



## Central Branch Newsletter 1, 2023

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### 1. News from individuals/groups

#### New arrivals in 2022:

We welcomed Ian Cox from Victoria, British Columbia, **Canada** and from **Gabon** Edmond Hocke N'Guema Biteghe from Libreville.

#### New arrivals in 2023:

From **Malta** we welcomed Philip Hadcroft. He was soon followed by 4 other persons from Malta: Ivan Zammit, Dawn Parsons, Deborah Marshall-Warren and Trevor Thompson. We also got some new members from **CASEGHA USA** and **Uruguay**.



Fraternidad de Antiguos Scouts y Guías del **Uruguay** (FASGU) is working very hard to become a National Scout and Guide Fellowship at the 30<sup>th</sup> ISGF World

Conference in 2024.

The same applies for **Burundi** where an already existing group of former Scouts and Guides is working on the



criteria to become official Amitié Nationale Scout et Guide du Burundi.

## 2. Central Branch during Conferences in 2023



Philip Hadcroft from Malta represented Central Branch during the 11th Europe Conference that took place from 30 July – 3 August in Ranum, Jutland, Denmark. The next Europe Conference will take place in 2026 in Weimar, Central Germany.



During the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> Western Hemisphere Regional Conference that took place from 27 – 31 October in Cordoba, Argentina, the team Central Branch was represented by Aruba (Dorothy Hunt), Uruguay, (Dinorah Pintos), CASEGHA USA (Marie Fernande Bathard and Lyssa Dallemand).

The next Western Hemisphere Conference will take place in 2026 in Trinidad & Tobago.

## 2. Upcoming ISGF events in 2024

- **17 – 22 September 2024**  
30<sup>th</sup> World Conference  
Granada, Spain
- **3 – 6 October 2024**  
11<sup>th</sup> Central Europe sub-regional Conference  
Nitra, Slovakia

### More information about the World Conference:

Due to constraints on travel world-wide resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic, which commenced in 2020, the 29th World Conference could not take place in Madrid, Spain. Instead it was held virtually on 26/27

February 2022 with the platform party and a small team based in Brussels. NSGF Spain had accepted the proposition from World Committee to be the host for the 30th ISGF World Conference.

Granada is a city in the south of Spain which has been a melting of cultures and has managed to bring together people from all over the world. It is a friendly city where art, culture, gastronomy, crafts come together and where the sunsets in the Alhambra have a special charm.



**Where:** Granada, Spain

**When:** Tuesday 17 September – Sunday 22 September 2024

**Theme:** Commitment

**Registration fee:** All information in [Newsletter 3](#). (includes

all plenary sessions, lunches, tea breaks and dinner for 4 nights)

**Venue:** Congress Centre Paraninfo of the University

**Accommodation:** Hotel Los Abades Nevada Palace 4\*, C. de la Sultana, 3, 18008 Granada or you may choose an alternative accommodation on your own.

**Excursions:** Five full day excursions will be offered on Friday, 20 September 2024, see for details [Newsletter 2](#)

**Transfer from/to airport Madrid :** See [Newsletter 1](#)

**Post Conference Tours:** Departing on Sunday 22 September 2024 two different post tours will be offered. See Newsletter 3

**Cancellation policy:** We kindly request you to read the cancellation policy as described in Newsletter 3.

**For more information:**

[welcome@30wconf.org](mailto:welcome@30wconf.org) or <https://30wconf.org>

Central Branch will be represented by four persons from Central Branch countries who may vote and who will be elected before the Conference.

### 3. Fee payment

Some members/groups did not pay their fee yet and reminders have been sent. It is recommended that any possibility of paying cash at ISGF events or visits should be

exploited. During the recent Western Hemisphere Regional Conference many Central countries paid their fee. It is also possible to pay in advance or via PayPal to World Bureau.

Rates are per person:

for level A €2,51, for level B €1,68 and for level C €0.83 per year.

### 4. Update Central Branch members

As per 9 December 2023 we have now 682 Central Branch members in 34 countries. (Click [here](#) for a complete overview).

Links to ISGF [website](#), [Facebook](#)



I wish all our Central Branch members a very happy and peaceful 2024.

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