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1. News from individuals/groups

AFRICA

Rwanda

Sylvain Rurangwa, the new appointed contact person for the Central Branch group, "Association des Rwanda Anciens Scouts et Guides de l'AISG" (ARASG) in Rwanda, is working very hard with his group (35) to get back on the track. Some members left but new members joined the group. Soon they will announce their activities.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Argentina

The Scouts y Guías Adultos de Argentina (SGAA) celebrated their 9th year of being member of Central Branch on 4th April. They renewed their website, see http://www.porsiemprelistos.com.ar . Also a new Guild called "Scouts y Guías Adultos de Argentina en Europa" has been established and joined the SGAA, see their website http://scoutsyguiasadultos.com.ar/

Chile

The San Jorge Guild assisted by the sea rangers of Vina del Mar will be the host for the 3rd Forum that takes place in Quilpué, Chile from 12-15 October 2012. One of the highlights of this Forum will be the forming of a sub-region South America.

USA (CASEGHA)

Their school project in Grison Garde, Northern Haiti, got again attention and together with a team lead by Linda Bates, the former ISGF World Committee member this school got a facelift. The library was painted and new bookshelves were installed. Other sponsors supplied the money to buy chairs and chair desks.

EUROPE

Netherlands

Because Scouting Netherlands could not fulfill the rules of the ISGF Constitution any longer, they decided to withdraw from ISGF. However, a group of sympathizers started a Central Branch group.

2. Action plan 2011-2014

During World Conference 2011 (see report) a list of actions were defined by the participants. They came up with a sequence of steps that must be taken, or activities that must be performed, for a strategy to succeed. This Action Plan gives you concrete action lines to advance the achievement of the internationally-agreed development goals. Some ideas may be more realistic than others.

3. Annual report 2011

The annual report forms have been sent to the contact persons of the Central Branch groups to be filled in. Please complete the forms with information available as of 31st December 2011. Feel free to write your comments at the end of the annual document. That will be of great help regarding our future implementations. Please return this completed questionnaire via e-mail or a hard copy to the Central Branch Coordinator before the **30th of April 2012**.

4. Partnership with UNHCR
The global partnership has been renewed between UNHCR and ISGF. The aim of this partnership is to enable national representations of the ISGF and UNHCR to implement joint projects to publicize the issue of refugees and other people who come under UNHCR. This partnership follows the last project jointly run in Burundi in December 2010. More details are available on the website.

5. Membership fee and bad debtors
We have still some Central Branch groups that did not pay their fee for 2011 and/or even some years before. All invoices have been sent early this year to all the Central Branch countries contact persons. Groups who did not pay got a reminder. Please see to it that the transfer of the money could be done before the end of this year.
We are still looking for a Central Branch member in the USA who is willing to collect the fee from our 50 individual members in the USA. It is very costly to transfer small amounts of money. The volunteer who is willing to do this job may apply to the Central Branch Coordinator.

6. Official ISGF articles
There are some official ISGF items available from worldbureau@isgf.org
When you get the invoice for your order, we advise you to add this amount to your invoice of the yearly fee payment in order to avoid extra transfer costs. The neckerchief is available for 5 euro and the woggle for 3 euro, badge and lapel pin (1, 6 cm width) cost each 2 euro.

7. Events in 2012
You may find all information of the events below on the ISGF website in the "upcoming events".

- Sub-regional European Workshop:
  4 – 8 June
  Jambville, France

- 27th Nordic Baltic Sub-regional Gathering:
  14 – 17 June
  Birstonas, Lithuania

- 44th European Forum:
  16 - 23 June
  Grossarl, Austria

- 7th Central Europe Sub-regional Conference:
  15 – 19 August
  Pilzen, Czech Republic

- 25th Western Europe Sub-regional Gathering:
  24 – 28 September
  Cork, Ireland

- 6th Gathering in Tunisia
  5 – 13 October
  Several places in Tunisia

- 3rd Forum Sub-region South America
  12 – 15 October
  Quilpué, Chile

- 14th Mediterranean Sub-regional Gathering:
  31 October – 5 November
  Cadiz, Spain

- 13th Asia Pacific Regional Gathering
  6 – 11 November
  Dhaka, Bangladesh

NB: The 27th ISGF World Conference will not be held in September but from **10 – 16 October 2014** in Sydney, Australia.

8. Update Central Branch members
As per 1 April, 2012 we have now **954** Central Branch members in **40** countries. The new country on the list is United Arab Emirates: (Click here for a complete overview).

You are welcome to join our discussion group on: http://www.facebook.com . Please register first (+confirmation by e-mail), then type ISGF in "Search" field and then click "Join the group". You may also find ISGF Twitter on http://twitter.com/isgf_aisg

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