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

AFRICA

Africa Region

This year will be a busy year in 3 Africa sub-regions where ISGF Gatherings will take place. See more information and links below.

We recommend you to join a sub-regional Gathering to get more acquainted with ISGF and to make new friends. The costs have been made as low as possible, so everybody can participate. The host countries are working very hard to make the programme attractive. By seeing yourselves as part of one larger community, and working together based on that assumption, the sub-regions can accomplish bigger things. Your input can help to make amazing things happen.

The 3rd Africa Region conference will be held in 2019 from 30 April – 4 May in Accra, Ghana.

Rwanda

We have been informed that some members cancelled their membership as they left the country. The good news is that 9 new members became member. Now they are with 11 members in total.

South Africa Trefoil Guild

The ISGF/Trefoil Guild members let us know in their yearly report that they support local charities and enjoy involvement with the respective Guiding Regions.

Tanzania

The Central Branch group in Tanzania is the host country for the 2nd Eastern Africa sub-regional gathering. Do not forget to register.

Zimbabwe

The 6 members in Zimbabwe are organizing the 2nd Southern Africa sub-regional Gathering. You are welcome to register.

ARAB

Arab Region

The Regional Committee is in contact with the Palestinian Scout Association and the Scouts & Guides of Oman to see when the Pioneers could join ISGF.

The 9th Arab Region Conference will take place in Cairo, Egypt, from 20 – 24 April 2019.

ASIA PACIFIC

At the 6th AsPac Regional Committee meeting in March 2018 in Lalitpur, Nepal the AsPac Scout and Guide Fellowship Foundation was launched. Financial support will be given to Scouting/Guiding in AsPac. Humanitarian aid will be given to those countries in the AsPac when they are hit by a disaster and support will be given to AsPac National Fellowships when required.



The 15th AsPac Regional Gathering will take place from 5 – 9 September 2018 in Beruwala, Sri Lanka.

Taiwan

Yoshie Lee, CB member from Taiwan since 2012 received the Silver Wolf Award from the Scouts of China/Taiwan. Yoshie is involved in the scout exchange program between Taiwan and Japan. She has been involved in Scouting since she was 12 and lived at that age in Japan. Since 1993 she lives in Taiwan and promotes the Twinning between Scouts in Taiwan and Japan and she will extend the program to other nearby countries.



EUROPE

Europe Region

In Europe there will be this year 4 sub-regional Gatherings, see list below. Please check the deadline before you register.

The 10th Europe Region Conference will take place in Bremen, Germany from 21 to 25 August 2019.

Netherlands

The Central Branch group launched a new Facebook page and you will find the link [here](#).

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

WH Region

The Region is growing very fast and a couple of Central Branch countries are working towards affiliation like Brazil, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The 2nd Western Hemisphere Conference will take place from 16 – 20 September 2019 in New York, USA.

Chile

Los Florianos, a group from the city of Los Angeles, in the central south of Chile, joined the Central Branch group.

Peru

The chairman of the WH Region met two the individual members from Peru, Monica Meneses and Hilda Limaco and two Girl Guide leaders while being on vacation in Peru. They had a nice time together and exchanged information about ISGF.



Uruguay

The Central Branch group “Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del Uruguay” (FASGU) will be the host country for the 6th South America

sub-regional Gathering that will take place in Salinas, Uruguay from 1- 4 November 2018.

USA – CASEGHA

They organize a lot of fun activities like this one, the Friendship night.



Venezuela

The two groups in Venezuela have decided to merge into one group Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías de Venezuela (FASGV). Now they have 317 members. Preparations are going on to start the official affiliation.



2. Information upcoming events in 2018

- 2nd Eastern Africa sub-regional Gathering
25 – 29 June
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Deadline: 31 May



- 2nd Southern Africa sub-regional Gathering
10 – 12 August
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Deadline: 20 July



- 29th Nordic Baltic sub-regional Gathering
24 – 28 August
Gothenburg, Sweden
Deadline: 15 April



- 9th Central Europe sub-regional Conference
5 – 9 September
Poznan, Poland
Deadline: 15 June



- 15th AsPac Regional Gathering
5 – 9 September
Beruwala, Sri Lanka
Deadline: 10 July
- 27th Western Europe sub-regional Gathering
8 – 12 October
Eastbourne, United Kingdom
Deadline: 1 July



- 16th Mediterranean sub-regional Gathering
19 – 27 October
Athens, Greece
Deadline: 31 July



- 5th South America sub-regional Gathering
2 – 4 November
Salinas, Uruguay
Deadline: 1 September



- Western Africa sub-regional Gathering
5 - 9 November
Cotonou, Benin

For events scheduled after 2018 please check the [ISGF website](#)

3. News from World Bureau

In Newsletter 2, 2017 the Uganda Project was launched. A project together with the UNHCR to provide shelters for the refugees from South Sudan who fled to Uganda. Up till now an amount of 14.100 euro has been donated but the goal has not been reached yet. Instead of tents they will built huts as these will last longer. See this [link](#) to the website for the updated information.



4. Annual reports 2017 CB groups

Central Branch groups of 8 members or more receive each year an annual report to be filled in and to be returned to the CB Coordinator before a deadline. The report will be shared with World Bureau, World Committee, Region and Sub-Regions. By filing an annual report, you're providing the abovementioned authorities updated information about your CB group. They can see what you accomplished or not related to the ISGF Mission or act when you need help with the development in your group.

5. Update Central Branch members

As per 4 June 2018 we have now 1300 Central Branch members in 39 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

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

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