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EUROPEAN SCOUT CONFERENCE

European Scout Conference

5th – 11th May 2007

We are looking forward to seeing you at the European Scout Conference in Slovenia!

For your preparation and information, all conference documents are available online:

http://www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/events/2007/12th_joint_conference/19th_esc_documents



Evaluation of the Triennium

23rd March 2007

The Evaluation of the Triennium 2004-2007 is an important indicator of your feelings on the work of the Region. Fill in the questionnaire online by the 23rd March 2007 latest to help us to know more about your level of satisfaction:

<http://www.createsurvey.com/c/44968-5xXnFS/>

YOUTH PROGRAMME

Land of Adventure Day (LoA Day) – 2007

Sunday 11th March 2007

The LoA day finally arrived with tasks put up on the site, patrols finally started this new European Adventure! Over one hundred patrols sent their application form and photos for the Lands of Adventure Day. A great and unexpected overbooking that left all the Ambassadors surprised but happy feeling that their effort put into the project was actually well worth it!

The LoA patrols were very active! They presented themselves in the forum and met each other in the chat room, also exchanging opinions and expectations about forthcoming activities. Constantly supported by a specific 'help email', patrols worked well, enjoying the challenge, releasing their creativity, building with biscuits, plastic, rope, recycled materials, etc.

Great results now fill the web site, leaving the planning team confident that Lands of Adventure is continuing well.

We hope for more patrols to join in, from even more countries than we have now.

You can get more details or join Lands of Adventure at the LoA link: www.loaday.landsofadventure.eu

ADULT RESOURCES

5th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources

28th February – 4th March 2007

The 5th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources was a success! There were 74 participants from 23 countries who met at the Houens Odde Scout Centre in Denmark for the 5th edition of the European Scout Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources.

The theme of the Forum was 'In Real Life' and all its elements (Workshops, Training Sessions, International Team Tasks, Network Meetings and Discussion Groups) were focused on identifying ways to better support work done at local level.

All participants enjoyed this opportunity to meet people from other associations to share, discuss and work together on issues of joint interest.

The Youth Programme and Adult Resources Core Groups - which constituted the Planning Team - have collected many ideas and will try to turn them into tools and actions for the future work of the Region.

The Centre with its traditional Scout spirit and modern facilities proved, once again, an excellent venue for this kind of events. All the relevant materials from the Forum will be available shortly on the website as well as on both the Youth Programme and Adult Resources online communities.

Network Sessions

Three networks, as part of the wider Adult Resources Network, were launched at the 5th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources. Useful exchanges took place between participants and there was a wish for these groupings to meet on an ad-hoc basis in the future. Participants welcomed the approach that recognizes that there is more to Adult Support than just training. The three networks that were launched include:

- Training Commissioners' Network
- Adult Recruitment Network
- Managing Adult Resources Network



Euro.Scout.Docs

The Adult Resources Core Group has produced several useful Euro.Scout.Docs in the last few months. They include the following subjects:

- How to use the Centenary for Adult Recruitment
- Rewarding your Leaders at camp
- The Value of Volunteering

The Euro.Scout.Docs can be downloaded from the website here:

www.scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/resource_centre/euro_scout_doc_1

Resource Pool

This is a reminder that the European Scout Region is in the process of creating a Resource Pool to support the development of National Scout Organizations (NSOs) and National Scout Associations (NSAs).

The need for more effective direct support to the NSOs/NSAs in the Region is increasingly being felt. Ranging from standard support like seminars and teaching aids, the Region needs to provide more tailor-made support based on the specific needs of NSOs/NSAs within the framework of their national strategy.

The need to have a bank of data with examples of good practice is growing and could be useful in identifying the success stories in Europe.

Furthermore, it could add greater value by facilitating the enhanced exchange of promising practices throughout the Region.

To respond to the needs of NSOs/NSAs in the best possible way, we need to structure the way we manage all those who support this work.

If you're interested in joining the Resource Pool, details and an application form can be found in the January/February 2007 issue of EuroPak:

<http://www.europak-online.net/ukeurop0107.html>

Training Commissioners' Network

14th – 16th September 2007

Following on from the launch of the Training Commissioners' Network at the 5th Forum on Youth Programme and Adult Resources, a meeting of the network is scheduled to take place from 14 - 16 September 2007.

An invitation will be circulated shortly, via EuroPak, but advance notice is provided to help Training Commissioners and members of National Training Teams with their planning for the coming months.

International Commissioners' Forum, 2006

This is a brief reminder that many resources from the International Commissioners' Forum held in Copenhagen in October 2006, are available for download at: <http://www.icforum.dk/>

SCOUTING'S PROFILE

Scouting calls the European Council

On the eve of the March 2007 European Council, European Scouting has issued a statement signed by members of the European Parliament calling for the full implementation of the Youth Pact in response to the growing need for the enhanced employability of young people in Europe. You can find more information here:

http://scout.org/en/around_the_world/europe/information_events/news/scouting_calls_the_european_council

Scouting in the European Parliament

Wednesday, 28th February 2007

The European Scout Region held its fifth meeting with members of the European Parliament (MEPs) in Brussels. The topic of the meeting was how Scouting contributes to the employability of young people through providing opportunities to develop initiative, inter-personal skills, flexibility and to volunteer.

The meeting included reflections on how the Youth Pact is being implemented after almost two years.

A statement was presented to MEPs to sign calling on the EU Commission to:

1. Encourage EU member states to implement the Pact in a coherent manner; recognising the valuable role that civil society, especially young people and youth organisations, can play;
2. Treat the Youth Pact implementation as a transversal issue including inter-ministerial co-ordination;
3. Develop guidelines on how to involve National Youth Councils in the Youth Pact national implementation - these guidelines should also exist at a European level.
4. Show real commitment by encouraging and facilitating access to the European Social Fund and the structural funds for youth organisations.

You can find more information about this at: <http://scout.org/en/content/pdf/6381>

Reporting the Centenary

You can now post stories about your Centenary events on a designated page on www.scout.org under the heading "Centenary News".

This section is fully dedicated to supporting you, the NSA/NSOs in reporting your events.

Don't keep it a secret "Tell us" how you are marking the Centenary. To know more go to:

www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/2007/centenary_news

THE LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT

[Around the world...](#)

New email addresses at world level

Thursday 22nd February 2007

The World Scout Bureau regional offices all now have new - easier to remember - email addresses:

Africa: africa@scout.org
Arab: arab@scout.org
Asia-Pacific: asia-pacific@scout.org
Eurasia: eurasia@scout.org
Europe: europe@scout.org
Interamerica: interamerica@scout.org

At the world level, you'll now find:

Central Office: worldbureau@scout.org
World Scout Foundation:
worldfoundation@scout.org

Just as with personal addresses, mail sent to the previous addresses will continue to arrive safely at their intended destinations.

[In Europe...](#)

Friends of Scouting in Europe will meet at the Regional Conference

May 7th May 2007 at 12:30.

In connection with the Regional European Conferences there will be a gathering of all FOSE who will take part in the European Conferences.

This Gathering will not only report on the development of the FOSE, but also provide the opportunity for us to welcome new Friends.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Evaluation of the Triennium 2004-2007

Fill in the questionnaire online

Extended Deadline: **23rd March 2007**

European Scout Conference

Sign up now and save up to EUR 30 on your conference fee.

Deadline: **31st March 2007**

Become an **autumn short-term staff** member at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Deadline: **15th June 2007**

USEFUL INFORMATION

A Strategy for Scouting:

www.scout.org/strat/indexen.shtml