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1. Co-operation between WOSM and the International Award Association

The International Award Association (IAA) and the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) are founding members of the Alliance of Youth Chief Executive Officers. This Alliance has worked well at a global level for some years now, publishing several papers and booklets and ensuring that our common view on the importance of non-formal education of young people has been aired and has influenced governments and other decision-makers.

WOSM and the IAA are keen to develop these links at a national level. As the Award is a Programme and not a membership organisation, there is no element of competition between Scouts and the Award; in fact many Award participants become involved with the Award through their membership in Scouts. For Scouts, doing the Award gives added value: while many Scouting activities will count towards Sections of the Award, Scouts are also encouraged to take on activities that they otherwise might not have done and they get the additional recognition of the Award.

Where the Scouting/Award partnership is most developed there has been a dramatic increase in the number of participants doing the Award through Scouts, and Scouting has seen an increase in numbers in the 14-25 age range after years of slow decline in this age group. It has been shown that closer co-operation is a real win-win situation.

The World Scout Bureau will publish in 2006 guidelines for developing a programme for the Senior Scout Section - Venturers (15-18) and Rovers (18-22),

which will include a presentation of the International Award and its links with the Scout programme.

For National Scout Organisations in countries where there is no National Award Authority it is possible to be directly licensed to run the Award. Contact the International Secretariat of the Award for details. The relevant websites are www.intaward.org and www.scout.org

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To see Circular 1 in full, click below
http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0601IAAWOSM_e.pdf

2. New Documents

The following new documents are available at:

<http://www.scout.org/wsrc/wsrcfront/snews.shtml>
or can be downloaded immediately by clicking on the following links:

a) Notes about the meeting of the World Scout Committee in Geneva from 25-27 November 2005. Circular 2

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0602WSC_e.pdf

b) Information about the meeting of the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee in Geneva, on 28 November 2005. Circular 3

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0603ccommittee_e.pdf

3. 2nd World Scout Inter-Religious Symposium, 5-8 May 2006, Taiwan

Invitations to the 2nd World Scout Inter-Religious Symposium have been sent out to NSOs. The theme is "Together for Harmony and Peace" and all NSOs are encouraged to register at least one participant for this event.

Further information on the event and the **Registration Form** can be obtained from Circular 4 on

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0604WSIS_e.pdf

Registrations close on the 31st March 2006

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2006 Census and Address list forms

As per Chapter III, Article V, paragraph 3 (h) of the WOSM Constitution, membership of a NSO in the World Organization of the Scout Movement requires, amongst other obligations/duties, the "submission of an annual report to the World Scout Bureau".

Click on the links below to download the 2006 Annual Report forms, to report your census as at 31 December 2005, and the page for any changes in your Scout Association.

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0605_E_form.xls

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0605_E_adress.doc

This year's census form is only for statistical purposes; the information provided last year has been used to calculate your Organization's annual fee for fiscal year 2005-2006, and will also be used for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 annual fees. However, we request that you provide us with the most accurate information available.

We particularly insist that NSOs which have not returned recent census data do so now.

The forms may also be downloaded from

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/NEW/C0605census_e.pdf

and, if you wish, be e-mailed to worldbureau@world.scout.org

Please complete these forms no later than **31 March 2006** and

- return one copy to the World Scout Bureau and
- retain the other for your own records.

In accordance with the Constitution of WOSM, please also send to the World Scout Bureau a copy of your Association's annual report and financial statements.

National Scout Organizations which are Federations comprising several Associations are requested to ensure that all their constituent Associations complete the form and to return all forms (including, where applicable, the Federation's own form showing, for example, the federation's office bearers) as indicated above.

5. Announcement of the New Regional Director in the Interamerican Region

Secretary General, Eduardo Missoni announces the appointment of Mr. Alberto Del Brutto as new Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Regional Office.

"I am pleased to inform you that on Saturday 28 January 2006, at its meeting in Santiago, Chile, the Interamerican Scout Committee agreed with my decision to appoint Mr. Alberto Del Brutto as new Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau, Interamerican Regional Office.

Alberto is 51 years old and an electrical engineer by profession. He is married with five children and both his wife and children are Scouts. With 23 years' service in the World Scout Bureau, Alberto is currently

the Region's Deputy Regional Director. He is well known both personally and professionally throughout the Interamerican Region and beyond. It is an honour that someone with human and professional qualities such as Alberto's keeps his interest to work in our Bureau in such high responsibilities.

Alberto will replace Gerardo González as Regional Director on 1 July 2006. Upon his retirement, Gerardo will have served as our Regional Director for more than 14 years, since 1 May 1992. As the Committee members affirmed at last Saturday's meeting, Gerardo has done an extraordinary job, which stands as a challenge for Alberto's future work.

For my part, I am certain that Alberto will rise to this challenge and that under his leadership our Regional Office will continue and, indeed, build even more strongly upon the work done thus far. As for Gerardo, as I stated at the Committee meeting, I acknowledge once again his professional abilities, my gratitude for his friendship and, especially, my admiration, for I consider him a true Scout.

The World Scout Bureau has gained and will continue to gain much from the work of these two individuals, who are a proud example to all of us.

The Interamerican Region will inform its associations and authorities of the details of the transition in due course.

Once again, I wish Alberto every success and happiness."

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0606IAR_e.pdf English

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0606IAR_s.pdf Spanish

6. SCREAM, working with the International Labour Organisation (ILO)

In the context of Strategic Priority number 4, 'Reaching Out', SCREAM has been introduced to World Scouting, in an effort towards the elimination of Child Labour, by Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media (SCREAM). It is an initiative by the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations' specialized agency.

SCREAM is an opportunity to gain momentum towards achieving the Scout Movement's goal of 'Creating a Better World.'

The International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO/IPEC) has produced a complete package which helps teachers and educators to promote young people's understanding of social justice issues as the basis for universal and lasting peace. It focuses on the social dimension of globalization and child labour in particular.

Scouts can also participate in SCREAM as part of their Centenary Gifts for Peace project. This could be a good starting point for NSOs who have yet to declare a project. Working to create awareness and understanding of issues such as Child Labour corresponds precisely to the Gifts for Peace working areas of 'Challenging Prejudice' and 'Encouraging Greater Solidarity'.

For more information about the Gifts for Peace please see the following websites: www.scouting2007.org and www.scout.org

ILO is more than eager to help you establish a working Partnership with ILO's national office in your country.

The entire tool kit is ready for download in over 11 different languages www.ilo.org/scream

An NSO not having enough resources but willing to develop a project on Child Labour using SCREAM can apply for assistance(financial/resources/people/infrastructure) using the new support system: SCOPE.

7. Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE)

Scout Project Exchange (SCOPE) is a new service of the World Scout Bureau for National Scout Organisations which aims at initiating new partnerships through projects.

It is designed to facilitate partnerships among NSOs in areas such as:

- financial support for projects (for community development or service-oriented projects to be carried out by Scout Groups)
- Contacts for bilateral cooperation at the national or local level (an exchange between Scout groups in different countries interested in working together on an educational activity

- donations of materials or equipment (for example: equipment needed by Scouts to carry out a project)
- financial support for infrastructure-building and management
- consultancy in management and educational matters

To obtain further information about SCOPE including:

- SCOPE Bulletin (No. 1)
- SCOPE Submission Form
- SCOPE Report Form

please go to the following website

http://www.scout.org/front/partners_scope.shtml

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