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Regional Scout Committee, European Region
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European Scout Committee, 13-15 November 2009

Introduction

The European Scout Committee met in Geneva, Switzerland, from 13-15 November 2009. It met jointly with the Europe Committee WAGGGS on Saturday morning and some of Saturday afternoon.

Mario Diaz, Vice-Chairman of the World Scout Committee attended the meeting. Karin Ahlbäck and Milena Pecarski, both Youth Advisors to the World Scout Committee were also in attendance.

Reports

Reports were received from the following:

- **Educational Methods Team**

It was reported that Roverway had taken place and had been a great success with over 3,000 participants from most European countries in attendance.

Both the Youth Programme Core Group and Adult Resources Group were busy delivering events and producing resources.

Some time was also spent exploring how we determine the quality and impact of our actions on associations.

- **Development and Support Team**

The success of the recent Growth Network meeting in Florence, Italy, was welcomed by all. It was recognised that the Growth Network needed to continue to evolve to meet the needs of all participants.

Tailored support continues to be well received by associations. Efforts to improve the process of applying for and receiving support will be made shortly.

Relationships and Funding Team

With regard to the European Policies Support Group, discussion focussed on possible MEP interaction with the World Scout Parliamentary Union.

Looking at the External Funding Unit, its focus had recently turned to providing advice on how to deal with the challenging economic conditions as well as developing several useful resources.

- **Regional Director**

The Regional Director reported on recent staff changes and the recruitment of an Executive Assistant. He also provided details of plans to further control expenditure.

- **Treasurer**

The Treasurer reflected on forecasts regarding income and alerted the Committee to likely reductions in 2010-2011.

- **Chairman**

The Chairman tabled a report which covered recent meetings and missions including the World Scout Committee in September 2009.

It was agreed that it would be helpful at future meetings if all Members would prepare a report of their activities.

European Scout Foundation

The Committee noted the report from the recent FOSE gathering in Montenegro. Recruitment of new 'Friends' was high on the agenda of the Foundation, in order to ensure continued donations.

The Scout Academy 2009

A preliminary evaluation based on feedback from the participants at The Scout Academy was received. Promisingly, the feedback was generally positive or very positive. A more detailed evaluation will highlight issues that need to be considered when planning The Academy 2010, which will be delivered jointly with WAGGGS.

International Commissioners' Forum

A full update on preparations for this important event was received. It was encouraging to note the high levels of participation as well as the number of new International Commissioners planning to attend.

Regional Scout Plan – 2010 and beyond

The Committee shared thoughts and ideas for inclusion in a discussion document, due to be sent to associations before the end of 2009, to stimulate thinking as to what might be included in the next Regional Scout Plan.

The European Scout Symposium 2010

The European Scout Committee received an update on the logistical preparations for the European Scout Symposium, due to take place in Budapest, Hungary, from 4-7 March 2010. Time was also spent defining the main items for the agenda. As well as preparing for the next triennium the event will be used to evaluate the work done in 2007-2010.

20th European Scout Conference

The draft agenda for the 20th European Scout Conference was reviewed and the production schedule for key documents that need to

produced in the coming weeks and months was approved.

Regional Co-operation

Regarding Europe-Eurasia co-operation, some frustration was expressed that invitations to European events e.g. The Scout Academy 2009 and the International Commissioners' Forum, were not being fully used by NSOs from Eurasia, despite agreement at the 1st Europe-Eurasia Meeting held in Kiev in April 2009. It was agreed to follow up with European NSOs/NSAs present at the meeting in Kiev.

In relation to Europe-Africa co-operation, the European Scout Committee noted with pleasure the resolution from the 14th Africa Scout Conference regarding the wish to see co-operation continue to remain on the agendas of both Regions.

Governance Review

Milena Pecarski, a Member of the Governance Review Task Force, was invited to provide the European Scout Committee with an update on the work being doing by the Governance Review Task Force.

Using the three discussion papers as a basis, various issues and questions were posed. It was agreed that the European Scout Committee would make a formal submission. It would also encourage associations in Europe to make submissions as well.

Fund for Development and Growth

Two applications to the Partnership Fund for Development and Growth were considered; from Ireland and Portugal (CNE). Both projects were awarded support.

Interim reports were received from those countries currently running projects. It was reiterated that for the 20th European Scout Conference that it would be helpful to focus not only on what has been done, but what the impact of the projects has been on the development and growth in associations who have received support from the fund.

World Scout Committee

Mario Diaz, Vice-Chairman of the World Scout Committee, provided a helpful report on various issues at world level including the development of the strategy from the next World Scout Conference forwards. Time was also spent discussing operational changes that have been put in place to provide support to other regions.

Closing

The next meeting will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 12-14 March 2010.