



- **Introduction**

The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF) is an independent organisation for adults. ISGF is open to former members of the Member organisations of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and to adults who did not get the opportunity to be Scouts/Guides at an early age or to be active Scout/Guide leaders.

The ISGF has a consultative status with both WAGGGS and WOSM, whose values and principles it shares fully. The WAGGGS World Board and the WOSM World Committee each appoint one of their members to serve in the ISGF World Committee as a voting member.

The Principles, Aims and Objectives of the ISGF are fully described in the ISGF Constitution.

- **The history of ISGF**

Erik Sjoqvist, founder of the Danish National Scout and Guide Fellowship, and John S. Wilson, former Director of WOSM, were the pioneers of the organisation for adults. They launched the idea of gathering former members of the Movement to give them an opportunity to work together based on the Spirit of the Promise and Law.

The ISGF was founded in October 1953 with 18 founder countries. Until 1996 it was known as International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (IFOFSAG). The change of the name is significant, in that it no longer has the word “former” in it. Its Members, known as National Scout and Guide Fellowships (NSGFs), have now increased to 60.

The Central Branch (CB) of ISGF was founded in 1957. Its purpose is to make it possible for individual or small groups to belong to ISGF if they live in a country where there is no NSGF. We have now CB members in 39 countries.

- **Membership figures**

As of January 2011 the total individual membership is more than 72.500 in 99 countries.

- **The Regions**

The ISFG Regions are focal points for closer contacts and co-operation for NSGFs belonging to the same geographical area. Two Regions are formally established: the Europe Region (with four Sub-Regions: Western, Nordic-Baltic, Central and Southern) and the Arab Region. Two more are in the process of being established: Africa and Asia-Pacific.

- **More information**

For more information please contact our World Bureau in Brussels, Belgium, to which all NSGFs are linked.

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