- *recalling* that the UK TG belonged in 1953 to the British Member Organisation which was one of the Founders of our world organisation
 - *noting* that the concerns expressed by the UK TG about the ISGF have been met or could be met, and that, therefore, the reasons that led to the UK TG decision have ceased to exist
 - *convinced* that adults need a specific international network responding to their desires and inclinations,
1. APPEALS to the UK TG to reconsider the decision to withdraw from the ISGF;
 2. ASKS the ISGF World Committee to continue the dialogue with the UK TG, with a view to confirming their membership of the ISGF or, if this did not prove possible, to explore ways to encourage all the UK TG members that wish to remain in the ISGF to do so;
 3. UNDERLINES the importance, in this connection, of the readiness of UK ASA to evolve towards a unified UK Member for all adults;
 4. REMINDS the UK TG that, should it confirm its decision to resign its membership of the ISGF, it should comply with the rules of the ISGF Constitution which provides that "resignation takes effect on 31st December of the first year following that during which the notice was given, subject to the NSGF having at that date fulfilled all obligations arising out of its Membership, including financial obligations".

Resolution 7 : Withdrawal of the Plusscouts/Scouting Nederland

The Conference has learned with regret the decision taken on 18 June 2011 by the Annual Meeting of Scouting Nederland to terminate the ISGF membership of the Plusscouts/SN.

The Conference

- *recalling* that the Netherlands was in 1953 one of the founders of the world organisation
 - *noting* that very many adults in the Netherlands still want to remain part of the ISGF,
1. URGES Scouting Nederland to reconsider its decision and to allow the Plusscouts to be set up as an autonomous and democratic Section of SN, in line with the requirements of the ISGF Constitution;
 2. Alternatively, APPEALS to Scouting Nederland to grant its recognition to an independent national adult organisation to be formed in the Netherlands with a view to being accepted by the ISGF as a NSGF with all its constitutional obligations, including that of closely co-operating with the country's National Scout and Guide Organisation;
 3. INSTRUCTS the World Committee and World Bureau, pending the implementation of either of the above alternatives, to provide adults from the Netherlands registering as Central Branch members with adequate structures and information.

4. APPEALS to Scouting Nederland to cooperate with the action mentioned in point 3 by informing the adults, or allow ISGF to inform them, about the possibility of registering as CB members.

5. REMINDS Scouting Nederland that, should it confirm its decision to resign its membership of the ISGF, it should comply with the rules of the ISGF Constitution which provides that “resignation takes effect on 31st December of the first year following that during which the notice was given, subject to the NSGF having at that date fulfilled all obligations arising out of its Membership, including financial obligations”.

Resolution 8 : ISGF Presence in Canada

The Conference

- *having examined* the present situation of the ISGF presence in Canada, which comprises a long-standing NSGF (the Canadian Fellowship of B-P Guilds), and two other societies (the Amicale Canadienne Francophone and the Agnes Baden-Powell Trefoil Guild Fellowship)
- *reaffirming* the rules covering this situation (only one NSGF per country; no CB registration in countries where a NSGF exists; obligation to register all individual members)
- *moved* by the desire to enlarge our brotherhood/sisterhood
- *convinced* that the ideal values of the Scout/Guide Law and Promise shared by all ISGF members should make it possible to get to a universally agreed solution,

1. URGES all the parties concerned to sit around a table with a view to coming to a solution either along the lines that have been proposed by the WCom, or on any other lines consistent with the ISGF Constitution;

2. ASKS the World Committee to continue working as a facilitator towards the identification of such a solution.

Resolution 9 : Relationship ISGF-WOSM

The Conference

- *taking note* with appreciation of the recent contacts between the ISGF World Committee and World Bureau and the WOSM Secretary-General
- *determined* to reaffirm the traditional links of the ISGF with WOSM and support given to WOSM at local, national and international levels,

1. APPROVES the action carried out by the World Committee resulting in the Joint WOSM-ISGF Statement;

2. REQUEST the World Committee and, so far as they are concerned, all NSGFs to strictly live up to the provisions of the Joint Statement;

3. ASKS the World Committee to continue to develop an active and open relationship with WOSM, based on the links and channels set out in the Joint Statement.

Resolution 10 : Elections to the World Committee

The Conference

Having voted in secret ballot

Elects as new members of the World Committee:

Virginia BONASEGALE

Nana GENTIMI
Verna Maria LOPEZ
Mida RODRIGUEZ

Resolution 11 : Next Conference

The Conference

Having voted in secret ballot

Chooses Australia for the venue of the 2014 World Conference.

Resolution 12 : Action plan

The Conference

Approves the Action Plan for 2012 to 2014 as presented.

Resolution 13 : Fee system

The Conference,

- *taking note* of the recommendations contained in the World Committee Triennial Report

1. DECIDES to extend the present fee system, with an increase of 6% across the board to allow for inflation; consequently the new rates of the per capita fee in Euros for the three levels of countries based on their GNP will be 2.04, 1.36, and 0.68 for the triennium 2012-2014;

2. ASKS the World Committee to keep the three levels under review as the GNP figures of some countries are changing very fast.

Resolution 14 : NSGF's and CB groups failing to pay their fees

The Conference

- *aware* of the considerable number of NSGFs which, despite the efforts of the World Bureau, do not comply with the constitutional obligation of paying the annual fees, as described in the World Committee's Triennial Report
- *aware* also that some CB groups equally fail to pay their fees
- *taking into account* the main reasons of this fact (currency export problems or lack of financial resources)
- *determined* to improve the situation,

1. ASKS the World Bureau to keep the situation under review, submitting a list of these NSGFs and CB groups to every WCom meeting and circulating it to all NSGFs;

2. REQUESTS the World Bureau and the CB co-ordinator respectively to support NSGFs and CB groups having difficulties with their authorities to export currency by informing these authorities of the reasons for the NSGFs' requests and of the amounts involved;

3. ENCOURAGES all NSGFs to keep their fee collecting system under review and streamline it as necessary;

4. SUGGESTS to NSGFs and CB groups not having sufficient financial resources to:

- make use of the World Market at Conferences to sell their handicraft and raise money
- look for sponsors in their country among former Scouts and Guides
- look, with the assistance of the WB, for NSGFs which would volunteer to sponsor them;

5. RECOMMENDS to all NSGFs to express their practical solidarity in this way to NSGFs and CB groups not having sufficient financial resources.

Resolution 15: Auditors

The Conference,
Having heard the proposition by the World Committee
appoints Serge Delvaux and Meinhard Perkmann as auditors.

Resolution 16 budget 2012-2014

The Conference
Approves the budget for 2012-2014 as annexed to this resolution.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION 16

FINANCIAL PLAN/PLAN FINANCIER 2012-2014

Accounts expressed in Euros/Comptes exprimés en Euros

	2012	2013	2014
Income/Revenus			
Fee/Cotisations	95 000,00	88 000,00	88 000,00
Bank interests/Intérêts bancaires	2 000,00	2 000,00	2 000,00
Miscellaneous/Divers	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Total Income/	98 000,00	91 000,00	91 000,00
Salaries and social charges/Salaires et charges sociales	58 000,00	59 450,00	60 936,25
World bureau expenses - Frais bureau Mondial	16 000,00	16 500,00	17 000,00
Provision for Equipment / Provision pour équipement	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Fixed costs World Bureau/Coûts fixes bureau mondial	75 000,00	76 950,00	78 936,25
World Committee/Comité mondial	10 000,00	10 000,00	10 000,00
World conference / Conférence Mondiale	5 000,00	5 000,00	5 000,00
Chairman / Présidence	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Other travels and accommodation/Autres déplacements et frais de séjour	3 000,00	4 000,00	2 000,00
Other Costs / Autres charges	19 000,00	20 000,00	18 000,00
Total costs/Total des charges	95 000,00	97 950,00	97 936,25
Result / Résultat	4 000,00	-5 950,00	-5 936,25

Presentation of the Triennial Report.

Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee

Welcome to the Triennial Report.

This report reflects the actions carried out by our World Committee and World Bureau over the last 3 years based on the directions of the previous World Conference.

I shall not read every word of the report as you will have read it already, but will highlight specific parts and show a short Power Point presentation to reinforce the contents of the report.

As you have seen we have divided the report up to match the actions set out in the 2008-2011 Vision Statement. Then given clear results to these actions. During the last three years we have asked for reports from our NSGF's to see what they were doing to meet their part of the Vision. Some countries have given some positive action to that and we thank them for their commitment.

From this report the World Committee hopes that you will be able to build on the work already done by setting the next lot of actions for the 2012-2014 Vision which could even mean targeting specific actions from this one for further development.

I draw special attention to the work done by our new International Projects Team to better promote the ISGF by direct targeting of projects with recipients reports that can be used to promote the ISGF to new members.

N.B: the Power Point presentation can be downloaded from our website (www.isgf.org) or sent by the World bureau,pon request.

***Presentation of the International Development Fund Report.
Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee.***

Welcome to the most exciting part of our reporting.

Over the last few years our World Committee has worked towards having a greater traceability of where funds come from and how they are used out of this fund. As you have read the main achievements have been that the World Committee has been able to cover all of its reduced expenses from the membership fees allowing any contributions to the ID Fund to be used where it was intended. Development of youth around the world. Also by working direct with Regional Scout and Guide organisations instead of just handing a single cheque to WOSM and WAGGGS each year, we have been able to better utilize our funds in more direct and diverse actions. A bigger bang for our euro so to speak. Greater value for our money.

We have also seen greater support of WOSM and WAGGGS projects by NSGF's and individuals with this traceability and accountability reporting.

Our ID Fund can now be used as a marketing tool to promote the corporate world to obtain funding support for bigger projects that our Scouting and Guiding community needs to grow. We can show them that 100 percent of their support shall be used without the deduction of administration costs. Truly an example to be held up to other organisations.

We have seen a chart that shows where the funds come from and where they go, to better explain to people the process involved with the ID Fund.

Traceability of these donations can be seen leaving the ID Fund and going through the International Project Team and how it was used in their report.

Everyone will note that there is an opportunity to designate donations to a particular account within the fund for a specific use. Be it a WOSM, WAGGGS or Community project.

To better represent the views of our membership the World committee have set out a procedure for the ID Fund for this congress to vote on. This will give a clear indication to future members what the ID Fund is in existence for and how it is to be used.

Growth.

Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee

The growth of the ISGF over the last 3 years has been directed at building a foundation of support for our National Scout and Guide Fellowships to be able to use on a local basis. These have included better descriptions of the many actions carried out by the ISGF. The formation of teams to move actions forward that can be used to gain new membership. A website that better reflects the diversity of our membership and shows future members just who we are.

Foundation actions like Facebook, a social media site which brings together many people from all walks of life, both inside and outside of the ISGF to an open forum to discuss our passion of Scouting and Guiding. Then over time as the non members gradually see the amount of important service we undertake as well as the fun we have along the way they will be more tempted to join us because they know us.

Foundation actions like meeting with Regional Scout and Guide people to better support grass roots actions to show non members why the ISGF is a go ahead organisation.

There are many factors involved in building the ISGF membership. A synergy between the World Committee, World Bureau and the NSGF's is the next step in this evolution for growth. Whether it be the rebuilding of fading NSGF's or the establishments of new NSGF's by the World Committee or the targeting of new individual members by the NSGF's.

The diversity of our members reflects the diversity of the methods we need to implement to attract new members. Even our current membership has a variety of reasons for being members of the ISGF on top of our belief in the importance of the continuation of Scouting and Guiding. Some are here for the added benefit of travelling to new places and meeting new people. Some are here purely for the service we provide. Others, because of an opportunity for a coffee and a chat once a month.

It is important that whoever sets the method of attracting new members does not do it around their sole reason for being a member of the ISGF and Local Fellowship.

Take time to think how like minded people can be grouped together to provide a better environment for their meeting.

Our ISGF World Committee has laid a foundation and provided the tools for growth. It is now our turn to build a stronger membership on those foundations.

Marketing

Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee.

By the end of this World Conference our World Committee hopes that you will leave with great ideas to be able to build on the marketing tools that we have developed over the last few years.

The World Committee has found inspiration and information in your Annual Reports and some have been incorporated in our strategies. Being at the international level, marketing strategies have a different requirement and structure than at national, local or even local neighbourhood level. At international level our World Committee has taken a corporate approach by not only working with WOSM and WAGGGS at world level but also dealing with them at a closer Regional level.

At world level we aim our marketing towards the establishment of new NSGF's. We hold up to WOSM and WAGGGS and potential new members in a country what is taking place in a country close by. There is a flow on effect to our current membership as well. For example the presentations we do at WOSM and WAGGGS Regional Conferences. Scouting and Guiding people get to see a wider picture of what the ISGF commits to rather than a local dedicated presence. Then, hopefully they will have a better understanding of what tools are available to them to better assist our youth and come back to their countries ready to work more closely with the National Scout and Guide Fellowships. These Commissioners also have a chance to be engaged in conversations so different Commissioners can see that our service is common and spread world wide.

The World Committee has designed and released our unifying image based around the ISGF Logo. We have produced scarves, woggles and badges as requested in the last ISGF Action Plan to give a common image of our members at international events. There has been various banners, shirts, towels, cap and vest designs trialled to give people ideas of what could be adapted in their own countries. You will see a few these sample ideas around the World Conference.

The International Projects Team has been used to identify projects at grass roots level as well as the regional level of Scouting and Guiding with the theme being that exposure of a current leader or youth member now will leave an imprint in their memory so that when they do decide to retire from the uniformed association, they will have that warm feeling from seeing and even experiencing the ISGF work and give consideration to joining our Fellowship.

From the above actions the National Scout and Guide Fellowships can shape the tools that have been developed into an area specific action.

The World Committee wants to share the knowledge we have gained and the actions done during these 3 years. Therefore we have produced a CD-Rom that contains a lot of information, designs and ideas to work from or even just modify. On our website you can find a lot of photos that also can be used for your national marketing. All the tools can be used by our membership to excite people to join us.

Take a look at what our World Committee has made available and let's see if we can use it to develop national strategies to gain more members.

Each country present at the World Conference will have 2 CD-Roms handed over – not now but when we go for the coffee and tea break AFTER the key note speaker has addressed us. So please at that time come to the table of the Resolution Committee where Leny and Rigmor will be ready to hand out the CD-Roms.

N.B: the Power Point presentation can be downloaded from our website (www.isgf.org) or sent by the World bureau, on request.

Address to Conference September 2011
Margaret Routley, National Chairman
Trefoil Guild UK

Chairman and Members of the World Committee of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, Chairman of Conference, Madam Vice-Chairman of Conference, Delegates and Members of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address conference today.

It is with regret that I confirm that as from 31st December 2011 Trefoil Guild UK will cease to be members of ISGF. The unease which the Trefoil Guild has felt with its position in ISGF is not new. It has been well documented in the minutes of the National Executive Committee over many years and culminated at the 25th ISGF World Conference in Vienna in 2008. Trefoil Guild UK submitted four policy recommendations to the World Conference. A summary of these recommendations can be found on Pages 22 to 24 of the Triennial Report. The Trefoil Guild were asked to withdraw one recommendation relating to fees, but the other recommendations were accepted and assurance was given that these would be binding on the way the World Committee works in future.

In October 2008 on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Trefoil Guild, Elizabeth Ferrier wrote to the World Committee expressing pleasure at the acceptance of the proposals, but also indicated that Trefoil Guild UK would in the coming years be looking for evidence of these recommendations being put into action.

In the same letter she lists the evidence Trefoil Guild would be looking for, indicating that the World Committee had started to introduce actions thus showing they were working towards these recommendations:

Indicators which the Trefoil Guild were looking for after **ONE** year would be:

- Proposal 1** (i) That the World Committee has made contact with WAGGGS and WOSM and identified which of their projects ISGF could support
(ii) That it has reviewed plans for developing ISGF organisations and prioritised those where there are good contacts in established Guiding and Scouting organisations
- Proposal 2** That the Minutes of the World Committee or notes of progress distributed to International Secretaries
- Proposal 4** That contact has been made with Member Organisations through their International Secretaries and National Presidents seeking help and involvement in the current actions of ISGF
- Use of fees** It was requested that a clear statement be produced annually showing how the fees are being spent, and this should include any distribution of money from the development fund.

Unfortunately the World Committee did not respond to these requests by the Trefoil Guild **within the time frame set:**

- 1 At the end of the first year of the triennium the World Committee made no attempt to update the Trefoil Guild on progress being made. Letters were written to remind members of the World Committee that the National Executive Committee of the Trefoil Guild UK was monitoring progress being made. These letters were ignored.

It took eighteen months and one year respectively for the Minutes of two meetings of the World Committee to be circulated. (Minutes were distributed January 2010 for meetings held in 2008 and 2009.) This is totally unacceptable.

4 This was not acted on within the time frame.

Use of Fees: The only budget and statement of accounts received since 2007 were those circulated in June 2011. This is unacceptable.

Letters were sent to the Chairman and all members of the ISGF World Committee reminding them of the conditions and consequences of failure to act on the proposal as outlined in Elizabeth Ferrier's letter. Two meetings with members of the World Committee were held. The discussion at both meetings was unproductive and the outcome disappointing, so the UK National Executive Committee was left with no option other than to announce the withdrawal of Trefoil Guild from ISGF. I would emphasize this decision was based on the lack of action taken by the World Committee over the last three years and the lack of response to the Proposals presented by the Trefoil Guild at the 25th World Conference in 2008.

To a relatively small number of members this decision will be disappointing. Over the years through attending Conferences and Gatherings strong bonds of international friendships have developed. For those members who may wish to continue to be part of ISGF, the Executive Committee has explored the options available.

The most practical way to accomplish this would be for members to join the UK Adult Scout Alliance, Central Group. This is composed of individual members, some of whom are already Trefoil Guild members. There already exists a very strong bond of friendship and support between the Trefoil Guild and the Adult Scout Alliance and on speaking with the Secretary, Mr Allan Page, and the Membership Secretary, Mrs Beryl Aldridge they are more than happy to accommodate such members.

I would like to reassure Conference that Trefoil Guild UK still values its international links and will always remain internationally orientated. You will be aware of the very strong links and support we give to Girlguiding UK and their international programme, the support we give to WAGGGS and many other international causes. This we will continue to do and to this end, using monies which would have previously been paid to ISGF we are setting up a Support, Development and Relief Fund. It is with confidence I assure you that we will always be active and will always respond promptly and sensitively where there is a need.

I have spoken today on behalf of the United Kingdom Trefoil Guild Council and Executive Committee. I have no further comment to make except to wish the new Chairman and World Committee success in all they endeavour to achieve and to wish all countries represented here today and those unable to attend the Conference well. I am sure the personal, international friendships which have developed through attending such events as this and Gathering will continue to be strong and will continue to flourish.

**World Committee response to TG UK statement
ISGF World Committee Chairman, Brett D. Grant**

Following the TG UK presentation on why they were leaving the ISGF and would not pay their membership fee commitment for the 3 years, the ISGF WCom. Chairman presented the following response to the congress using the original letter sent by the TG UK to the WCom. showing their expectations of the ISGF WCom. and their intention to withhold their ISGF membership fees if their expectations were not met.

The opening statement drew the congresses attention to the date of the letter, pointing out that the letter is dated before the 2008 WConf. report had been released to the NSGFs and NSGFs can confirm this by going back through their correspondence from the WB.

The chairman then moved through the various paragraphs highlighting what the ISGF WCom. had actioned and where the evidence could be found to support these actions.

The statement on the letter,

"We will give consideration to the larger organizations who at the moment pay a high percentage of the total fees so that a more equitable way of levying fees can be found and we will also give consideration to identifying a portion of fees collected by ISGF to ensure the development of youth associations through WAGGGS and WOSM".

Attention was drawn to the Chairman's Talk (news letter) the previous year in which this very point was raised and also that a letter to the NSGF's asking for feedback on the topic had been sent out via the WB before this WConf..

If one looks at the financial reports for the last 3 years then one will see a transfer of membership fees that were used for WOSM and WAGGGS development as well as ISGF development. Around 5,000 euros to each action. The IP Team report shows full traceability of how these funds were distributed to WOSM and WAGGGS. This WConf. has voted and accepted the report.

The statement on the letter,

"However, we did not see any notice in the minutes about the proposals having been passed or the Chairman's promise; this seems to us a serious omission"

Again the chairman pointed out that they would not have seen this statement as the WConf. report had not been released at the time of their letter. The statement was in the 2008 - 2011 Budget presentation of which the congress at the time voted on at the time so the WCom. was charged with carrying out the document.

The statement on the letter,

"As a result of there being no public record of the legitimacy of these properly presented proposals, accepted by the World Conference, the Trefoil Guild wish to give the World Committee notice of their intent over the next few years until the next World Conference."

It was brought to this congresses attention that this notice of intent was placed on the ISGF WCom. after the 2008 WConf., where the current WCom. were charged with carrying out the Action Plan voted on by the conference for the following 3 years. Then on top of that and in preference to the ISGF Action Plan the TG UK put their demands, or else.

The WCom and WB have shown at this World Conference that we have met all of the Action Plan as set out by the 2008 World Conference and can show that we have addressed most of the requirements of the TG UK letter as well.

Were the WCom. expected to stop the work voted on by a majority of its membership for a single NSGF?

It takes time to implement change and carry out the tasks set, but it has happened.

The statement on the letter,

By the next World Conference the UK Trefoil Guild will expect to see a major change in how the fees are used and in the ways of work of ISGF before agreeing to any further payment.

By, the next World Conference is now, yet the TG UK withdrew its membership back in February. So how can we work to a time line when the timeline is changed?

Once again the IP Team report shows the areas we have met as stipulated by the TG UK. The power point report from WAGGGS themselves show ISGF support. WAGGGS websites have reports of our support of them. The ISGF website has put up the WAGGGS reports on our service work to them.

A point was made in the TG UK presentation earlier that the ISGF WCom. had not responded to any of the follow-up letters sent by them to the WCom.

If the WCom. had not responded to the TG UK letters then how in their statement can they reject the progress reports from the WCom. be? If the ISGF Vice Chair. and legal person travel to the UK and meet with them and answer their questions, then how can this not be responding to them? In their own words they say there has been 2 meetings. The WB. has the letters of response to the TG UK follow-up letters and can produce them.

The statement on the letter,

“The evidence that the Trefoil Guild will look for is some indication that the World Committee has introduced actions which show that they are working towards the proposals and the promise set out above.”

The WCom. progress was reported in the ISGF Info, Chairman’s Talk, ISGF Website and Facebook. These are available to every member. They were produced every 3 months. Though, we had to hand them out to TG UK members at the European Conference because they had never seen them.

The statement on the letter,

Proposal 1 (i) Have made contact with WAGGGS and WOSM and identified which of their projects ISGF could support

The ISGF WCom Chairman visited WOSM and WAGGGS. The IPTeam report shows that the ISGF has supported the youth organisations, including inviting NSGFs to contribute to specific projects themselves. The letters of response from the youth organisations proves this.

The ISGF has presented memberships to new countries at this conference. We are close with the Maldives, just waiting on Scout and Guide approval still. A three year development process. How can we expand our development if funds are withheld? The ISGF has good communications with the fundraising team of WAGGGS and the Development Office in the Asia Pacific Region.

Proposal 2 Minutes of the World Committee or notes of progress distributed to International Secretaries

The WB has done this, NSGFs can confirm this action has been fulfilled. Being the first time it has ever happened in the history of the ISGF we took a little time getting everything correct and even sent out the WCom. minutes previous to the last WConf. to show a flow of work.

Proposal 4 contact has been made with Member Organisations through their International Secretaries and National Presidents seeking help and involvement in the current actions of ISGF

This has been done. There are various documents on the ISGF website that have been translated by NSGF members. Mr. Jarraya from Tunisia has been a great help translation documents into Arabic, including the ISGF constitution. Tajinder from Malaysia has been supportive having the ISGF shop items manufactured.

Use of fees A clear statement annually of how the fees are being spent, this to include any distribution of money from the development fund

This is the only area in which the World Committee has let the membership down in. There are various logistical reasons for this and the Chairman takes full responsibility for the yearly financial reports not being released.

Once again the ID Fund report shows how funds are distributed. The World Conference has seen here, on stage, the Chief Commissioner of Malaysia receive support for the centenary of Guiding. So it can be seen the World Committee are actioning the directives of the last World Conference This conference has been shown onstage here how we collect funds and how we pass it on.

Your World Committee has fulfilled its responsibilities and the TG UK should as well.

ISGF Action plan 2011-2014

Needs	Action	Tasks for LSGF	Tasks for NSGFs	Tasks for World Committee
Development				
Attract young adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch national campaign • Encourage family scouting • Have younger active members of World Committee 	<p>-Co operation on national and local levels between the Scouts & Guides Associations and ISGF.</p> <p>-To encourage social activities</p> <p>-to invite S&G parents to attend their activities</p>	<p>- To encourage the youth to be in touch with the Adults to help to support action.</p> <p>To encourage social activities</p> <p>To establish members skills database</p> <p>To establish mentoring/training teams</p> <p>To prepare a national marketing plan</p>	<p>To think how to assist NSGF in their resources by knowledge of their activities and programs</p> <p>To establish members skills/ equipment database</p> <p>To establish mentoring teams</p> <p>Provide tools and learning materials</p>
Communication				
		<p>- To enhance the social media to reach the ultimate number of members by website/ facebook/twitter / emails/SMS</p>	<p>-To enhance the social media to reach the ultimate number of members website/ facebook/twitter/ emails/SMS</p>	<p>-To enhance the social media to reach the ultimate number of members website/ facebook/twitter/ emails/SMS</p> <p>To create on the ISGF website a platform for members to discuss The ISGF and the environment</p>
Visibility				
ISGF 60 th anniversary In 2013		<p>To celebrate the 60th anniversary at local level</p>	<p>- To undertake useful actions for the community</p> <p>To identify events which can take place for celebrating the 60th anniversary at national level</p>	<p>To establish a cooperation or a partnership with international organization</p> <p>To support NSGFs in celebrating the 60th anniversary</p>
Networking				
		<p>-Active & flexible program</p>	<p>- Open your events and</p>	<p>- Calendar of events</p>

		<p>for ISGF members to serve the youth movement & other age phases.</p> <p>To support the LSGF (mentoring for special issues)</p>	<p>gatherings to international, and regional participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To encourage NSGFs to work together and share knowledge 	
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Opening speech

Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee

Honoured Guests, Ladies, Gentlemen, Brothers and Sisters of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, Scouting and Guiding Family.

On behalf of the World Committee and myself, I welcome you to the International Scout and Guide Conference, in lovely Como, Italy.

We have a full programme for you over the coming days with important work for the future of the ISGF as well as enjoying lots of activities and feasting prepared by our hosts and family for this World Conference, the Italian Scout and Guide Fellowship.

By now you will have read the Triennial Report showing what has been achieved by our World Committee and World Bureau over the last three years to full fill the actions assigned to us from the Vision that was voted on by the last World Conference. As well as many other actions that have been implemented by our World Committee. The development discussions that you do here will result in the actions of the Vision for the next three years. The direction of the ISGF. You will see displays of various actions and reports on our information wall. There is ample opportunity to talk to World Committee members to find out more information. You will have time to meet with other delegates to find their point of view and most importantly the reasoning why.

You will choose four new members of our World Committee to carry forward our Vision. Listen to presentations from other countries about what they are involved in. We encourage you to forward your own ideas, become more informed and lead us to better outcomes for everyone.

Over the coming days may I suggest you sit at different tables and mix with different people at each meal. Language is not a restriction as well all speak Scouting and Guiding. If you desire, ask someone who speaks both languages to sit with you to translate. You will not be disappointed with the conversation. Ask a World Committee delegate to sit with you to find out more about them.

Our ISGF is a diverse and dynamic organisation. We have arrived at this Conference through a personal journey we started many years ago. For many of us it started as a young Scout or Guide. The ISGF is a representation of the fruits of Scouting and Guiding and what those influences have had. We are the proof of the longevity of the message first explained by our founder Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, who we love and admire.

We, at this Conference, as adults, with the heart of Scouting and Guiding in us, will set the path for the future direction of our continuing journey and our ISGF. As well as influencing the world around us by our positive attitudes and actions.

Use your time wisely here, chose that path wisely and I know we shall have a wonderful future.

I declare the International Scout and Guide Fellowship Open.

Welcome speech

Riccardo Della Rocca, World Conference Chairman.

I wish to thank all delegates who entrusted this service to me. It is a great honour, and a great responsibility to be your Conference Chairman.

I am convinced that this 26th World Conference will represent an important step in the life of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship: we are living through important challenges which we have to meet with courage and imagination.

The world is going through an epoch-making crisis, especially in the most advanced countries: inequalities continue to grow in an unacceptable way, in many places around the world peace is still far away, sufferings and hunger still involve millions of men, women and children. The exploitation of the environment jeopardises the well-being of future generations. Can we remain indifferent in the face of all this? How can we contribute to leaving the world a little better than we found it?

It is clear from the World Committee Triennial Report that our organisation has achieved some important results, but has also had to face new difficulties.

A qualitative leap forward is necessary in planning our future. We have to be able to propose a credible and attractive message to adults throughout the world, and to this end we have to prepare ourselves adequately.

Will we be able to live up to these challenges in a positive and credible way?

The world is looking at us and expects much from us, and this is the task that this Conference is confronted with.

Carol Bowen, Vice Chairman, and I will try to help this Conference work efficiently towards completing all the tasks allotted to it and in this we count on the co-operation of all delegations.

I wish every one of you a successful Conference and I am sure we will succeed, in an atmosphere of joy, fun and brother/sisterhood.

Keynote Speaker address

Environmental commodities

*Simone Morandini*¹

I would like first of all to thank the organisers for inviting me to attend such an important event organized by the Scout Adult Movement. My experience as a member of the scouts came to its natural conclusion a few years ago but I still share the same values, ideas and principles of the experience I lead. My sons are young wolf and guide, respectively, but sometimes I still look back and start thinking how deep and important are the traces of the scout training still affecting my life, which I had to be really grateful for.

The topic you ask me to deal with is extremely important and in line with any scout experience, but currently constantly debated within our society. I would like to try to offer some hints which could possibly be useful for your reflection and practice as well.

As for the household of life

1. I would like to start from an expression deeply recalling the scout sensitivity: it was put forward by Benedict XVI, often speaking about the Earth as the *household of the human family* – a living space we were granted “to live with creativity and liability”². It is a very important concept, highlighting the perspectives often put forward by the Holy Pope, as in the *Compendio della Dottrina Sociale della Chiesa*, whose most innovating sections were reported in Chapter X consecrated to environmental issues, often recalled here and there in the entire text. Then father K. Raiser, when he was General Secretary of the Ecumenical Council of the Churches (orthodox and protestant, as well), often recalled the ecumenical community – always paying a due attention to the history of mankind – to widen his overviews to take the “household of life” into account, as a vital reality deserving being cared for and enhanced. I could then mention the comments by the Ecumenical patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, stressing its importance once more through the encyclical text letters forwarded every year on September 1st, on the occasion of the day of the Universe. These are nothing but a few hints, more than enough to underline how the social thought of the Christian churches considers the environmental issue as a qualifying dimension³. It is not at all a claim for exclusivity, but simply a fact that the community I belong to shares the same vision of many others, living with a different sensitivity – from H. Jonas, a famous laic philosopher strictly connected to the Hebrew world, with his ethics of liability, to the Buddhist world thinkers stressing the real world relationality up to whoever else who simply invites to deeply take the threat affecting the eco-systemic structure of our world into account. It’s a rich but stimulating landscape, inviting to process the “ecology of peace”, a required condition to live together – we all together with the future generations – on this marvellous and menaced earth⁴. And precisely at the same level it is important to entirely rethink the Scout Law when it mentions the duty to love, respect and protect nature as well⁵.

¹ Lanza foundation, Padua; Institute for the Ecumenical Studies “S. Bernardino”, Venice

² Benedict XVI, Message for 2008 World Peace Day, no. 7-8; also ref. Message 2’010 and no. 48-51 of the Encyclical Caritas in Veritate (all *tests* available on www.vatican.va)

³ Many references are available in the *Ecclesiastical document database on the protection of the universe* by Fondazione Lanza and accessible in the section Site publication as for a Cultural project (www.progettoculturale.it). We will refer to it as for the many ecclesiastic documents mentioned in the report.

⁴ S.Morandini, *Terra splendida e minacciata. Per una spiritualità ecumenica della creazione*, Ancora, Milan 2004.

⁵ This is precisely what should be put forward when you refer to the “Scout Law” in Wikipedia (http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legge_scout).

2. I am deeply convinced that it is important to recall some of the important topics of the social ethics (mainly the Constitution of *Gaudium et Spes* including its relational anthropology entirely oriented to build an history as *spatium verae fraternitatis*), however within the framework of the family rooting in the natural world. It is not at all required to reduce what it is human – and historical as well as such – to a static or purely cyclic naturality, but to find once more the eco-systemic contest where every historical movement developed, including the willingness to support solidarity and justice growth and enhancement. It is impossible to have a *polis* without the land – and even the same primary relations which our existence is based on can't be developed without, or separately from, the environmental commodities supporting them. It's a requirement, more and more reported, during globalization, featuring a deep anthropisation of the entire planet, an economic dynamics, more and more uniformly extended (but not necessarily more balanced)⁶.
3. Within the same framework, it is important to add the universal destination of the *earth commodities*, thus implicitly recalling the natural reality any economic activity is rooted in, as well as any construction, in the best possible fraternity. It is the same perspective which since 1967 *Populorum Progressio* supported speaking about *development* – integral development which can't be limited to the mere economic growth – as the *new name of peace*. Paul IV encyclical text recalled as an important challenge, justice, still to be faced.

And today the challenge can be realistically faced only within wider intertwined horizons, wrongly considered heterogeneous if compared to the challenge itself. It is simply impossible, at present, to follow a right and peaceful development perspective without strongly featuring it in the sign of *environmental sustainability*⁷. In other words, after the Brundtland Report, "Our Common Future", dating back to 1987 only a *sustainable development* at present has to be supported in the real name of peace: a development aiming at satisfying the present generation requirements – the entire present generation – without compromising a similar chance for the future generations as well. The intra-generational justice is strictly connected to the inter-generational justice as well, thus turning the environmental issue into something else, beyond its social-political dimension, with a far more ethically committing horizon. Once more a deeply anthropocentric approach is put forward, aware of our life historicity. In fact in its reference to future generations, however, it stresses the importance of questioning about the future capacity of some present economic proposals in deep contrast with the limited and finite planet where we live and its commodities as well.

Environmental commodities

4. Commodities freely available in nature cannot be arbitrarily and unwisely profited from and exploited, but they deserve attention, we often forget about. They are not *res nullius*, available to anybody aiming at profiting from them, but commodities which we receive – an "original donation" to recall the expression of Pope John Paul II, in the *Centesimus Annus* – granted to care for, to be transferred to the future generations. It is not easy: if we simply rely on the spontaneous dynamics any economic interactions among self-interested subjects is based on, the *tragedy of the commons* as analysed by G.Hardin⁸ could unluckily come true.

⁶ S.Morandini, *Da credenti nella globalizzazione. Teologia ed etica in orizzonte ecumenico*, EDB, Bologna 2008.

⁷ Refer to S.Morandini (by), *Per la sostenibilità. Etica ambientale ed antropologia*, Lanza / Gregoriana, Padova 2007, including a consistent bibliography

⁸ G.Hardin, *The Tragedy of the Commons*, in L.Pojman (by), *Environmental Ethics. Readings in Theory and Applications*, Jonas & Bartlett, Boston/London 1994, pp. 248-255.

Different dynamics are to be enforced, processing a co-liability ethics for environmental goods and commodities.

Once more the importance of the concept of limit stands out, often left aside by modern political ethics, strongly concentrated on the freedom pathos. It is more and more clear that freedom can be sustainable as well but only if it manages to base its actions on the same ecosystem constraints, technology apparently removed. However we should not be unable to resist the temptation to see in “nature” – in the ecosystem we live in – a reality which can’t be modified, with any human intervention doing nothing but worsening. On the other hand, human creativity, as usual, tends to discover non-expressed potentials in natural realities, deserving to be manifest.

The issue is then that such changes should be sustainable: the use and exhaustion of resources, as well as the production of wastes⁹, if we want to survive in future, should not exceed ecosystem capacities. If we forget that goods offered by the earth are finite, there will certainly be conflicts, economic and environmental as well, where sensitive goods will be at stake too. What is more, besides being conflictual – as already happens in the present too – they could be on the short run limited, as the depletable resources could hinder any possible really effective and correct development.

5. And mainly such a double perspective is dramatically coming out as for the inalienable goods called *energy*¹⁰. While nearly exhausting oil – whose production peak possibly has already been overcome - coupled to the increase of consumption in big countries such as India and China, it goes without saying that prices will certainly skyrocket, and not as a mere contingent dynamics. What is more, partially many of the most important conflicts in the last decades affected areas where oil is being extracted and produced. “Fossil economics” seem to face a very deep crisis whose solution asks for nothing less than a new development model. The required attention to renewable energies (sun, wind), should be spurred by a strong commitment to ecological efficiency – that is the capacity to manufacture goods and services with a very low energy consumption (and materials as well). It is already given for granted, anyhow, talking about consistent technical developments in fields such as lighting (high efficiency bulbs) and heating (passive houses, for example) but asking for decisions at the political level in terms of the selection of similar critical sectors. I am referring for example to mobility: any technical innovation leading to a reduction of consumptions per kilometre is matched with a strong direction to public train transportation instead of private road movements. What is more the implementation of disincentives to the use of private cars in our cities – together with the improvement and enhancement of public transportation – could lead to an improvement of the standards of living as well as identity strengthening, too difficult at present too.
6. Energy sources are already depleted, even though often mentioned together. If I think at *nuclear* energy, whose safety against accident is very difficult to support after the dramatic Fukushima images (or even before, after Chernobyl or Three Miles Island), without forgetting the huge problem of nuclear waste disposal (which should be kept in safety for very long time periods) and nuclear plant final demolition as well. Different problems affect *biofuels* risking (not a simple risk anyhow), to lead to conflicts with food cultures. The possibility to enhance their production in view of their

⁹ P.Tarchi, S.Morandini (a cura), *Emergenza rifiuti. Una proposta tra orizzonti teologici ed esperienze operative*, EMI, Bologna 2007.

¹⁰ A reflection on the topic in the dossier *Energia e responsabilità per il futuro*, in *Etica per le Professioni* 9 (2007), n.2.

best sustainability consistently depends on the possibility to develop new technologies to more easily and rapidly grow them from cellulose residues, thus avoiding any other conflict. Once more a unitary approach to environmental commodities is required, which can't any longer be considered simple goods whose management can be relied on the entire market, but real possible future conditions for a sustainable human development.

7. A similar reasoning applies to *water*, a commodity never enough to comply with human requirements. We often deal with *water conflicts* among countries or areas where water is missing, therefore referring to a significant menace to peace¹¹. Less evident but still consistent are all the *indirect conflicts* where often non-developed countries where water is scarce do without huge quantities of water to the benefit of economically profitable agricultural productions, extremely demanding from an irrigation view point (floriculture in Kenya, among others)¹². Similar practices could be considered the insane expression of wrong policies. But often they depend on the requirement to get foreign currencies to support the international debt, at a cost for local people consistently too high, both in terms of personal consumption availability and in terms of agricultural production destined to food. A disenchanted assessment would certainly underline that a similar economic dynamic consists of a sort of virtual water export within agricultural products: a perverse flow moving from low availability countries to rich countries, where water is plentiful.

This information highlights once more the many basic problems to be solved as to correctly manage such an important commodity, thus confirming once more how unsuitable is the perspective to rely on a single market. It goes without saying that water is a precious good, more and more exploited, and thus becoming more and more economically profitable. An efficient management is required, no point in denying, but avoiding wastes, with no private entity playing the lord and master to the detriment of the institutions. In fact, before being an economic commodity, water is a requirement for human being life thus spurring UNO to declare a real right to water. Therefore its management can't entirely rely on market dynamics, risking of burdening the less favourites with inequities even though improving efficiencies. It must be a shared liability between the international community and different institutions as to safeguard such a right. Private contributions can play a leading role too in such a framework, supporting the public sector, thus protecting the most unprivileged subjects. A few months ago a referendum took place in Italy, inviting to dissociate from a decision to entirely privatize water.

Environmental commodities

8. Up to now I simply provided information on a series of very important environmental commodities, anyhow exclusively used (water or used energy by a subject and no longer available for the others). Among the environmental commodities, anyhow, there are some which can be defined as *common* that is either available to everybody or to nobody. I am thinking at a commodity as the atmosphere whose importance is manifest. Air cleaning in a specific environment (for example the urban environment), directly affects the health of its citizens and either it will be available to everybody or to nobody. The protection – and the recovery whenever missing – should become a general commitment, institutions on the first row.

¹¹ V.Shiva, *Le guerre dell'acqua*, Feltrinelli, Milan 2003.

¹² Refer to W. Sachs, T.Santarius (a cura), *Per un futuro equo. Conflitti sulle risorse e giustizia globale*, Feltrinelli, Milan 2007.

9. It is even truer if we consider the *climate stability*, at present at risk because of the *climate changes* depending on the greenhouse effect. The IV IPCC Report was the last of a series of reports highlighting how its consequences – even though differently – affect extremely varied areas. I am thinking about people living in the small Pacific islands seeing the earth disappearing in front of the raising sea level, I am thinking about people living in the Polar or Sub-polar regions, where ice melting entirely changed their habits; I am thinking about people living in Africa assisting to a very rapid desertification. It is not a change but in the last few years the United Nations was obliged to introduce the category of environmental refugees as to identify people obliged to leave their motherland because of the consistent changes affecting our planet climate. Climate is a common good to mankind, but it must be protected from any rapid change risking of leading to irreversible changes to the planet ecosystem. An ethical assessment can't forget the co-liability of the human family as for its stability nor it can't avoid duly taking its social and political dimension into account.
10. It could seem counter-inductive: we are still used to consider meteorology as an expression of casual forces and simply poorly depending on our control. On the other hand the climate change phenomenon clearly highlights a scale change enforced by human action through technology. Our capacity to make our living environments more suitable to our requirements I leads, in fact, quite often to side effects, on the planet scale level, including severe ethical and political liabilities. Within such a framework it is clear that previously mentioned actions and measures in terms of cutting energy consumption are now more than ever required as they turn out to be the simplest and most demanded tool to control climate-changing gas emissions and discharges.

Co-liability for a marvellous but menaced real world

11. The strict link and relation between different environmental commodities, finally, further highlight how they differently refer to a unique radical commodity that is the existence of our planet with an eco-system-like structure able to support while enhancing and fostering the life of its different and complex forms. It is a precious and fundamental commodity, which at the time being has no equal or technological alternative.
Such a strict link between environmental commodities depends on a mutual liability, shared according to the different subjects. Even though I already mentioned the importance of the leading role of institutions as for the definition of effective environmental policies, it does not entirely depend only on them. Eco-efficiency promotion, for example, asks for an innovating, renewed and brave research matched with far-sighting choices by companies as well. What is more education is absolutely required as to educate to a new sensitivity open to sustainability. And within such a framework the scout experience still leads the way, strictly connected to a directly training to love for the environment, the attention to be paid to others and love for *essentiality* which *allows being satisfied with little things to allow everybody being satisfied, all together*. I am strongly convinced that we desperately need such values – virtues I would dare say – in our distracted lives.
12. Once more I would like to recall how important it is, in terms of environmental liability, a deep renewal of *life styles and standards* within industrialised communities. It goes without saying, in fact, that the multi-dimensional threat affecting planet eco-systems largely depends on the excessive environmental consumption by people living in traditionally industrialised countries. It was calculated, in fact, should it be extended to the entire world-wide population, that three to five planets would be required to make it sustainable. It is therefore a must, in the name of the inter-generation and

intra-generation justice as well, to cut our ecological imprint. It is an instance we can easily face, on the one side through a serious attention paid to opportunities offered by the energy efficiency improvement, but, on the other, asking for a severe control of consumption in our personal and community lives, thus checking our real requirements. Eco-sufficiency but also – as to use a language so common to the essential and poverty Christian tradition – in the Franciscan meaning – a reality to be welcomed with joyful happiness. And borrowing the words of Benedict XVI already mentioned in the Peace Message 2008, we can recall the need of a new sobriety, as the required condition to live on the earth¹³. A new sobriety inspired by the lively wisdom recognising how good are the commodities on the earth, when profiting from them in a non-destructive, non-rival manner but simply respecting their vital reality. The Scout law sounds very important to me, to be diligent and sparing as well, with pure thoughts, words and actions. I do not believe that it is simply a question of purity in interpersonal relationships, even though important: to be pure means being able to be free from any drive to consumption, a typical feature of economic dynamics. It means being able to tenuously stand any advertising allure, to reaffirm the quality of life no longer based on good, but on rich and high relationships (with people around us and with nature as well).

Thus a strong requirement for co-operation is at present a must: only a concerned and peaceful mankind, able not to consider climate a simple struggle against civilizations, as it seems to stand out at the beginning of such a new millennium, will be able to correctly and effectively face the environmental issue.

I would like to conclude my contribution underlining once more how the present analysis of the environmental issue, based on the notion of commodities, moves outside its limits. In fact it clearly comes out how partial is the vision considering the earth as a bunch of simple goods required to guarantee human being survival. What is at stake is mainly the recognition of the value of the existing world and its intrinsic values, going far beyond the important usefulness for the human family. It is the same perspective clearly underlined in the hymn to the creative mastery of God in Saint Francis' Canticle of Creatures or Canticle of Brother Sun, centered on the importance of the benediction of all the almighty living creatures And biodiversity too – before being a utility – is first of all an expression of the overwhelming creativity of nature and of the Master who shaped it and as such it deserves being protected. Finally an ethical consideration is to be concluded with a welcoming praise for the received gifts in due co-liability for the future of our earth.

¹³ Refer to the Message for the III day of the Universe "Una nuova sobrietà, per abitare la terra – A new sobriety to live the earth", presented on February 2nd, 2008 signed by the presidents of the Commissions Justice and Peace and Ecumenisms of the CEI.

The NGOs and Water
Mrs Martine Levy

Good morning,

Before I start my speech, I would like that we all deeply think to Mrs WANGARI MAATHAI. She was the first African woman who received the Nobel Prize for Peace for her fight for Environment and for Women Rights. She passed away 3 days ago.

Thank you.

When I discovered just one year ago the theme of our World Conference: "the common goods: water, earth, air", it made me think immediately to a group of NGOs in UNESCO. Indeed, since 2004, a group of about 30 NGOs, Non Governmental Organisations, having official relations with UNESCO, has worked in a think-tank on water which also made proposals; I requested from you the possibility that I could quickly tell the Conference what these NGOs do, and, Mister Chairman, you were kind enough to give me the floor at the opening of this session; thank you very much.

You all very well know this beautiful painting which is under tight surveillance in the Louvre Museum in Paris; it is so magnificent that it has been stolen several times! I want to speak of the *Jocund of Leonardo da Vinci*.

Well, here is what Leonardo da Vinci wrote some 500 years ago.

"Water is for the world what blood is for our body".

Mister Chairman, if I asked for the floor, it is because I thought that the work done by the NGOs in UNESCO may provide inspiration to ISGF and the National Scout and Guide Fellowships.

I'll come back to it later. I would like to present some reminders first.

UNESCO/NGOs/WAGGGS/WOSM

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed". It is the first sentence of the Preamble to [the Constitution of UNESCO](#)

The Headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation are in Paris.

UNESCO's mission is to contribute to the building of peace, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue through education, the sciences, culture, communication and information.

When you roam around the buildings of UNESCO, you can meet, among others, many many persons who work there but also the members of the permanent Delegations of the 197 member States** and the representatives of some of the 350 NGOs which have official relations with the Organisation.

And of course all the visitors who come to attend one of the many conferences or to visit an exhibition.

The World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) are 2 of these NGO's. Among the most active.

Teams have represented them in this organisation of the United Nations since the creation of UNESCO in 1948. For many years I have been a member of the team which represents WAGGGS.

I would like to add a short information concerning WOSM and WAGGGS which is very often not known: they are considered by the United Nations as the biggest world organisations for youth for non formal education; each of them has the General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

May I remind you that non formal Education is the one we give in our scouting and guiding organisations?

NGOs in UNESCO

What do NGOs in UNESCO?

A Liaison Committee rules the relations between NGOs and the Organisation. It is the voice of NGOs in UNESCO.

This Liaison Committee determines the themes on which the Commissions will work in relation with the main fields of UNESCO and its sectors.

It is in these Commissions that NGOs bring the voice of the grassroots level that they know particularly well.

The Director of the Sector on NGOs said herself: "there is a pressing necessity for UNESCO to have partners who work in the way of the mandate of UNESCO and who have a good expertise."

WATER in UNESCO

The sector of UNESCO concerned by water is the "Natural Sciences" one; the Division on Water Sciences ensures the planning, the management and the implementing of the programmes relating to freshwater.

It works within the frame of the International Decade of Action "Water for Life" which started in 2005 and which will end in 2015.

The International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO and the World Water Assessment Programme are the two main programmes of the United Nations system devoted to water research, water resources management, education and capacity building in order to answer to the increasing needs of sustainable development, to provide recommendations to enhance assessment capacity at national level and curb the decision making process.

The World Water Development Report is a comprehensive review that gives an overall picture of the state of the world's freshwater resources.

Since 2008, the International Hydrological Programme has worked on a new programme called: "Water Dependencies: system under Stress and Societal Responses".

It was a bit long but I wanted to explain to you the context of the work done on water in UNESCO.

NGOs and WATER in UNESCO

The Group on water was created in **2004** as a group of the Joint Programmatic Commission on Science and Ethics, after a round table called : "***knowledge on water, its techniques and its management for a more fair and more dignified human society : the affair of all***"

This round table had been organised by the Liaison Committee NGOs-UNESCO together with the Division on Water Sciences during the UNESCO General Conference, held in October 2003.

This round table in 2004 could offer to the NGOs not specialised in water problems some moments of reflexion on the reasons why they could have to commit their members in a world fight.

How is it possible to put an end to the dreadful situation of billions of human beings and to face the midterm threat of a general shortage?

The themes brought up were: privatisation and merchandising of water and their links with solidarity and ethics.

Considering that water is a fundamental right and even a world common good, the NGOs proposed the creation of a world authority on water which could have a “world charter for water” complied with; they suggested education on water to very young children, a better use of water, cleaning up of water and processing residual waters.

The NGOs had passed to the decision makers their knowledge of the grassroots level, their knowledge of the needs of people living there, had made their proposal....

Until 2007, the group on water ensured the follow up of the 2004 forum and worked mainly on the awareness of NGOs on the problems of water: through conferences, the reports of which could be used by NGOs and by producing 3 leaflets called “**water for all**”.

Many NGOs, not members of this working group, started reflexions and projects on water in their organisations; of course it had to be compatible with the priority themes of their organisations.

Early in 2008, the group on water finalised a programme on “**water, ethics of environment and climate change**” by running in UNESCO a session on the “**obstacles to the implementing of the Right to drinking water for all : right to life**” and by producing a document for the practitioners of formal and non formal education “**For a systemic approach of education on water: respected fresh water, shared fresh water, fresh water for all**”.

Since 2010 the group, having a profound consideration for the ethical preoccupation of UNESCO, became on request of UNESCO a sub-commission “Ethics and Environment”; this was the Organisation’s acknowledgment of the work carried out.

The group extended its investigations to demographic evolution, biodiversity, production and repartition of food resources, towards a reflexion on the idea of “Common Good” inseparable of the ethical approach of the questions on environment and society.

Eventually the sub-commission contributed in the international meeting of NGOs with UNESCO on **27th June 2011** called “**water, source of life, common good of humanity; leitmotiv and realities**”

The following topics were dealt with:

- “Obstacles in the access to drinking water: how to overcome them for all everywhere in the world”?
- “Fresh water: rarefaction or abuses? Threatened balance”,
- “Water and conflicts”
- Eventually perspectives were given “from a possible conflict to a possible co-operation”

For this conference in June 2011 the NGOs group had been able to gather speakers of the highest level: it was highlighted that water questions are present in each objective of the UN Millennium Development Goals

- *Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger*: each problem has a link with water
- *Achieve universal primary education*: make each young child understand the problems of water
- *Promote gender equality and empower women*: women and only women go to the well, which is sometimes very far, to fetch water and to bring it back in buckets or on their head taking care that not a single drop of this precious drink is lost...it is so rare...
- *Reduce child mortality*: how many children die after they have drunk insanitary water?
- *Improve maternal health*: enough clean water everywhere would improve mothers' health
- *Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases*: our friends from Africa who attend the Conference could tell us how dangerous is the water of the marshlands in which we walk
- *Ensure environmental sustainability*: more than a billion persons have no access to freshwater; and 2 billions of persons don't have cleaning up
- *Develop a global partnership for development*: these 3 billions people are really forgotten in the world community; the funds for water should be significantly increased.

For 3 years WAGGGS and WOSM have encouraged their member organisations to work on these UN Millennium Development Goals and proposed educational documents. It is sure that water has an important place in these.

Very many NGO's try to bring a contribution to the permanent fight for the conservation and preservation of water; in particular through work on the edge of large international fora; the next international conference on water will take place – is it a coincidence? – in Marseille in June 2012.

I often highlighted as my leitmotiv that ISGF is the most varied of large international solidarity NGOs thanks to all the persons with different cultures, origins, professions which are in it.

Couldn't it also bring its stone to this essential fight for humanity through its NSGF's? The ways to proceed are varied: chemistry, philosophy, ethics but also for us, grassroots persons, building latrines, educating children, building wells, cleaning rivers, cleaning up ... What a large food for thoughts for our NSGF's.

Thank you for your attention and I am sure that Mr Morandini will raise you to other spheres

*** when I delivered this speech there were 197 Member States in UNESCO; the day of the translation in November 2011, 2 Member States had withdrawn; there are now only 195.*

WAGGGS Adress
Liesbeth Lijnzaad

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

Celebrating 100 years of changing lives



“WAGGGS has touched my life in a way that nothing else has ever done... I strongly believe that in 100 years from now, no one will remember the type of car you drove or house you lived in or how much money you had in your account. In 100 years from now, the only thing that will be remembered is the contribution you made to another individual.”

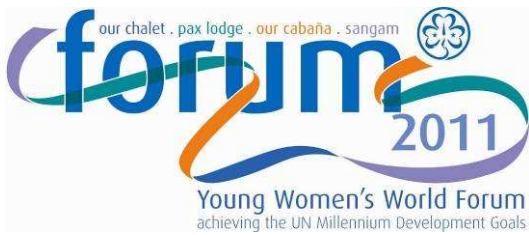
– Florence Eneuo, Nigeria



Centenary Celebrations

- Celebrations in Member Organizations around the world
- Centenary WAGGGS World Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Young Women’s World Forums (YWWF) in 2010, 2011 and 2012







“My experience of the YWWF was truly an informative, motivating and life changing experience which offered me the opportunity to see and understand life experiences differently” - Danielle (Antigua & Barbuda)



“We got to learn and improve really important skills like advocacy, leadership and communication in a practical and fun way” – mina (Bahrain)

“The best experience a young Girl Scout can ask for. An opportunity of a life time. And I wish that every young girl around the world gets the opportunity to be a participant” - Denice (Suriname)



ISGF Support

- YWWF 2010
 - ISGF funded a young woman from Peru
 - Australia SGF funded a young woman from Fiji
- Project in Mongolia to translate materials

The Global Girls Fund

- Our aim: Raise £10million GBP by 2014
- Establishing new and sustainable income streams
- Establishing long term and mutually beneficial partnerships across private, public and NGO sectors
- Promoting and strengthening the identity, visibility and reach of WAGGGS and each Member Organization

Our Vision

All girls and young women are valued and take action to change the world.



Our Mission

To enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

WAGGGS Leadership Development Programme



- **7** WLDP seminars across all **5** regions in **4** languages
- **301** participants from **108** Member Organizations.





Membership growth

- Membership up **15** per cent
- **1 million** new members
- **63** Member Organizations have increased membership



Global Action Theme

- Over **100,000** badges and curricula distributed
- **22** GAT Champions
- GAT Toolkit in **12** languages
- Over **30** GAT projects





Advocacy

- Young women influencing outcomes at international events
- CSW, COP16, UN
- Stop the Violence Campaign
 - 10,000 voices by 12 April 2012 (end of WAGGGS centenary)



What you can do

- **Donate** to the **Global Girls Fund** so that more young women can benefit from programmes and events
- **Join us** for **World Thinking Day** 22 February 2012 'Environment: together we can save our planet'
- **Add your voice** to the **Stop the Violence Campaign**

Thank you!



“a better world and brighter future for the youth of tomorrow”

Olave Baden-Powell

WOSM address

Luc Panissod, Secretary General

World Organisation of the Scout Movement

Dear Friends in Scouting and Guiding,

I am very happy to address the 26th World Conference of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) in the beautiful lakeshore city of Como. The venue for this Conference, Villa Olmo and its gardens, are both inspirational, and at the same time, apt reminders for the value of heritage. Scouting is over a hundred years old now and the people assembled here know best that this Movement has a rich history and heritage of its own. The relationship between ISGF and the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has a long history too. ISGF has enjoyed the support of WOSM, alongside that of our sister organization WAGGGS since 1953 when the then IFOFSAG was founded. As the years progressed, ISGF secured a very close working relationship with WOSM by being granted a consultative status with the World Scout Committee, which is reviewed every three years.

It is not difficult for one to understand why there has been this strong backing from WOSM for ISGF if you look at ISGF's founding principle of being a worldwide organization for adults, former Scout or Guide Leaders, in support of Scouting and Guiding. The Mission of ISGF is to promote the spirit of the Scout and Guide, Promise and Law in its individual members' daily lives by continuing personal development, serving in the community and actively supporting WAGGGS and WOSM. Following Resolutions from WOSM and WAGGGS World Conferences, ISGF was created in 1953 "to provide an international platform for adults who feel that the ideals of Scouting & Guiding should continue to be implemented in an adult context". In this light, ISGF's key role is to provide a framework for the ethos of Scouting & Guiding to continue in adult life while offering active support to WAGGGS and WOSM. Your members have been serving the community, strengthening dialogue with them through community-oriented projects around the globe. These are all strong reasons why WOSM and ISGF are together, in our efforts to achieve our end goals, and support each other in the process.

I would like to share with you some recent developments in World Scouting. We have had an exciting year with four major events, with the World Moot in Kenya, World Scout Youth Forum and World Conference in Brazil, and the recently concluded World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. It was a daunting task to ensure that all these events are successfully organized and WOSM has come out winners by ensuring smooth collaboration and support to the hosting National Scout Organizations to organize these events effectively. It is not always easy, because different National Scout Organizations have different competencies and needs. To balance the support in such a way that capable NSOs are given their space to deliver their best, and those who need a strong backing get every support they need, has been the hallmark of WOSM in the last twelve months. Not long ago WOSM has seen some institutional crises but the Movement has come a long way forward since and I am happy to have lead the team, alongside the World Scout Committee, through this difficult period, into a strong Organization as we stand today. This shows the strength of solidarity and purpose for an organization with a clear vision and strong leadership. The World Scout Committee today works very closely with the World Scout Bureau and we have designed an exciting package of programmes and activities for the current triennium. I am confident that we will have many positive gains to report when we meet at our next World Scout Conference in Slovenia in three years time.

Like in any relationship, strains do occur between two parties, especially when there is an aberration of any kind. Although such situations may largely occur due to some small actors or incidents, organizations run the risk of damaging their image if no immediate action is taken to curb such developments. I am happy that ISGF took the challenge from the World Scout Committee in a positive spirit and has addressed some key issues to once again

reinforce that ISGF still stands for all the right reasons which lead to its creation in the first place. As a magnanimous partner, WOSM has always kept its doors open to its brother and sister organizations, but the leaders of WOSM have a responsibility in ensuring the solidarity of the Movement and keeping close guard over the core values that we stand for. I am happy that ISGF and WOSM are now moving ahead in the right direction to strengthening each other's resolve. WOSM's commitment to this was shown through the constant dialogue we have engaged in together, and also through the appointment of Mr Eric Khoo, member of the World Scout Committee, as representative of WOSM with ISGF. In this light I heartily welcome ISGF's comeback and strong presence at the World Scout Jamboree last month in Sweden.

Having said the above, I want to reiterate that there is a lot of scope for our joint work in the future. The Messengers of Peace initiative in close collaboration with the World Scout Foundation will be one of WOSM's key initiatives in the coming years. I believe that this initiative will help create a lasting impact in the communities where Scouting exists. In the next 10 years lots of resources will be made available for good projects that will not only strengthen the achievement of Scouting's vision in 'creating a better world' but will also help promote and grow Scouting all over the world. The members at this conference are well versed with ISGF's Principles:

- to respect life and human rights;
- to contribute to international understanding especially through friendship, tolerance and respect for others and;
- to work for justice and peace in order to create a better world.

These are very much reflected in the core objectives and focus of our Messengers of Peace initiative. Therefore, I invite ISGF's National Scout and Guide Fellowships to join hands with WOSM's National Scout Organizations to build and deliver strong projects under the umbrella of Messengers of Peace.

I know that as part of this World Conference of ISGF, all of you are going to engage in some key discussions and deliberations, apart from taking decisions and preparing an action plan for the next years. You will also begin with looking at your achievements and developments in recent years and reflect on them. The Conference organizers have put in a very exciting and diverse agenda to enrich your experience here. I congratulate the ISGF World Committee on their good work in preparing for the 26th World Conference of ISGF. Having been part of planning and delivering more than ten World Scout Conferences I know that this is not an easy task, so I request all of you to give your best in the coming days to ensure, positive and strong outcomes, which should not only benefit ISGF but the extended family of Scouting and Guiding. On behalf of World Scouting, I would like to wish you all a very good Conference and will look forward to the results and outcomes from your work over the next days here in Villa Olmo.

Yours in Scouting,

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
William Spendler, Spokesman by the UNHCR**

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Who is a refugee?

Number of refugees in the world : 15 million

- **A refugee is a person who**
 1. is outside the country of his nationality .
 2. has a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of
 - a. .his race
 - b. .his religion
 - c. his nationality
 - d. his membership of a particular social group
 - e. his political opinions
 3. ::is unable or, owing to such fear of persecution, unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country or return to it.

According to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of refugees.

UNHCR's mandate and mission

UNHCR is mandated by the United Nations to lead and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems
(Resolution 428 by the General Assembly, 1950).

Some statistics

- In total, UNHCR provides help to around 25,2 million people in the world
- Afghanistan remains the first country of origin for refugees (3 million Afghan refugees in 75 asylum countries), Iraq is second (1,7 million).
- 80 % of the refugees are hosted by developing countries.
- 7,190 people work for UNHCR around the world, among whom 90% on the field in more than 120 countries.

ISGF – UNHCR Cooperation

In December 2010, school kits were distributed to former refugee children in three isolated Burundian villages. This operation was carried out by the International Scout and Guide Fellowship, which collected the necessary funds and UNHCR, with the help of Burundian Guides.

N.B. The PP presentation can be downloaded from our website (www.isgf.org) or sent by the WB on request

***International Ambassadors Guild
Paulli Martin, Chairman***

During my five years as chairman of ISGF – Which is a long time ago- I had several special ideas, one of them being a vision about a world-wide independent Guild, dedicated to support scouting and guiding internationally.

Of course I knew about the BP-Fellowship and the Olave Baden Powell Society, being both today millionaires and indispensable for the WOSM and WAGGGS World Bureau covering the chief part of their expenses.

But my vision told a story about a much more modest foundation delivering here-and-now support to small scout and guide projects in poorer countries.

At the World Conference here in Italy in 1996 my idea about the establishment of an International Ambassadors Guild and a foundation was presented to the audience. Two years later, in 1998, the foundation was a reality with an official address in Switzerland and established under Swiss law. In article 2 in the Act of Foundation it says: The aim of the foundation is to help financially the development of Scouting and Guiding throughout the world. The foundation has consequently been created solely in order to reach charity and educational aims.

Our Foundation is called the International Ambassadors Guild, and is as such not only a Foundation but also at the same time a Guild, where the members are those who financially support the Foundation. So this is not just a question of money, it is also a suggestion to you to become a member of the worldwide guild of people, who are the Ambassadors for our movement, the movement of Scouting and Guiding for adults.

During the last 2 years we have worked preparing the moving of our headquarters from Switzerland to Belgium. It is true that we are totally independent but it does not change the fact that there are close ties to ISGF and that a member of our Board of Directors is appointed by ISGF, whose mail-address in Brussels we will in the future be using. We are just waiting for a green light from the Belgian authorities concerning our new constitution before the moving can be a reality.

Today we are almost 150 Ambassadors in our Guild, and I am proud to mention that honorary members are the Founders grandson Michael Baden Powell and his wife Joan. During these last years Scouting and Guiding have been supported with more than 30.0000 Swiss Francs, the latest being 2600€ going to the Harambee project in Kenya.

My purpose with this short presentation today is of course not just to inform, but also to convince you that you should become an Ambassador for our organization and a member of the International Ambassadors Guild.

This offer is open to all of you. I realized some years ago that there are a lot of misunderstandings concerning this. I asked a friend to become a member. But he, who had been National President in his country, answered: I cannot become a member, as I was never a scout when I was a child. Of course that does not prevent him from contributing to our Foundation and from being a true Ambassador. Another whom I asked answered: Sorry but I am happy to be a member of my local guild, which I do not want to leave, and that is indeed a misunderstanding. By entering the Ambassadors Guild you do not leave your present guild, but add a new international dimension to your guild life.

The Ambassadors Guild is not some more or less secret club for the chosen ones, but a guild for those of us who are ready to give Scouting and Guiding a helping hand and at the same time to promote the scout and guide ideals.

There are 2 possibilities for membership. You can become a life member through a donation of 1.000€ once and for all or you can become a member by paying 100€ in fees annually. And one hundred Euros a year is actually the same as five litres of gasoline or 30 cigarettes a month. If you after some years feel that the annual payment has become a burden, than you can simply give up your membership. – No matter which of the 2 kinds of membership

you choose, you will become an ambassador and a full member of our guild, and what does it then mean to be an Ambassador besides the financial contribution?

Well, of course it means an obligation to promote Scouting/Guiding and ISGF locally, nationally and internationally, whenever the possibility is there – an obligation that you can be proud of. But it also means that you will try to help finding new members to our guild.

And that is what we expect of you.

And now you may very well ask what you can get out of being an ambassador?

Well actually quite a lot:

1. A membership certificate in A4 size
2. The Ambassador pin with the ISGF-logo on a string of green laurel-leaves
3. The possibility to meet with other Ambassadors, as meetings are arranged in connection with sub-regional, regional and world conferences, meetings where snacks and drinks are served, where present members are further informed about what is going on and where new members are being welcomed in the Guild.
4. The chairman's report on the activities of the previous year.
5. An updated membership-list once a year.
6. An annual financial statement from our foundation showing what has been gained and spent, together with a short report.
7. The ISGF electronic newsletter published several times a year and sent out free of charge.
8. And finally not to forget: A good feeling of giving scouting and guiding a helping hand.

So in short. If you want a closer connection to our international organization, and if you are ready to support scouting and guiding then you must become an Ambassador and join our International Ambassadors Guild.

I bring with me a small leaflet in English, French and German with an introduction to the Guild and with a registration form. So please don't hesitate to contact me today or tomorrow morning, as I am leaving at noon-time. After that please contact Anne Dupont, Vice-chairman of the ISGF World Committee. Then, please remember that the Ambassadors Guild has a meeting on Friday at 17.30, with information, drinks etc., where also the spouses are invited. And here all new members are officially bid welcome. So don't think it over too long and don't wait till Saturday. Payment can be made by bank transfer.

Thank you.

Chairman's Farewell Speech.
Brett D. Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee.

Brothers and sisters, it has been a brilliant 3 years as Chairman of our ISGF. I have met and got to know many people and their cultures. I have tried to lead our WCom. in the direction that our world congress has ask for. I thank the WCom. for their support in carrying out these responsibilities. Our Secretary General and assistant, CB and Treasurer. Thank you.

Our brothers Mr. Jarraya from Tunisia and Tajinder from Malaysia I mention as the support they have given to me without question has been immeasurable. Thank you.

There are a few unfinished actions that I will hand over the new World Committee Chairman to finish for me. It is unfortunate that the UK TG matter has not been cleanly finished. Based on the work we have done to prove the credibility of our financial management of the ID Fund, I wish to recommend to the new WCom. as the outgoing Chairman, they propose to the UKTG that the new World Committee guarantee that all the outstanding membership fees be paid into the ID Fund WAGGGS support account, to enable both organizations to separate on pleasant terms. Finishing off this matter.

Thank you to the organizing committee and their teams for this event. I think they have done an excellent job.

Finally, thank you to everyone else here for giving me the opportunity to guide this tremendous organization.

The future is not written, so I wish to propose that the future is not only prepared for our youth, but also for ourselves, as we will live it as well.

Thank you and Goodbye.

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WOSM-ISGF Joint Statement

1. Mission and nature of the two organizations

WOSM and ISGF are two separate organizations based on distinctive if related purposes. Their respective missions are as follows:

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is an independent, non-political, non-governmental organization whose purpose is to foster the Scout Movement throughout the world by promoting unity and understanding of its purpose and principles, facilitating its expansion and development and maintaining its specific character. The Scout Movement is a voluntary non-political educational movement for young people whose purpose is to contribute to the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the Founder. Adults are an intrinsic component of WOSM insofar as they provide direct or indirect support to young people in NSOs, according to and making use of the Scout method.

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) is a world organization for adults in support of WOSM and WAGGGS, based on the Scout/Guide ideals and principles as expressed in the Promise and Law, and open to former members of the Member Organizations of WAGGGS and WOSM and to adults who did not get the opportunity to be Scouts/Guides at an early stage or to be active Scout/Guide leaders. Its aims are to assist its members in using the values learned in the youth movements in a perspective of active support to WOSM and WAGGGS, of service within their communities and of continuous personal development. It is possible for adults who currently have a role in their own NSO/MO supporting youth members to also choose to belong to ISGF as an additional and voluntary association, provided they understand that their ISGF membership is of a totally different nature to that of being an active Scout/Guide leader.

2. Shared ideals

The two organizations agree that their shared ideals provide the best foundation for their co-operation.

3. World Adults in Scouting Policy

ISGF recognises that one of WOSM's essential priorities is the World Adults in Scouting Policy as a systematic programme of adult resource management to improve the effectiveness, commitment and motivation of the Scout leadership. ISGF views the role of its own adults as distinct from the role of adults within WOSM.

4. Status with international organizations

Before seeking a particular status with any third party, in particular with international organizations, whether intergovernmental or nongovernmental, ISGF shall consult with WOSM and shall not proceed without WOSM's consent.

5. Presentation and public relations policy

In its own presentation and public relations policy, ISGF will strive to avoid adopting terminologies, action plans or carrying out activities which would be contrary to, or compete or bring confusion of roles, responsibilities and competence with the terminologies, action plans or activities of WOSM's own bodies.

6. Relationship with non-recognized organizations

ISGF, in conformity with the principle of active support to WOSM, shall endeavour, both at international and national levels, to restrict its cooperation to Scout organizations (NSOs) recognised by WOSM and avoid any formal relations with non-recognised "Scout" organizations.

7. Relationship with national Member Organizations

WOSM and ISGF undertake to deal with issues that arise at national level in accordance with the principles outlined in this statement.

8. Structures for liaison and co-operation

WOSM and ISGF believe that some of the provisions contained in the ISGF Constitution are important to ensure a smooth co-operation between the two organizations, especially as concerns points 3, 4, 5 and 6 above. Reference is made, in particular, to the presence of an ISGF World Committee voting member appointed by the World Scout Committee, and the need for ISGF Member Organizations (known as NSGFs) to enjoy the recognition of their respective NSOs, not only at the time of their founding but as a permanent feature. Equally important is the decision by the World Scout Committee to appoint one of its members to liaise with ISGF.

9. Mutual invitations

WOSM and ISGF shall continue to exchange invitations to their World and Regional Conferences, thereby providing another channel to enhance mutual understanding and co-operation.

10. Support by ISGF to WOSM and NSOs

WOSM acknowledges the support given by ISGF both at world level through its International Development Fund and at national level through various initiatives carried out by the NSGFs in co-operation with their respective NSOs.

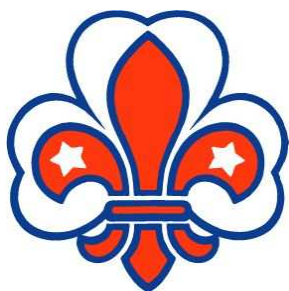
Signed and dated:

Simon Hang-Bock Rhee
Chairman, World Scout Committee

M. Brett Grant
Chairman, ISGF World Committee

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NSGF/CB/ISGF	DONATIONS	Euro RAISED
IVORY COAST	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 80,00
AUSTRIA	PROJECT 100	Euro 128,00
SURINAM	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 77,00
INDIA	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 231,00
BURKINA FASO	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 38,00
SWITZERLAND	SUPPORTING POLAND	Euro 270,00
FINLAND	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 195,00
IRELAND	SUPPORTING POLAND	Euro 206,00
CURACAO	I.D.FUND	Euro 160,00
BELGIUM	I.D.FUND	Euro 109,00
BANGLADESH	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 138,00
AUSTRALIA	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 53,00
NEW ZEALAND	I.D.FUND	Euro 119,00
MALAYSIA	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 141,00
ISGF QUILT PROJECT	I.D.FUND	Euro 252,00
CASEGHA	HAITI PROJECT	Euro 194,30
CYPRUS	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 278,00
ZAMBIA	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 404,00
FRANCE	AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE	Euro 93,00
JORDAN	FEE REDUCTION	Euro 86,00
SAUDI ARABIA	I.D.FUND	Euro 4,00
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