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**YOUTH ADVISORS
ELECTIONS**



**10th WORLD SCOUT
YOUTH FORUM**

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NOTE

This document should be examined and discussed in your Organization and brought to the Forum by your delegation.

The personal information which is contained in the first part of the presentation of the candidates is based on the information communicated by the NSOs concerned. The texts of motivation in the second half are presented in their entirety.

ELECTION PROCEDURE

Elections will be held at the World Scout Youth Forum in Korea to elect six Youth Advisors for a period of three years (2008-2011). A Youth Advisor is not eligible for re-election.

Voting papers will be distributed to each delegation having voting rights at the Forum. Nothing may be entered on the voting paper except the number of votes cast for each candidate.

Voting will be by secret ballot. The number of votes cast in favour of each candidate will be announced.

Please refer to Forum Document N° 2 – Guidelines & Rules of Procedure, Section 8-d, Voting.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

Miss Karin **Ahlbäck** (Finland)
Mr. Jamal **Alattar** (Palestinian Authority)
Miss Sophie **Bowman** (United Kingdom)
Miss Cleopatra John **Byarugaba** (Uganda)
Mr. Jaemin **Choi** (Korea)
Mr. David **George** (U.S.A)
Miss Roumaan **Issemdar** (Mauritius)
Mr. Luis Diego **Jiménez Zúñiga** (Costa Rica)
Mr. Kevin **Li** (Canada)
Miss Nadia Soledad **Morrone** (Argentina)
Mr. Paul **Musembi** (Kenya)
Mr. Mangaliso Lovelace **Ndaba** (Swaziland)
Miss Milena **Pecarski** (Serbia)
Miss Fernanda Cristina **Santos Soares** (Brazil)
Mr. Sijie **Tan** (Singapore)



Miss Karin **Ahlbäck**

FINLAND

Personal information

Aged 21. Unmarried. Scout training: Scoutmaster Training, Gilwell (Wood Badge). Finnish Scouting: International Committee, Youth Programme Instructor Youth Programme Project Team, Scoutmaster, board member in Kyrkslätt Scouter (local group) 2007. International Scout Events: World Scientific Congress 2007, Switzerland; European Moot, RoverWay 2006, Italy; "EuRo" meeting 2005, France; RoverNet project group meeting, Dec 2005, UK; RoverNet 2006, Portugal; WAGGGS Youth Participation Seminar, Germany.

International Baccalaureate Diploma, Student of Systems Analysis and Engineering Physics at Helsinki University of Technology.

Text of motivation

Dear friends, I would like to share with you my motivation to become your representative as a Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee. My priorities as Youth Advisor would be to Improve the Youth Programme and Increase Youth Participation at all levels of governance of WOSM.

A BETTER SCOUT PROGRAMME FOR MORE YOUNG PEOPLE. In order to achieve its mission, Scouting has a responsibility to deliver a programme that prepares young people to tackle the problems of today's world. Inter-religious and intercultural dialogue is needed to ensure peace and understanding, and environmental education is vital for preparing young people to fight for instance climate change. Every individual in the world is a key stake-holder in solving these issues, and our programme needs to focus on the active role Scouts can play in society. I have experience and knowledge from my National Scout Organization and from the WOSM European Region in developing the youth programme and in its delivery. I believe this experience would be a valuable asset for the World Scout Committee.

MORE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN WORLD SCOUTING. The potential of Scouting lies in our capacity to reach children and young people on a local level, on a face-to-face daily basis. The World Organisation plays an important role in supporting National Scout Organizations to implement the Scout Programme well, and thus essentially needs to keep up with the demands of a changing world. Hence, young people need to be included in the decision-making within the organization from an earlier stage in order to give them a real possibility to influence. Presently, our organization, at every level, is often an organization by old people for young people. It should, however, be an organization *by* young and old people *for* young and old people. I am fully committed to work for an efficient and modern organization that responds to the needs of the young people of today. I believe that a Youth Advisor must be in constant contact with other young people in Scouting in order to represent them well. I feel that I have the will and the capacity to work for us all during the next three years.

Karin Ahlbäck



Mr. Jamal **Alattar**

Palestinian Authority

Personal information

Aged 23. Single. Attended the 1st International Scout Gathering Scouting & Environment in Sharja. Became a Scout leader and started training in 2006. Organized the Jota/Joti event for North Gaza District in 2007. Organized the Workshop "95th Anniversary of Scouting in Palestine – 100 Years of Scouting".

Educational background: secondary graduate with GPA 93.2, 2002. Bachelor of engineering architecture, 2008.

Text of motivation

Dear sisters and brothers Scouts participating in the 10th WSYF,

I would like to candidate myself to the elections of Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee. Having read about the functions and duties of Youth advisors, I feel that I could positively contribute to the Scout Movement, serving in that position. In the last 10 years my life was turned upside down through Scouting. Before I didn't have a clear idea about my life, I was almost lost. Scouting helped me to define my Mission and a Vision for my future. BP's words were enlightening and the experience of a Scout camp determined my decision to be a Scout and enjoyed having assignments and responsibilities. So, day after day, for almost a year I prepared myself to become a Patrol Leader, and I finally succeeded.

I learned how to deal with a group, how to ensure that everyone has duties and rights, and taking up responsibilities. What had started as a Patrol, soon became a group of some 50 Senior Scouts. The Scout Group of our school lacked a trained leader and I was chosen to take up the task. I took this very seriously, as a volunteer I devoted all my energies, and time to the task. and at the end of the year, in the Annual Groups ranking we were the second in the district. This also opened the door for future personal professional engagement in team and organizational work. Scouting taught me to listen twice what you speak, in fact God gave us only one mouth, but two ears. I do my best to be an open minded person listening and carefully analyzing before replying. In Scouting, just like anywhere else, I've been seeking to do my best, and do it having the common interest in mind. In Scouting common interest goes well beyond my local community, thinking in the strong link that through the Promise I have with all my brothers and sisters all over the world. I am Palestinian Scout leader who lives in a Refugee Camp and I am Proud of this; I am proud of the traditions, of the culture, of the identity of my community, but at the same time I strongly believe in the feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood that should bring Scouts together to work for better World.

In the future I would like to serve the Movement in positions of International Responsibility and to this purpose I would like to have the possibility to engage myself as a Youth Advisor to promote the strongly needed connection between the needs and the educational purpose of the Movement at the local level and the world leadership of the Movement and the decision it takes. I would be an honour for me to represent all of you and your support would be of great stimulus to make further steps forward and to contribute to the progress of the Scout Movement and its values.

Your Brother in Scouting & Guiding,

Jamal M A Al-Attar



Miss Sophie **Bowman**

United Kingdom

Personal information

Aged 20. Unmarried. Attended the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand and the 37th World Scout Conference in Tunisia. Appointed as a Young Spokesperson for Scouting in the United Kingdom primarily involving engaging with the United Kingdom media about Scouting and training young people, appointed to the Media Team for EuroJam (European Scout Jamboree) primarily involved in engaging with the media and involved in making the promotional video for the 21st World Scout Jamboree to be shown at the 37th World Scout Conference. Worked as a Project Officer in the office of the 21st World Scout Jamboree. Volunteer adult leader, Assistant Scout Leader, with the 1st City of London Scout Group. Appointed Scout Network Chairperson of a local Scout Network in London and to the United Kingdom Working Group on Youth Participation in Scouting.

Studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Studied on Art Foundation course, specialising in photography, at Central Saint Martins College, London and attaining qualifications in Politics, English Literature and Art.

Text of motivation

The following defines my reasoning for wishing to be elected as a Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee:

- I will do my best to make the views and initiatives of the World Scout Youth Forum heard and will work to help them find shape and practical possibilities within Scouting today.
- I support the initiatives for change in the way that World Scouting is governed and believe that with careful consideration and a willingness to work together we can heal any internal problems.
- I will actively promote communication between all World Scout Youth Forum delegates after the World Scout Youth Forum, and would draw on those dialogues in my work.
- I believe I can be completely impartial to the particular views of my National Scout Organisation or Region and will work absolutely for the hopes, recommendations and objectives of the Youth Forum.
- I have experienced many international Scouting events and my academic time is spent studying other cultures alongside students from other nations. In this way I have developed an international mindset and have experience of working in international teams.
- If elected I would take my role very seriously, participating fully in all meetings and dedicating time to our work.
- I am a friendly person, and would do my best to make the experience of being a Youth Advisor a fun and sociable experience for my colleagues.

Sophie Bowman



Miss Cleopatra John **Byarugaba**

Uganda

Personal information

Aged 23. Single. Involved in the Youth Committee member of Uganda Association 2004-2008 as Internal Relations Coordinator, the East African zonal Peace Caravan in 2007 as a female youth. She attended the 4th African Youth Forum and the 13th Conference in Rwanda in 2007, and participated to the First international Union of Muslim Scout camp in Uganda in 2006, the 6th APR Youth Forum and 22nd APR Conference in Tokyo, Japan, 2007. She was the only youth guest from Uganda.

She is member of Compassion International, Raleigh Uganda and Uganda Red Cross.

Her educational background and qualifications: Primary Leaving Education, Uganda advanced Certificate of Education, Diploma in Business administration. Working in Business administration, financial accounting, customs, clearing and forwarding.

Text of motivation

- I am a trained reliant self motivated lady who has kept delivering the needs of youth to the association, as an internal relation coordinator.
- I am reliable and dependable, and have volunteered with many organisations and have a cultured spirit of volunteering.
- I have good communication skills and a good command of English and have helped the communities to understand the relevance of peace through the zonal peace caravan.
- It has always been my obligation to write reports of any event and also report back to my association in every service I have operated. I have also been involved in the implementation of the Youth Programme and participated to the decision making process of my association.
- I am confident in every thing I do and responsible for the results, and this was manifested when I was able to attend the APR Youth forum and Conference in Japan
- I look forward to create a better world by leaving the world better than I found it.

Cleopatra John Byarugaba



Mr. Jaemin **Choi**

Korea

Personal information

Aged 20. Single. Scouts service: March 2002 to Feb. 2007 Scout /Venture Scout in 532 Peace Troop. August 2002 participated in Catholic International Camporee as Scout. Dec. 2002 to Jan.2003, participated in the 20th Jamboree Scout Mondial in Thailand as Scout.

He participated in the 21st World Scout Jamboree in UK, as International Service Team, the 5th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum in Japan, as observer of Korea Contingent. Mar. 2007 to August 2008 (Present) Volunteering as Troop Leader and Rover Scout in 532 Peace Troop.

Jan.1998 to Dec. 2001, lived for three years in Anderson, Indiana, United States. Mar. 2004 to Jan. 2007, Attending Daegu Foreign Language High School. Nov. 2007, participated in Kyung Hee University, College of International Studies. Jan. 2008 to Feb.2008, worked as SAT mathematics teacher in Jin Sung Ho's Mathematics Academy (English based class)

Studying at the Kyung Hee University; College of International Studies, Sophomore.

Text of motivation

Scouting is one of the biggest factors that shaped who I am and made me the man I am today. It has changed my personality and got rid of the biases I had about the world. Scouting allowed me to experience a bigger world. The World Scout Jamboree in Thailand in 2002 was a turning point in my life - meeting so many people from different parts of the world, seeing how different we were, and at the same time how similar we can be through Scouting. The Scout Jamboree in UK in 2007 and the APR Youth Forum in Japan in 2007 were the greatest joyful times in my life and also the most meaningful experiences.

Beginning from middle school I have already achieved seven years of productive and successful Scouting. But as time goes by and as I grow older, I get to think of my duties as a grown-up and a young Scout Leader. Scouting as a youth was a privileged. I could simply enjoy considering the many prepared programmes and activities. But now, as I have become a responsible individual, it is time for me to act out my duties to share the opportunities and privileges of Scouting with the world. I Believe the Youth Advisor is the perfect position for me to contribute on issues concerning young Scout Leaders. I'm confident, I could succeed as a Youth Advisor. My sociability is one of my biggest strengths. I love meeting new people and making new friends - one of the biggest reasons why I am participating in the upcoming Youth Forum and enthusiastically looking forward to serving the Scout Movement as a Youth Advisor. Most of all, I can readily use my leadership skills. I am a Scout Leader in my troop and the President of the basketball club in school. The position of a Youth advisor requires leadership and I am confident, I could successfully lead and bridge young people and adults in Scouting. Now my preparation for the upcoming Youth Forum gives me a chance to look back at myself and I realise how big and important this opportunity is in my whole life, and again how lucky I am. I am prepared for the challenges and ready to fulfil the duties of a Youth Advisor should have be entrusted with this position.

Jaemin Choi



Mr. David **George**

U.S.A.

Personal information

Aged 21. Single. A member of the Boy Scouts of America since September 2000. From 2006-2007 he was part of the National Sea Scout Boatswain (head youth of Sea Scouting). 07-08 National venturing President (Head youth of the Boy Scouts of America co-ed, 14-21 aged programme with over 200,000 youth). Member, Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board. Participant, 2006 William I. Koch International Sea Scouts Cup.

He is also member of the United States Power Squadrons (largest safe boating group in the US with over 50,000 members).

Educational background and qualifications: graduate, Villa Park High School, completed 3rd year at California State University, Fullerton as a Business Administration major.

Text of motivation

I joined the Boy Scouts of America as a Sea Scout in September 2000. Since then, I have become the head youth of the Boy Scouts of America's co-ed programme called Venturing. As the National Youth President of the Venturing programme, I have had the experience of representing over 200,000 youth aged 14-21. I am also a member of the Boy Scouts National Executive Board. These experiences in representing so many youth have taught me this and I know it applies globally: all Scouting is local, it is not about how the USA or Australians do it, rather, it is about providing new opportunities for adventure and growth to the young people of the world. Scouting gives young people from different backgrounds the chance to meet and work together. As a Youth Advisor, it is my intent to represent the needs of World Scouting by ensuring that the World Scout Committee keeps on providing quality growth and adventure opportunities to the young people of the world for years to come.

David George



Miss Roumaan **Issemdar**

Mauritius

Personal information

Aged 19. Single. Member of the District Youth Scout Council, member of the National Youth Scout Council, member of the Scout Board, member of the Commission of Communication and Public Relations of the MSA, member of the educational method committee of the MSA, member of the editorial team of our newsletter and Cub Scout leader. Also participated in many community projects.

Member of the National Youth Council of the Ministry of Youth and Sports as the only representative of youth organisations, member of the National Children's Forum and member of Amnesty International.

Student on Loreto Convent of Quatre-Bornes. Cambridge School Certificate. Following Higher School Certificate.

Text of motivation

As I am very involved at national level, I am very interested to serve the World Scout Committee. I have helped in organising many youth empowering projects and being myself a youth representative in the Scout Board of the MSA I would like to help in promoting youth participation in decision making both at national and international levels. I think that we must encourage and motivate the youth to get more involved in the Scout Movement and also trust them by giving them responsibilities.

Moreover our movement is based on values of fraternity, integrity, respect, solidarity, equality and peace. I would therefore help to maintain peace in our society and on a larger scale in our region that is in Africa and the whole world thus creating a "better place and a better world" to live in. Furthermore, Africa needs support and help especially the youth and I think that I will be a good ambassador for my country, for developing estates that needs help, for Africa and for the youth of all over the world.

Roumaan Issemdar



Mr. Luis Diego **Jiménez Zúñiga**

Costa Rica

Personal information

Aged 21. Single. He attended several International Scout activities including a Central-American Jamboree and two Central-American Moots. He has been a team leader and participant in activities related with the Centenary of Scouting.

He is working with the Department of International Co-operation within the Ministry of Culture and co-ordinator of an exchange student programme in the National University. He has been as working as well as facilitator for young people and is member of the National Youth Council. Currently he is studying International Relations.

Text of motivation

The reason why I want to take part of this process, is because in all the years that I have in the Scout Movement, I had learned a lot of abilities, that I want to share. This Organization has gave me, enough tools to get success in my life and in this moment I want to return a little of that, with work. The decision making process nowadays, are a fundamental and important part for the youth, for that it is necessary to open up these kind of spaces with all my knowledge and experience about these process, in my National Scout Organization as in other National Scout Organizations, that I have worked with, I believe I can bring to debate and the reflection to help those can happened.

The work of the Youth Advisor, it is something that requires an integral perspective, about a lot of diverse fields and it is related strictly with youth and culture. My experience working with the Ministry of Youth and Culture in Costa Rica as a professional , in addition with the peace making process that distinguish us from other countries of the world, make me believe that my contribution to the group, would be so helpful. In one team it is necessary to have persons that bring the Scouting to other level, by giving contributions to the educational plan and adapting (fit, adjust) this to the necessities of each region of the world. For this it is essential to have patience and dedication, besides respect and understanding, values that this Movement has taught me and those ones that I willing you make use of, to share with those millions of Scouts, part of this wonderful Organization.

As Baden Powell said: "the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people", I believe so much in this idea, and that is why I have brought that a lot of times into my life, with voluntary work, and that taught me, that the youth needs learn to develop skills, to get involve in the decision making process and the leadership. I really like the work with youth, just like teach and share all my knowledge and in this way promoting the youth involvement, I can tell you that this has been really successful in country, working at the same time with the practical method of the Scouting and the politic of youth involvement. It is so important to say that this require a lot of time and effort, that with pleasure I willing to give to the World Organization of the Scout Movement, by giving my personal, professional and Scout contributions, in the moment that those were required and in this way provide the support every moment in the process.

Thank you for your attention.

Luis Diego Jiménez Zúñiga.



Mr. Kevin Li

Canada

Personal information

Aged 24. Single. He was the Deputy Area Commissioner - Youth, Pacific Coast Council, Scouts Canada and member of the Youth Service Team - Pacific Coast Council. Former member of the Diversity Advisory Committee, Pacific Coast Council, Scouts Canada and Chair of the Diversity Advisory Committee. He is member of the National Board of Governors, Scouts Canada and Co-chair of the Diversity Implementation Subcommittee, Board of Governors, Scouts Canada.

Bachelor degree in Applied Science – Mechanical Engineering, University of British Columbia.

Text of motivation

I am a youth from Canada and I believe in Scouting. I draw deeply upon Scouting for strength and confidence. Scouting has showed me the path to amazing places both physically and spiritually. I have met dignitaries and I have made many friends.

I have travelled across North America and Japan to compete in engineering competitions.

Most importantly, I have been an active participant in helping to move Scouting forward!

I am thankful for being able to serve on Scouts Canada's Board of Governors for the past two years. It has allowed me to learn two things:

Firstly, the diversity of challenges that we face in each province and territory in our vast nation.

Secondly, that youth can take part in shaping our future of Scouting from the boardroom to the grassroots.

We can make a difference!

I believe in the power of youth.

I believe in our ability to energize and inspire our movement.

I believe we can lead Scouting with a confident step forward into the future.

I want to help resolve our movement's current issues.

I want to share my experiences with other youth from around the world.

I excitedly look forward to working, learning, and drawing from all countries to move Scouting into the 21st century!

I am a youth from Canada and I believe in Scouting.

I thank you for considering me for the role of Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee.

Kevin Li



Miss Nadia Soledad **Morrone**

Argentina

Personal information

Aged 25. Single. She is responsible for International Affairs in Youth Direction of Scout de Argentina. Former member of Public Relations Direction in charge of relations with Non-Government Organizations at 12th Pan-American Scout Jamboree in Argentina. She is an International Commission member responsible for International Events Division and link member to the Youth Direction of Scout de Argentina. Attended the 21st World Scout Jamboree in UK and the 11th World Scout Moot in Mexico.

Specialist in Scientific Investigation of Crimes (Postgraduate studies currently taking Second Year, Instituto Universitario de la Policía Federal Argentina); Lawyer (Pontificia Universidad Católica Santa María de Los Buenos Aires); High School Degree with Commercial Orientation with Honors (Brighton English College).

Text of motivation

I believe I am a good candidate for the role of Youth Advisor for several reasons; however, I will just refer to the most important ones:

First of all, as young people in Scouting, I have had the opportunity to participate, several times, in different conferences, forums or assemblies, being chosen democratically by my Scout group and Scout district, to represent them at national level. These experiences, in relation to Argentinean Scouting decision instances, made me think about how much I can contribute with my opinion and ideas to world Scouting level to create better policies and develop activity programs for young people.

Secondly, as young Scout leader, I am constantly involved in youth people issues. At the present time I am a volunteer working at the Youth Affairs Direction in Scouts of Argentina, in charge of the international and external relations, so I have had the chance to work with non-Scout people and I learned from them, the "know how" of their organizations and how it could be useful in Scouting.

Thirdly, as a lawyer, in my professional work at a district attorney office, which is located in a very critical zone, I have experienced the reality of youth actual situation and I have realized how much Scouting can help them to create a better community and to improve their way of life.

In fourth place, as a young woman, I am willing to take this important commitment, being aware of the responsibility that it means for the Scout Movement and all the young people who had found in Scouting a way of life. My commitment is to work hardy and enthusiastically to reach the proposed goals.

Last but not least, I really believe that Scout Movement can make a difference in young people lives. Thanks to the Scout method they learn how important is to become leaders in their own communities and how much influence they have in society, being consider as "opinion leaders". They believe in their ideals, so they are no afraid to be clear when expressing their needs, concerns and dreams. The Scout Movement must listen to their voice in order to help them not only for character-building and citizenship-building, but also for nation and world peace-building, goals that we all want to achieve to create a better world.

Nadia Soledad Morrone



Mr. Paul **Musembi**

Kenya

Personal information

Aged 24. Single. Summary of Scout Service: Group Scout leader - 2000-2001 Mathare zone. 2001-2002 Communication Officer (Kasarao division). 2002 up to date, Assistant Area Commissioner - in charge of zone. 2005-2006 Assistant Area Commissioner in charge of communications. 2007 Chairperson Nairobi Province Youth Forum. 2007 National interim Secretary and organizing Secretary Youth Forum. 2007 to date Chairperson Africa Scout Youth Forum. 2008 Chairperson Africa Scout Day.

He is also member of Kenya Red Cross Society, Compassion International, Map International, YMCA and Pathfinder International.

Educational background and qualifications: diploma in journalism and public relations, certificates in counselling and community health.

Text of motivation

I would like to be a candidate because I believe I can rally and champion for the youth at all levels. Having experience in working with the youth both local and regional I believe that with the time not taken up by my studies and professional work I have the passion and zeal to work with the youth. Having worked in the slums for over 7 years with different organizations and in one region I believe I can work and share my expertise and experience with the World Scout Committee.

With the professional background that I possess I believe I can lobby with other partners and networks with other youth organizations so as to see that the youth are well equipped self-sufficient and productive to their various countries. Lastly, I can develop magazines articles and publication of various activities from different Scout Organizations to Champion for support and have clear documentation of all youth activities at world level

Paul Musembi



Mr. Mangaliso Lovelace **Ndaba**

Swaziland

Personal information

Aged 25. Single. He works for the Swaziland Scout Association as a Development Officer in implementing a project "Developing citizens" through Scouting. He plan, manage and evaluate the project with the help of a Project Management Team which is volunteering. The project is funded by the Danish International Development Agency.

Summary of Scout service: 2001-2003 Regional Youth Forum Secretary. 2003-2006 National Youth Forum Member. 2003-2006 Jamboree in the internet co-ordinator.

International Scout events: 2006-2007 Mafikeng Centenary Moot(RSA). April 2007 SADAC Zone Conference (Zimbabwe). July-August 2007 World Scout Jamboree.

He studied law at the University of Swaziland, Diploma in Law.

Text of motivation

I think I can pay a great role on increasing Youth Participation in decision making and strengthening your involvement within the Scout Movement. As a member of Youth Advisor I will be able to bring to the attention of the World Scout Committee genuine opinion, views and proposals of young member of the Scout Movement.

I strongly feel there a great role I can play forwards, strengthening the spirit of Scouting among the different nationalities in the world breaking down barriers and promoting the spirit of 'One World One Promise'. I feel that I can also pay a key role forwards participating in the development of the world society with recognition, dignity and respect, and the integrity of the natural world. Lastly but not least, I would like to offer my Scouting experience toward the development of the Scout Movement through out the world.

Mangaliso Lovelace Ndaba



Miss Milena **Pecarski**

Serbia

Personal information

Aged 24. Single. At the moment she is Assistant International Commissioner and National Statutory Board Member at Scout Association of Serbia. At the district level, she is the International Team Leader. She worked as the Member of executive board in the Scout Group "Mija Stanimirović", where she was Group Commissioner and Scout unit/patrol leader. She assisted several International Scout projects, such as MOBA Project (Organized by European Scout Office), GAPP – Global Awareness Partnership Project, SamNet Network (UK-Serbian partnership project), European Scout Jamboree – 2005, and Serbian national Jamboree. She had coordinated several Scout projects at the local level.

She is in the final year LLM student at the Faculty of Law. Besides formal education, she had attended many national and international training, mainly from the fields of Democracy, Human Rights and Youth Policy. She had finished the Wood-badage Course.

Text of motivation

It is clear that young women and men of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Therefore, we have to fully and responsibly participate in society, today. I believe I belong to the generation that is ready, with huge sense of duty and devotion, to make this World a better place to live in and contribute to sustainable global environment.

At this globalized community we are offered, like never before, a wide range of opportunities for development; however, we are also facing global threats from terrorism, poverty, discrimination. Therefore, we need to help building greater respect of differences, a new equilibrium – balance and equality between the rich and poor, majority and minority, men and women.

For the sake of common prosperity, young people and the adults need to join forces - ideas, experience and passion and work together on bringing balanced development and peace. Scouting helps young people to grow into productive adults and the agents of change. To accomplish this, we must succeed in addressing properly the issues and problems that affect young people nowadays and in the future, concentrating on strengthening the youth policy and services worldwide.

Our innovative educational method can improve international relations and build new partnerships. Being agents of positive change, Scouting worldwide must motivate effective assistance to the countries most in need of support in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Being devoted to the Scout movement, I view this as a next step necessary to, gaining international perspective, remain active youth ambassador following the idea and the mission of the Movement.

Determined to contribute youth empowerment, by knowledge, skills, enriching myself professionally, I swarm to give my best in bridging the generation gap, shaping it in the *corner stone* that bounds Scout family.

Milena Pecarski



Miss Fernanda **Santos Soares**

Brazil

Personal information

Aged 22. Single. Fernanda started in Scouting in 1991 when she was six years old. She takes part in at least four sub national activities per year and many national ones. She has been a troop leader since 2003. In 2007, during the Centenary year, Fernanda organized the "Gift for peace" project in her city. She also attended the World Scout Jamboree in UK as an International Service Team member. She had been member of diverse organizing committee fro several sub national activities. She attended many National Youth Network meetings and in 2008 Fernanda was elected the chairperson of the Brazilian Scout Youth Network. Fernanda represented Brazil at the last Interamerican Scout Conference in Ecuador. Actually she is the coordinator of the next National Scout Moot Organizing Committee and is a member of the International Committee.

Currently she is a student of International Relations, English teacher and responsible for the International Affairs in a local NGO.

Text of motivation

As coordinator of our national youth network, I have easy access to the wishes, suggestions, contributions and all that the young scouts in Brazil has to say. As a member of the International Commission of my association, I am able to easily comprehend and discuss the ideas of young people from associations all over the world. Also, to coordinate the next Brazilian Moot gives me the daily oportunity to feel if those ideas acctually reflects the thoughts of our youth. My main intention as a youth advisor is to contribue with the involvement of the youth in the decision-making process by bringing my experience of working with young members in Scouting.

During my 17 years in Scouting, I had many opportunities to see the evolution of the youth participation at the decision making process. Over the last couple of years I've been given the chance to be a part of this process. I am able to understand how it works and to listen to what those with more years of expericence has to say to me. Also, to give my opinion and, the most important, to take under consideration the opinion of the young members at my contry.

One of the many things that this time tought me is that the youth lidership must always be side by side with the experience of the adult. And this should be clear for all of us. After all, as we know, "Scouting is a movement of young people supported by adults, not managed by adults only". This elucidates us the importance of realizing that the involvement of the young should never replace the role of the adult in scouting.

Being able to discuss ideas and thoughts with young members and adults is important and I have been doing that sucessfully for quite some time.

Miss Fernanda Santos Soares



Mr. Sijie Tan

Singapore

Personal information

Aged 25. Single. Summary of Scout service: Scout Section: Patrol second (1996-1997). Rover section: Rover (2005-present) Scout of the World Secretary, National Rover Council (2006-2007). Leadership: Auxiliary Scout Leader (2003-2004). Assistant Scout Leader (2004- present). Others: Attended Asia-Pacific Region Scouts of the World Award Workshop (Thailand, May 2007). Asia-Pacific Region Scout Youth Forum (Japan, Oct 2007), Key member of the Scouts of the World Base (Singapore)

Professional activities: Education and Public relation Officer (Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, National University of Singapore), experience volunteer Nature guide (Naked Hermit Crab, Pulau Semakau, Team seam-grass, and Beach fleas) Alumni of Youth Expedition Project (National Youth Council, Singapore), Member of Jane Goodall Institute Singapore

Educational background: Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Biological Sciences.

Text of motivation

Being an active youth in Scouting and community service, I'm very fortunate to have a fair share of different experiences. Ever since I chanced upon Scouting by accident 14 years ago, it has changed my perspectives of life. Now that I have a much more able position, I look forward to give back to Scouting what it has given me and many other youths. Other than being an Education and Public Relation Officer in Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, I'm also a volunteer Nature guide with several groups in Singapore with the aim of protecting our common environment.

I also have two humanitarian projects, and a conservation project under my belt, in localities like Vietnam, Laos PDR and Sabah, Malaysia. It is this interest that got me into Scouts of the World Programme an eventually achieving the prestigious international award in 2007.

Armed with a research background, now I'm actively involved in engaging not only Scouting youth, but also the public in environmental and conservation issues. Now with the Earth at a vulnerable state due to global warming and biodiversity destruction and loss, all the more it is important for inhabitants of Earth to do something. Youths being the leaders of the future, we should be the one to start on this effort. We are the ones who have the power to change the world. It may be late, but I believe it is better than never. If I'm a candidate for Youth Advisor to the World Scout Committee, I will hence be able to contribute in the field of youth service learning, especially with projects or matter pertaining to environment an biodiversity. Furthermore, to assist in such programmes, this is also where my experience of organizing projects comes into play. My motivation is to create a better world for tomorrow, and there's no best place to start with other than with the world's largest youth movement – Scouts!

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