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***The 29<sup>th</sup> Nordic Baltic Gathering will be hosted in Goteborg, Sweden Friday , 24 August – Tuesday , 28 August 2018!***

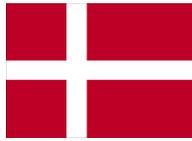


***In October 2016, at the Europe Conference in Tours, France, Doris Stockmann (Finland), representative of the NBSR in Europe Committee, was elected Chairman of the Europe Committee 2016-2019***





**October 2014, at the 27<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Sydney , Alf Runar BAKKE (Norway) was elected World Committee member 2014-2020, Oct 2014**



**The 28th Nordic Baltic Gathering took place in Scandic Bygholm Park, - Horsens, Denmark, Friday , 26 June 2015 – Tuesday , 30 June 2015 with 79 participants from 8 countries**



*The Nordic countries are a geographical and cultural region in Northern Europe and the North Atlantic. Baltic region is the North-eastern region of Europe containing the countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea.*



*The ISGF Nordic Baltic Sub Region presently consists of the NSGFs of the following countries :*

 Denmark,  Finland,  Iceland,  Lithuania,  Norway,  Sweden

## **HISTORY**

*The cooperation of the Nordic St. Georges Guilds **Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland** has always been very good. It has been reinforced by the meetings of the Nordic National Guild Presidents.*

***In 1956** The Nordic National Guild Presidents had a meeting during a Nordic Guild assembly in Finland , where amongst other things it was resolved to hold annual meetings to discuss issues of mutual interest. These meetings continued to be held every year at different Nordic locations until the year 1981.*

***In 1981** IFOFSAG (later ISGF), proposed that this arrangement be formalised and a Nordic*

*Regional Committee (NRK) be established. The Nordic St. Georges Guilds agreed and the NRK was established. The Committee was composed of the National Guild Presidents of the five Nordic Nations and active from then on until 1994.*

***In 1986** The Nordic Guild Fellowship and the Nordic Regional Committee (NRK) were formally founded , after having received an official approval from the World Committee (about 1984). **The inaugural meeting took place in Aalborg, Denmark, in June 1986,** and was chaired by Odd Hopp the well known Scout leader and National Guild President of Norway. **The Nordic Guild Fellowship adopted the name Nordic Sub-region and the alias (NUR); the alias being derived from the Nordic name “Nordisk Under-Region”.***

*It was agreed that the new organisation should be governed by a Joint Committee (JC), consisting of the five National Presidents and the five International Secretaries to give each of the five NSGFs equal voice and weight in any discussions and decisions taken. Statutes were agreed and Kerstin Benè elected the first NUR chairperson.*

***In 1986** also the statutes of the Nordic Sub-Region (NUR) were agreed and adopted.*

*In 1997 the establishment of the European Region relegated the Nordic Regional Fellowship (NUR) to a sub-regional ISGF organisation.*

*In 2005 at a meeting between all the National Guild Presidents of the five Nordic countries, **the Baltic NSGFs** were invited to join in a new wider Nordic Baltic Sub-region. A*

*draft constitution was also agreed. At the JC meeting held during the ISGF World Conference in Lillehammer, Norway, it was decided to put this resolution to the Conference for discussion and approval.*

*In 2006 the first Nordic Baltic JC meeting was held during the first Nordic Baltic Sub-Region's Assembly in Bodø, Norway and chaired by Hanne Borgstrøm and Steen C. Andersen. **Hanne Borgstrøm was unanimously elected the first chairperson of the NBSR at that meeting.***

*In 2006 at the Nordic Baltic Sub-Region (NBSR) seminar in Oslo 25/26 January, the NBSR Committee decided to publish a **NBSR Newsletter** twice a year in May and November*



**CONSTITUTION**

***The NBSR is organised according to its “ Constitution”***

***Revision history***

***Version 1 adopted 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1986.***

***Version 2 adopted 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1988.***

***Version 3 adopted 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1994***

***Version 4 adopted 27<sup>th</sup> June 1997.***

***Version 5 adopted 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.***

***Version 6 adopted 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2005.***

***Version 7 adopted 21<sup>st</sup> Aug., 2006.***

***Version 8 adopted 31<sup>st</sup> May , 2008***

***Version 9 adopted***

According to the version (adopted in 2008 ):

- ❖ *The executive committee of the NBSR is the NBC which comprise the following committee members the National President (NP) and the International Secretary (IS) of each member NSGF.*
- ❖ *The post of NBC Chairman shall rotate between the NPs of the member NBSRs.*
- ❖ *The NBSR holds a Nordic Baltic Fellowship Gathering (NBFG) every third year starting from the year 2009 and in the following order: Finland (2009) – Lithuania - Denmark – Estonia (now belonging to CESR) - Sweden – Iceland - Norway.*
- ❖ *The NBSR Committee assigns one of the Committee members as the NBSR representative on the ISGF Europe Region Committee.*
- ❖ *The official language of communication adopted for the NBSR is English*

***On St George's Day (23 April) Scouts, Guides and Fellowship members remind themselves of their Promise and of the Scout/Guide Law***

#### ***The Mission of NBSR:***

- ❖ *To strengthen networking and friendship between the guild members of the National Fellowships.*

#### ***The Vision of NBSR:***

- ❖ *Through networking and friendship the guild members of the National Fellowships take an active part in spreading the understanding that the guild movement is an International Movement working for peace and understanding across borders all over the world.*

#### ***The Strategy of NBSR***

- ❖ *To let the NBSR Committee meet twice in every three year period, i.e.*
  - *In due time before the ISGF Conference in order to discuss the Conference agenda and papers with a special view on the NBSR activities and*

- *To let the NBSR Committee meet in connection with the NBSR Gathering to discuss the progress of the NBSR Vision and any other matters of mutual interest*

*Prepared at the NBSR seminar in Vilnius 2007 and adopted by the NBSR Committee in Vasteraas, 31.5.2008*

#### **NUR Chairpersons**

- 1993 - 1996 Atte Luome, Finland,
- 1996 – 1998 Jan K. Svendsen, Norway
- 1998 – 2002 Margareta Fromholtz, Sweden
- 2002 – 2005 Harald B. Pettersen, Norway,
- 2005 – 2006 Steen C. Andersen, Denmark,
- 2006 – 2008 Hanne Borgstrøm Denmark.
- 2009 – 2012 Gunilla Engvall Sweden

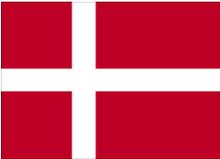
#### **Committee of the Nordic Baltic Sub Region 2014-2017**

*The chairmanship changed as from February, 2014, as follows*

**Chairman: Liv Aure Olli**

**Secretary/ Representative in Europe committee/Chairman: Doris Stockman**

## COUNTRIES AND MEMBERSHIP

<i>Country /admission ISGF/ Flag</i>	<i>Logo/Structure Status</i>	<i>full name/abbreviation /communication</i>	<i>membership</i>	<i>census</i>
<b>Denmark</b>				
 1953 (founder member)	 Single Association Independent	Sct. Georgsgilderne i Danmark SGG <a href="http://www.sct-georg.dk">www.sct-georg.dk</a>	<b>6300</b> 5461 5212 5017 4753 4654 4427	<b>2006</b> 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
<b>Finland</b>				
 1953 (founder member)	Single association Independent	Suomen Pyhä Yrjänän Partiokillat – St. Görans Scoutgillen i Finland r.y., Finland SPYP – SGSF <a href="http://www.spyp.fi">www.spyp.fi</a> (in Finish)	691 590 587 603 597 576 575 565	<b>2006</b> 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015
<b>Iceland</b>				
 1953 (founder member)	 Single association Independent	St. Georgsgildin á Íslandi Landsgildið The Nationalguild <a href="http://www.stgildi.is/">www.stgildi.is/</a>	<b>340</b> 283 251 249 242 242 233	<b>2006</b> 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

<b>Lithuania</b>				
		<b>Under revision</b>		
		<b>Lithuania Scout and Guide Fellowship</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2006</b>
			<b>58</b>	<b>2009</b>
			<b>60</b>	<b>2010</b>
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<b>2002 associated member</b>			<b>60</b>	<b>2013</b>
			<b>60</b>	<b>2014</b>
				<b>2015</b>
<b>Norway</b>				
		<b>Norwegian Scout and Guide Fellowship (St Georgs Gildene i Norge)</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>2006</b>
			<b>1440</b>	<b>2009</b>
			<b>1481</b>	<b>2010</b>
			<b>1464</b>	<b>2011</b>
		<b>SGGN</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>2012</b>
			<b>1370</b>	<b>2013</b>
			<b>1326</b>	<b>2014</b>
			<b>1295</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>1953 (founder member)</b>	<b>Single Association Independent</b>	<a href="http://www.sggn.no">www.sggn.no</a>		
<b>Sweden</b>				
		<b>S:t Georgs Scoutgillen i Sverige</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>2006</b>
			<b>948</b>	<b>2009</b>
			<b>802</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>SGSS</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>2011</b>
			<b>682</b>	<b>2012</b>
			<b>659</b>	<b>2013</b>
			<b>596</b>	<b>2014</b>
			<b>598</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>1953 (founder member)</b>	<b>Single Association Independent</b>	<a href="http://WWW.GILLE.SCOUT.SE">WWW.GILLE.SCOUT.SE</a>		

## *Nordic Baltic Sub-Regional gatherings:*

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	1954	<i>Hanko Bad</i>	<i>Norway</i>	<i>29-30 May</i>	
2	1956	<i>Otnäs</i>	<i>Finland</i>		
3	1958	<i>Vallekilde</i>	<i>Denmark</i>		
4	1960	<i>Sigtuna</i>	<i>Sweden</i>		
5	1962	<i>Trondheim</i>	<i>Norway</i>		
6	1964	<i>Helsingfors</i>	<i>Finland</i>		
7	1966	<i>Krogerup</i>	<i>Denmark</i>		
8	1968	<i>Mariefred</i>	<i>Sweden</i>		
9	1970	<i>Reykjavik</i>	<i>Iceland</i>		<i>107</i>
10	1972	<i>Skinnarbu</i>	<i>Norway</i>		
11	1974	<i>Runsala</i>	<i>Finland</i>		
12	1976	<i>Nyborg</i>	<i>Denmark</i>		
13	1978	<i>Stockholm</i>	<i>Sweden</i>		
14	1980	<i>Reykjavik</i>	<i>Iceland</i>		
15	1982	<i>Lillehammer</i>	<i>Norway</i>		
16	1984	<i>Espo</i>	<i>Finland</i>		<i>311</i>

17	1986	Bornholm	Denmark		450
18	1988	Skoevde	Sweden		
19	1990	Reykjavik	Iceland		300
20	1992	Molde	Norway		460
21	1994	Aulanko	Finland		300
22	1997	Faaborg	Denmark	23-28 June	250
23	2000	Mora	Sweden	26 June – 1 July	
24	2003	Akureyri	Iceland	25-29 June	400
25	2006	Bodoe	Norway	21-25 June	
26	2009	Mariehamn, Åland	Finland	10-14 June	165
27	2012	Birstonas	Lithuania	14-17 June	98
28	2015		Horsens Denmark	26-30 June	79
29	2018	Goteborg	Sweden	24-28 August	

## Comments :

- ✓ **The Sub-Region consists basically of ISGF founding country members**
- ✓ **Nordic Guild cooperation with Baltic counterparts:** Amongst the Nordic nations there has long been great interest in the Baltic nations, particularly Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Finland has always had close relations with Estonia, and in ancient times the history of the Baltic and Nordic countries had much in common. This interest in assisting the Baltic countries to revitalize Scouting culminated in Sweden in 1991 with a unanimous resolution on how the NSGF-members of NUR should share between them the work with guilds in the Baltic countries and in Poland. According to this agreement Denmark became responsible for the work in Poland, Finland for Estonia, Sweden for Latvia, Norway and Iceland for Lithuania. By 1993 the Danish NSGF had made successful inroads in Poland. The Finnish NSGF's cooperation with the Estonian Guilds, was doing quite satisfactorily. The Swedish efforts in Latvia were well on the way, but had encountered financial deficit which the NUR agreed to refund. It was also made clear that the NSGFs of Norway and Iceland have had serious problems in Lithuania, and that it might be necessary for the other Nordic NSGFs to lend a hand in order to avoid giving up on Lithuania. Denmark took up the challenge and succeeded in establishing a very active National Guild, which has been formally accepted by the ISGF.

Within the Baltic countries there is quite serious conflict between the "old guard", i.e. the Scouting organizations which were established before the Soviet occupation, and those working towards forming new scout organizations and gaining acceptance for them from WOSM, WAGGGS and the ISGF. There is also quite a serious language barrier to overcome, the older generation having mostly Russian, and German as second language, whilst the younger one is becoming increasingly versatile in English. A consequence of this is that the "old guard" prefers cooperation with the Central and Southern Sub-region over the Nordic one, and the "young guard" prefers the opposite. Everyone is, however, happy with the cooperation with Sweden and all the Latvian Guilds have a twin guild in Sweden.

In Estonia five guild scouts took part in the meeting, and two of these were young women. Estonia had like Lithuania already in June 2003 declared their desire to continue the cooperation with NUR and become a part of an expanded Nordic Baltic region. They are very happy with the cooperation with Finland and surprised that Estonia has decided to stay with the Central European Sub-region.

In June 2013 the 2 Groups in Lithuania **1. The "Lietuvos skautija" (LS)** and **2. The "Lietuvos Suaugusių Skautų Bendrija" (LSSB)** decided for the first time in Lithuania to form a union of the former adult scout- and guide-groups LS and LSSB, under the name **"Federation of adult Guides and Scouts of Lithuania – FaGSL"**.

The aim of this union is to unite all adult scout- and guide-groups in Lithuania in the international fellowship of the "International Scout and Guide Fellowship" – ISGF .

