



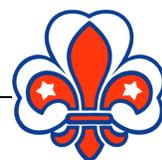
ISGF WORLD COMMITTEE

BI-ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2024

30th ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE

GRANADA, SPAIN

17th - 22nd September 2024



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INTRODUCTION

Are we still growing? Yes we are still growing but we encountered certain challenges and problems beyond the chairmen’s control. Together with the World Committee team and the ex-officios we managed to overcome these challenges. We are proud to offer you this bi-annual report.

Elin Richards, Chairman ISGF World Committee

World Committee

Composition

In 2022 Elin Richards was appointed as the new Chairman while Vanessa and Ana were elected as Vice Chairmen. Prosper was elected as member. Zalillah and Mario remained as members. The ISGF World Committee (WCom) 2022 - 2024 is composed of the following persons:

Mrs Elín Richards. <i>Iceland</i>	Chairman
Mrs. Vanessa Hoogenbergen. <i>Curaçao</i>	Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Ana Rodrigues. <i>Portugal</i>	Vice-Chairman
Mr Prosper Bani. <i>Ghana</i>	Member
Mr. Mario Bertagnolio. <i>Italy</i>	Member
Mrs. Zalillah Mohd Taib. <i>Malaysia</i>	Member





Ex-officio members



Nathalie Henrard Secretary General	Anthony Florizoone Treasurer	Leny Doelman Central Branch and Twinning Coordinator, Contentmanager website	Daniel Scarlato Assistant content manager
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World Committee meetings

The ISGF World Committee (WCom) normally meets once a year to assess the work carried out and to decide on the future implementations. Online meetings have been held through the years 2022 and 2023. The annual ISGF WCom meetings took place as follows:

- ❖ Brussels, Belgium, 23rd - 25th March 2023
- ❖ Granada, Spain, 17th - 20th April 2024
- ❖ Granada, 15/16 September 2024 in Granada, Spain.

Work teams and tasks

Communication and Public Relations	Vanessa, Nathalie, Leny (website)
Finance	Ana, Elin, Mario, Prosper, Anthony
Legal Matters	Ana, Elin, (legal team Jane Wardropper, Jean-François Levy, Nana Gentimi)
International Projects	Mario, Ana
Events (World Conference)	Vanessa
Membership Development	Mario, Prosper
Fundraising	Zalillah
Partnership (UNHCR, IAG)	Elin

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Stamp Bank	Elin
World Bureau support team	Ana, Vanessa
Partnership (WAGGGS, WOSM)	Zalillah, Prosper
World Scout Jamboree	Zalillah

World Bureau

- ✚ The World Bureau being the key contact between ISGF WCom members and ISGF Members deals with various requests for information, clarification on a daily basis. The WB is still located at 6, Avenue des Arts, 1210 Brussels. However, the SG changed the Welkin & Meraki renting contract from an office space to an open desk, to reduce the cost even more, what is more fitting to the current working situation and still offers a nice environment to work in.
- ✚ In 2022, there was no possibility to really attend meetings, to pay visits, with some ISGF items, which used to boost the sales of ISGF items. The SG started to use Belgium postal service online to prepare shipments after two incidents at her local post office. The annual income of the ISGF Shop invoices for 2022 is **€ 818,50**.
- ✚ Online meetings are regularly held with the Chairman, the Vice Chairs of WCom and also in terms of organization of the World Conference, online meetings have been held regularly with the Spanish Host Committee.
- ✚ Guidance was provided for the following events:
Dakar, Senegal, 23-28 April 2023. Africa Region Conference: assistance with the paperwork. Meetings and follow up with the Africa Regional Committee.
Arab Region Conference, 22-27 February 2024

Public Relations and Communication



Marloes de Heer (Joomla Website Designer in the Netherlands) is a paid webmaster for ISGF since 1 September 2023 as the former volunteer left because of heavy workload in his daily job. We also changed our server because of bad communication which was not consumer friendly and could hardly be reached if there were questions or problems. The website migrated to the latest version of Joomla. Since 15 February 2024 the system is now running on version 4.0 as the older version was no longer be supported after August 2023. The migration went very smoothly. When ISGF moved to another server we had to deal with Sender Policy Framework (SPF). This SPF is an email authentication method that helps to identify the mail servers that are allowed to send email for a given domain. By using SPF, the internet service provider can identify email from spoofer, scammers and phishers as they try to send malicious email from a domain that

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belongs to a company or brand. We were getting errors when sending out emails to certain domains where they are rejected because they "Think" the SPF is not correct. Therefore we ended to use the email forward mailboxes as we cannot rely on this system anymore. We discontinued all the forwarders isg.org mail boxes as per 14 April 2024.

Since the start of the ISGF website Martine Levy takes care of the translations English to French.

Projects

Global Projects

It was decided in 2021 to stop any international project for the time being. In 2023, the SG proposed to update all the communication and guidelines regarding the IDF to the Project team. (3000 euros per Region). The IDF support will be kept for regions as it was beneficial and resulted in a variety of projects which were able to help each NSGF locally

A new project has been proposed (Safe Drinking Water/Waste Management Fund in Africa Region) for the period of 2021-2024 and created by Mathius Lukwago, former WCom Chairman, but it has not been realized because of the critical situation of the ISGF financial issue.

Regional projects

Europe:

- The Europe Committee has no projects but support the projects of the Sub-Region and the Countries. They also support the host country of the next Europe Conference, even by attending one or more meetings in the host country.
- Italy NSGF supported Ukraine Scouting last summer by organizing a two weeks camp together with Italian and Ukrainian scouts with 200 participants.

Western Hemisphere:

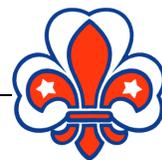
- 2nd Sunday of December: Annual Regional Action Day (Concrete action to support those in need) This project is being carried out yearly by the WH Region countries.

Finance Team

Treasurer Anthony Florizoone has faced with serious health complications and work challenges for the last 3 years. He is still strongly affected by the side effects from Covid-19. For this reason, it is complicated for him to ensure and to work with a set deadline as each day his health can vary.

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Development – NSGF new members

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) as of **26 February 2022** operates with internationally recognized National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs) in **75 countries**.

The newest full member NSGFs are: Burundi, Taiwan,

The newest Associated Member Organizations is: Bolivia,

In Granada, ISGF hopes to welcome the Associated member Bolivia and the two (2) Full members of Burundi and Taiwan.



In the Western Hemisphere region a new sub-region has been created. **The Central America & Caribbean Sub-Region**. The Committee members 2022 – 2025 are:

- Anand Rameshwar Singh (chairman) from Trinidad & Tobago
- Ingrid Islam-Bergen (secretary) from Suriname
- Vivian Soberanis Toledo (treasurer) from Guatemala

The Central Branch has now 35 Central Branch countries: 15 CB groups and 68 individual members, a total of 677 members. The newest registered members are coming from **Gabon, Malta and China (People's Republic)**.

Partnerships

UNHCR

The current contact channel with UNHCR is via the France representation in Paris. Martine had trouble to reach the contact person and to receive an answer to her communication. However, contacts were made with Spokesperson for UNHCR, William Spindler, who participated in a ISGF Conference. The WB with Martine will work on the contact list between the ISGF Region and UNHCR Regional offices.

It is noted that some NSGF would like to support a project more locally. so it could inspire some NSGF to support on the spot with their current situation with refugees. It is suggested that updated information on the partnership needs to be promoted on ISGF Website for the membership.

WAGGGS

Regular contacts but no further action regarding the renewal of our Status from WAGGGS. A new ISGF WAGGGS contact person has not been appointed yet so the communication is made only through Fiona Bradley. A draft strategy has been sent to WAGGGS.

WOSM

The World Scout Committee has established a reference framework to allow it to grant the consultative status by detailing the definition, the scope of consultation and action, as well as the criteria, the rights and the obligations and the procedures. The World Scout Committee

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considering that ISGF is complying with the requested conditions, granted it the Consultative Status. The Consultative Status is renewed every three years.

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS GUILD

The General Assembly of the International Ambassadors Guild (IAG) for the year 2024 was held in Brussels, on 14 April. The Assembly approved the appointment of 3 new members to the General Assembly, Faouzia Kchouk, from Tunisia, Pierre De Coene from Belgium, and Helen Watson from the United Kingdom.

Board members participated in the 11th ISGF Europe Conference in Ranum Denmark, in July/August 2023, where a video presentation with all IAG projects from 2014 onwards was shown.

Supported projects:

- Two projects in Africa Region: in Kenya and Ivory Coast
- Five projects in Europe Region: Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Spain and United Kingdom

A new document for grants and an updated application form proposed, were adopted. The deadline for the new applications was 31st August 2024.

Legal Team

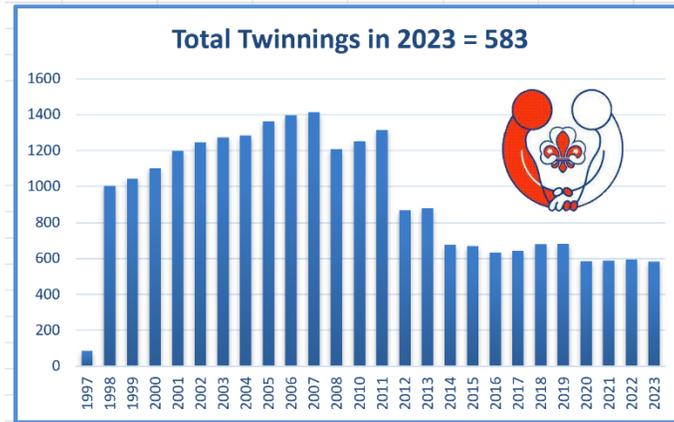
The legal team worked on the World Conferences (WConf) 2022 and 2024 paperwork in different ways such as:

- Securing the application from the new NSGF candidates to ISGF membership comply with the ISGF Constitution including a review of each NSGF Constitution.
- Securing the ISGF Constitution and Bye-Laws complied with the new ways of working of a virtual Conference.
- Jean-François was present during the virtual WConf22 on the spot as a member of the Resolution Committee.
- Assisting the World Committee for the successive decisions concerning the running of the 30th World Conference.
- Giving legal advice on amendments presented to the conference
- Giving legal advice and review of documents from countries proposed to be accepted as new members of ISGF

Twinning

The Twinning situation is stable; in 2022 twelve (12) Twinning certificates were issued on request of the NSGFs new registered Twinning and NSGFs/CB groups receives an update.

In 2023 eight (8) Twinning certificates were issued on request of the NSGFs/CB.



2023 Regional Conferences		
		
<p>4th Africa Region Conference Dakar, Senegal 23- 28 April, 2023</p>	<p>10th Arab Region Conference Amman, Jordan 27 – 31 May 2023</p>	<p>16th Asia Pacific Region Conf. Penang, Malaysia 17 – 21 November 2023</p>
		
<p>11th Europe Region Conf. Ranum, Jutland. Denmark 30 July – 3 August 2023</p>	<p>3rd WH Region Conference Córdoba, Argentina 27 – 31 October 2023</p>	

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2022 – Sub - Regional Gatherings

			
<p>17th Southern Europe Ayia Napa, Cyprus 24 – 29 October 2022</p>	<p>30th Nordic-Baltic Selfoss, Iceland 26 – 30 May 2022</p>	<p>28th Western Europe online meeting UK 11 September 2022</p>	<p>6th Southern America, online 29 October 2022</p>

2024 - Upcoming Events

	
<p>11th Central Europe Sub- Region Conference Nitra, Slovakia</p>	<p>30th ISGF World Conference 17 – 22 September 2024 Granada, Spain</p>