



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in **Scouting**

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1. World Scout Centres and WOSM Recognition of International Scout Centres

Following Resolution 19/05 of the World Scout Conference held in Tunisia in 2005, the World Scout Centres Task Force, established by the World Scout Committee (WSC), has produced a report and recommendations to the WSC, which will be considered at the next WSC meeting. A copy is available for download with Circular No 32 at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_32_december_2007

National Scout Organizations are invited to send comments on the report to the World Scout Bureau prior to 15 February 2008, so that these may be taken into consideration by the WSC when it considers the report.

2. Policy on Payment of Registration Fees- Provisional Suspension of Membership

Circular No 36 gives an update on the Annual Registration Fees situation for the fiscal year 2007-2008 and has been sent out in the recent Scoutpak. It is also available for download at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_36_december_2007

3. 2007 Centenary: A New Beginning

2007 has been a fantastic year for Scouting! Scouts have run exciting programmes, held amazing events and completed incredible projects, showing the world what Scouting is really about and the difference that it does make locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you to everyone who worked to make the Centenary of Scouting such a success.

Scouting now needs to capitalise on all that has been accomplished, learn from experiences and build on these for the future. 2008 is the start of a new centenary.

Over the next couple of months there will be new information, interviews, ideas and resources uploaded onto scout.org to help you build on 2007 and look ahead to national centenaries. All of the webpages and resources related to 2007 will remain accessible online.

Please continue to share your news and stories with World Scouting throughout 2008.

To read Circular No 37 in full, go to:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_37_december_2007

4. 38th World Scout Conference, Republic of Korea – Call for Nominations for World Scout Committee Membership

The following six members of the World Scout Committee will retire from office at the 38th World Scout Conference in accordance with Article XII,4 of the Constitution:

Mr. Habibul ALAM (Bangladesh)

Mr. Philippe DA COSTA (France)

Mr. John A. GEMMILL (Canada)

Mr. Herman C.S. HUI (Hong Kong)

Mrs. Ana Elisa PIUBELLO (Argentina)

Mr. Mohamed TRIKI (Tunisia)

Elections will be held at the World Conference in Korea to fill the resulting vacancies for the period 2008-2014.

In addition, the delegates will elect, from the list of candidates, a member for a period of three (3) years (2008-2011) in order to replace Mr. Steve FOSSETT (United States) who resigned in 2006 from his position as member of the World Scout Committee. Mr. Wayne PERRY (United States) was co-opted by the World Scout Committee to replace Mr. Steve FOSSETT until the 38th World Scout Conference. Mr. Wayne PERRY is eligible to stand for election.

The new World Scout Committee will therefore be composed of the following members:

- Five (5) continuing elected members:

Ms. Thérèse BERMINGHAM (Ireland)

Mr. Georges EL-GHORAYEB (Lebanon)

Mr. Mario DIAZ MARTINEZ (Spain)

Mr. Nkwenkwe NKOMO (South Africa)

Mr. Gualtiero ZANOLINI (ITALY)

- Six (6) new elected members, each to serve six (6) years

- One (1) new elected member, to serve three (3) years

- WOSM Secretary General

- World Scout Committee Treasurer

If your Organization wishes to make a nomination, the duly filled in nomination form must reach the World Scout Bureau no later than 16 May 2008. The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

For further details about the nomination process, download and read Circular No 38 in full which also includes the aforementioned nomination form:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_38_december_2007

In accordance with the Strategy for Scouting adopted at the 36th World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki, and in particular the priorities on youth involvement in the decision-making process, and the importance of gender equality, and in accordance with Resolution 06/2002, National Scout Organizations are strongly invited to nominate young people of less than 30 years of age at the time of the Conference, as well as women as candidates.

After 16 May 2008, the list of nominations will be closed, and it will be circulated to all member countries in advance of the Conference.

5. Governance of WOSM

The WSC has decided to organize a series of meetings during the period 15-17 February 2008, open to all NSOs that have concerns about recent events, to help resolve outstanding issues, build a broad consensus and develop perspectives on future actions up to the World Scout Conference in Korea next July and beyond, particularly in the area of governance.

The idea is that there will be a range of different opportunities (plenary sessions, bilateral meetings and multilateral meetings, etc.) for participants to exchange views and prepare for Korea.

This gathering will be held in Paris. For practical considerations, NSOs are invited to send only one representative, at their own expense.

Circular 39/2007, which explains everything in detail, is available online and has been sent with the recent Scoutpak. It includes an Attendance Form, which should be completed and returned as soon as possible but no later than 15 January 2008.

Download Circular 39 at

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_39_december_2007.

The Attendance Form can be downloaded at

http://www.scout.org/en/media/files/global/circulars_annexes/circular_circulaire_39_07_a_nnex_annexe

Please note that this form is not a registration form. It is only a preliminary survey form to help us organise the facilities required for the gathering.

6. Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 September 2006

The report of the auditors on the financial statements and balance sheet of the World Scout Bureau (WSB) for the year ended 30 September 2006 has been sent out in the recent Scoutpak.

For more information, download Circular No 40 at:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_40_december_2007

Regarding the fiscal year 2006-2007 which ended on 30 September 2007, the final accounts and financial statements are now in the hands of the auditors for the last "quality control" and the preparation of the audit report. The production of this report by the auditors is planned for January 2008, in time

to be submitted for review to the Audit Committee and to the approval of the World Scout Committee, at their meetings planned for end of February 2008.

This report will be circulated right after, along with the necessary comments and information on the improvement of the circulation of financial information to our instances and on the development of an Internal Control System responding to new legislation requirements.

7. 10th World Scout Youth Forum, Republic of Korea, 7 – 10 July 2008 Call for Nominations for Youth Advisors

In accordance with the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines, the following five Youth Advisors of the World Scout Committee, elected at the 9th World Scout Youth Forum in Tunisia 2005, will retire from office at the 10th World Scout Youth Forum:

Mr. Ange Aye-Ake (Cote d'Ivoire)

Mr. Johan Ekman (Finland)

Mr. John Lawlor (Ireland)

Mr. Mehdi Ben Khelil (Tunisia)

Mr. Raymundo Tamayo (Mexico)

Mr. Rod Abson (Australia) was also elected Youth Advisor and has recently taken on a position with the World Scout Bureau. In taking on this professional role in Scouting, Rod has resigned from his volunteer positions.

Elections will be held at the World Scout Youth Forum in Korea to fill the resulting six (6) vacancies for the period 2008-2011. A Youth Advisor is not eligible for re-election.

If your Organization wishes to make a nomination, the duly filled in nomination form must reach the World Scout Bureau no later than 26 May 2008. The consent of the nominee must be obtained before his or her name is submitted.

As required by the World Scout Youth Forum Guidelines, in order to qualify as a candidate for election, the nomination must be made or endorsed by the candidate's National Scout Organization, failing which the nomination will not be valid. Candidates must also be delegates to the World Scout Youth Forum in Korea.

For further details about the nomination process, download and read Circular No 41 in full which also includes the aforementioned nomination form:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_41_december_2007

National Scout Organizations which have nominated a candidate for the role of Youth Advisor should ensure that this person is also a member of their national delegation to the World Scout Conference.

After 26 May 2008, the list of nominations will be closed, and it will be circulated to all member countries in advance of the Forum.

8. Forthcoming International Events List 2007-2012

An updated International Events List has been sent out in the recent Scoutpak. The online database is updated regularly and can be accessed by visiting:

http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/international_events/events_database

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