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To: International Commissioners in the Europe Region WAGGGS and the WOSM – European Region

Subject: The Academy 2010 – Call for Partners to support Funding Applications for the Academy

Date: 30th November 2009

Dear all,

We are pleased to inform you that The Academy will be run as a Joint event in late 2010. We aim to provide an innovative, high quality, modular, learning and development event that addresses a range of transversal topics currently facing Guide and Scout Associations across Europe. The exact date, venue and programme of the event will be communicated in the next months but in order to facilitate the participation of MOs/NSAs/NSOs in this new event, the two offices will try to get funds from external sources. The Youth in Action programme has been identified as a possible way to get funds, and the WOSM – European Regional Office, with the collaboration of WAGGGS European Office, will submit a funding application on 1st February 2010.

In order to apply for funding under the Youth in Action programme, we will need to support the application with a number of partner organizations to indicate there is interest and support for this event. If the grant is awarded, all partner organizations will receive financial support for their participants to the event. To be a partner organization, MOs/NSOs/NSAs have to fill a Preliminary Partner Agreement (PPA) for the project application. Only participants that come from partner organizations can be reimbursed for 70% of their travel costs and a further fixed amount for the event participation and accommodation costs.

What costs can be covered by the grant?

- Participants' travel costs: 70 % of travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return using the cheapest means and fares (Economy class ticket, 2nd class train ticket)
- Accommodation / food costs: € 48 x number of nights x number of participants
- Activity costs: € 1200 + € 50 x number of participants
- Training tools: € 350 x number of days but only if the activity of the project is a training course
- Exceptional costs: any cost directly related to young people with fewer opportunities/ special needs or warranted by the special nature of the activities; visa costs.

For each MO/NSA/NSO this means:

- **Only 30% of the travel costs to find, the other 70% is covered by the Youth in Action funding**
- **Possible lower participation fees**
- **If participants need visa, the costs related to obtaining the visa are covered**

If you are a MO/NSA/NSO and are interested in attending the Academy 2010:

Please fill in, sign and send the Preliminary Partner Agreement Form (attached as Annex A) by email to npranzini@scout.org or rita@europe.wagggsworld.org and post the original form to:

WOSM – European Regional Office,
Mr Nicolo Pranzini,
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The deadline to receive the PPA filled and signed in original is the 15th of January 2010.

If you need to know more about this issue don't hesitate to contact Nicoló Pranzini at npranzini@scout.org or Rita Waswani at rita@europe.wagggsworld.org

