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#### **IMPORTANT REMARK:**

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CH - 1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland  
Address SWIFT (BIC): UBSWCHZH80A

*Operations in Swiss francs*

Account number: 396337.01F 0240 (CHF)

IBAN: CH41 0024 0240 3963 3701 F

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Account number: 396337.60Z 0240 (USD)

IBAN: CH57 0024 0240 3963 3760 Z

We thank you in advance for making this change in all payment procedures including automatic ones. We draw your attention to the fact that any payment which is directed to our former bank Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch & Cie will automatically be rejected thus resulting in complex and costly procedures.

#### **1. ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR 2005-2006**

Each Member Organization should have now received their official invoice for registration fees for the year commencing 1 October 2005, as well as, if applicable, the amount due by your Organization in registration fee arrears.

The annual fee has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of Resolution N° 4/2005

"Registration Fee System" adopted by the 37th World Scout Conference in Tunisia in September 2005. This annual fee will also be applicable for fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

The following links will provide you with the full text documents relating to the WOSM Registration Fee System.

[www.scout.org/wse/conf05docs.shtml](http://www.scout.org/wse/conf05docs.shtml)

[www.scout.org/front/docs/C0528res\\_e.pdf](http://www.scout.org/front/docs/C0528res_e.pdf)

In accordance with the "Policy concerning payment of Registration fees", Member Organizations who pay their registration fees in full, within 60 days of invoice date i.e. until 28 January 2006, may claim a discount of 2%.

#### **2. GIFTS FOR PEACE PROGRESS UPDATE 70+ Gifts for Peace already declared!**

Over seventy National Scout Organizations announced their plans for their Gifts for Peace at the 37th World Scout Conference in Tunisia. Thank you to all those who are working hard to implement plans.

The projects that have been submitted deal with a wide range of social issues including: bullying; the re-education of child soldiers; child labour; disabilities; marginalised groups; religious intolerance; street violence and gangs; promoting a culture of peace; conflict resolution and mediation through non-violent means; tackling illiteracy; breaking down barriers where communities are divided; promoting tolerance; respect and understanding in Scouts at all levels; and working in support of human rights.

If your National Scout Organization has still not developed a Gifts for Peace project, we urge you to start working now so that you will be able to make an impact in 2006-2007. Remember that the Gifts for Peace projects do not necessarily need to be new projects, nor should they impose great financial or logistical implications - the objective is to make a difference in your community, tackling local issues through good Scout projects.

Gifts for Peace is a really important and exciting initiative as Scouting moves towards its second century. It has the potential to make a difference to the lives of young people and to local communities. If a strategic approach is taken, Gifts for Peace can help Scout associations to strengthen and grow.

To find out more about the Gifts for Peace please see the following websites:

[www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org) and [www.scouting2007.org](http://www.scouting2007.org)

For information on how you can get involved please contact your National Scout Organization. Remember that the Gifts for Peace projects are for every Scout!

### **Financial Support**

Funding has been generously donated by the King of Saudi Arabia and will support a certain number of Gifts for Peace projects in NSOs which meet the following criteria:

1. The projects support one of the three areas of the Gifts for Peace

1. Managing conflict without violence

1. Challenging prejudice

2. Encouraging greater solidarity

3. The projects represent the different regions

2. The projects focus on working with the adolescent/young adult age-group

3. The projects present opportunities to gain a deeper insight into the development of the project to be shared with others.

For further information, or to be considered for the above support, please write directly to Nicola Gooderson, Project Manager, 2007 at the World Scout Bureau.

[ngooderson@world.scout.org](mailto:ngooderson@world.scout.org)

Proposals should be received by the end of March.

### **ScoutPAX - live online now!**

The ScoutPAX planning and activity resource can help Scouts and their leaders at all levels of the Movement to plan and develop a Gift for Peace. ScoutPAX is available now online at [www.scout.org/scoutpax](http://www.scout.org/scoutpax) in English and French.

### **3. DISTRIBUTION OF "RAID CROSS" ROLE-PLAY ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**

As the mission of Scouting is to contribute to the establishment of lasting peace, we consider it important for us to work closely with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to underline the fact that "even in war there are limits". These limits are fixed by the Geneva Conventions, which define International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

For this reason, WOSM signed a convention in April 2005 with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the National French and Belgian (French-speaking community) Red Cross Societies.

In the framework of this convention, "Raid Cross" a game based on role-playing was developed and tested, and is now being distributed to all NSOs. The package includes:

- an introductory brochure

- a promotional poster

- a poster on IHL

- CD-ROM comprising a promotional film, photo gallery and documents.

Every NSO is encouraged to study this material and consider how to integrate the Raid Cross role-play into its programme.

More information about the game and contact addresses of the Red Cross and Red Crescent leaders is available on the internet at the following address:

[www.ifrc.org/youth/activities/raidcross/index.asp](http://www.ifrc.org/youth/activities/raidcross/index.asp)

### **4. GOVERNANCE REVIEW TASK FORCE**

The World Scout Conference, in Resolution 7/2005, asked the World Scout Committee to establish, with appropriate Terms of Reference, a "Governance Review Task Force" to conduct, in full transparency, a comprehensive review of the Governance of WOSM. The World Scout Committee has now approved these Terms of Reference.

All NSOs are now invited to help appoint the Governance Review Task Force by proposing names of potential Task Force members.

Proposals should be sent directly to Eduardo Missoni, and include:

A brief curriculum vitae (maximum 1 page)

A statement describing the kind of contribution the person proposed could make to the work of the Task Force, making reference (where appropriate) to the issues specified in the Terms of Reference.

Closing date for submissions **31 January 2006**.

The World Committee will then consider these proposed names and formalise the appointment of the members of the Task Force. NSOs will be kept informed of progress.

Please go to the following link to access Circular N° 35/2005 which includes the Terms of Reference: [http://www.scout.org/front/docs/NEW/C0535grtf\\_e.pdf](http://www.scout.org/front/docs/NEW/C0535grtf_e.pdf)

### **5. A NEW [scout.org/](http://www.scout.org/) CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANISATIONS**

During the World Scout Conference a new Communication Strategy was adopted to create a better image of the Scout Movement. The World Bureau is now implementing a number of actions to achieve the expected changes. This includes the redevelopment of [scout.org](http://www.scout.org/) and the regional sites in order to gain a greater worldwide presence online.

Please take a few moments to review the actual website and to complete the questionnaire you were sent, or visit the following link to download a soft copy.

[http://www.scout.org/front/docs/NEW/C0536scoutorg\\_e.pdf](http://www.scout.org/front/docs/NEW/C0536scoutorg_e.pdf)

Input and feedback is most welcome and vital in helping us meet your demands and to create a more effective [scout.org](http://www.scout.org/).

Please return the completed questionnaire no later than 31 January 2006 to:

**World Scout Bureau, Communications and Media**

**P.O. Box 91, CH-1211 Geneva 4 Plainpalais**

**Fax: +41 22 705 10 10**

For specific comments you may also contact

Richard Amalvy

Director, Communications and Media

[ramalvy@world.scout.org](mailto:ramalvy@world.scout.org)

## **6. FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS LIST 2005-2011**

The most recent edition of Forthcoming International Events has been distributed, listing dates from 2005-2011. Main details are given when they are known and leaders are advised to request further information from the national headquarters of the host association, or to another address where specified, before making plans to participate in any event. The list is updated regularly on the internet at [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org)

## **7. WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT**

The World Scout Foundation has published its Annual Report for 2004 which is complemented by the inclusion of some great Scouting stories.

The World Scout Foundation is a non-profit organization, based in Switzerland. It helps the growth and development of Scouting worldwide by providing financial support for WOSM. The Foundation does this by permanently investing capital donations from individuals, foundations, corporations, governments, and from members of the World Baden-Powell Fellowship wishing to help young people learn positive values and become tomorrow's leaders.

<http://www.scout.org/wsf/about.shtml>

## **8. 2nd WORLD SCOUT INTERRELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM- PREPARATORY MEETING**

2-3 December 2005 - The representatives of the World Scout Interreligious Forum met at the World Scout Bureau Central Office in Geneva to prepare the 2nd World Scout Interreligious Symposium to be held at Fo Guang Shan Temple, Taiwan, from 5 to 8 May 2006. Mr Christos Papageorgiou (DESMOS), Mr Hussain Sahal (IUMS), Ms Line Thaudahl (CPGS), Mr Frédéric Cherbite (IFJS), Dr Yongyudh Vajaradul (WBSB), Ms Kim Shin-Won (Won Buddhism), Mr George Huang (Scouts of China) and the representatives of Fo Guang Shan Temple, together with the WSB staff, worked on the symposium theme, objectives and programme. Invitation letters and registration forms will be sent to all NSOs in the next Scoutpak.

## **9. 21ST WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - 1ST JAMBOREE CIRCULAR**

The first Jamboree Circular has been published and was sent to all NSOs this month. In this issue, you will find all of the details for the Heads of Contingents Visit to be held at Waltham Abbey, UK, from 30 March

to 3 April 2006. It also includes the new reduced registration fee for members of the International Service Team (IST), a new Jamboree promotional material and information on the Home Hospitality programme.

For further information, please visit the website of the 21st World Scout Jamboree:

[www.scouting2007.org/jamboree](http://www.scouting2007.org/jamboree)

or contact the Jamboree Office:

[info@scouting2007.org](mailto:info@scouting2007.org)

## **10. CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR , WORLD SCOUT BUREAU - ARAB REGIONAL OFFICE**

This person will have a thorough knowledge of Scouting and a solid managerial experience, including in the context of a volunteer organisation.

### **Mission**

To direct the Arab Regional Office as a branch of the World Scout Bureau (WSB), in order to:

1. support the implementation of the strategy of WOSM in the Arab Region;
2. assist National Scout Organizations (NSOs) in the Arab Region;
3. support the Arab Scout Committee;
4. contribute to the achievement of the mission of World Scouting and of the World Scout Bureau.

The job description can be downloaded from the URL:

[http://www.scout.org/front/jobdocs/Call\\_Candid\\_Arab-Eng.pdf](http://www.scout.org/front/jobdocs/Call_Candid_Arab-Eng.pdf) (English)

Call for candidature and job description also available in Arabic from the URL:

[http://scout.org/front/jobdocs/Call\\_Candid\\_Arab\\_Arb.pdf](http://scout.org/front/jobdocs/Call_Candid_Arab_Arb.pdf) (Arabic)

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