



## Introduction

As we begin a new season of Scouting, we are likely to recall the summer activities and to remember with affection and pride where we were on the morning of Scouting's Sunrise. 2007 is not over and over the autumn and in the future we can look back to an important staging post as we travel, with enthusiasm, into the second century of Scouting.

## Areas of Work

The recent Open Call for involvement in the core groups of the region was a huge success resulting in 83 applications spread across all the areas of work. (We received 60 applications three years ago.) Thank-you to everyone who submitted applications by the deadline. We assure you, that even applications that arrived after the deadline were considered as we recognised that it has been a very busy summer.

The European Scout Committee has spent considerable time looking at how these offers of involvement will be taken up. The call was for core groups and units and we are nearly complete in making the selections and the results will be advised very soon.

The next stage after that, when the core groups have met, will be agree the composition of groups which will work to support the core groups and units. We hope to be able to identify possible participants from the Open Call and to offer alternatives, such as the Resource Pool so that we can best use the expertise on offer.

## Educational Methods

### KanderJam

KanderJam-the Alpine link to the World Scout Jamboree was held at Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> 2007. The event was attended by 1800 Scouts and Guides from 23 different countries from all around the world, as well as staffed by 150 from 33 different countries. In total 40 countries were represented at KanderJam.

The event began with an official Opening Ceremony, which saw the Camp Flag being raised along with all 40 national flags being presented to the Jamboree. At the ceremony a slide show about the past 100 years in Scouting was shown and it ended with groups singing and dancing together starting the magical atmosphere

For many, Scouting's Sunrise was the highlight of the Jamboree. KanderJam participants were joined by 400 Scouts from the Swiss Scout Movement and hiked to the high alpine glacial lake, Oeschinen, before sunrise. Celebrations included watching 8 sky-divers descend upon the crowd while performing spins and tricks, which amazed all! At 09.00, after breakfast by the lake, all 2500 Scouts and Guides present renewed their promise together. The ceremony was a spectacular experience in a breathtaking surrounding.

The final day of KanderJam ended with another special ceremony held in front of our main Chalet, with some warm up aerobics, special presentations of pictures and memories from the previous 12 days, speeches from the camp directors and an amazing fireworks display.

The ceremony was the perfect end to a great event and one that all who attended will remember fondly for years to come.

For more information have a look at:

<http://www.kisc.ch/?tkw=kj>

### Management Training Team ready to work

WOSM - European Region established a team of qualified and suitably experienced trainers from across the Region, members of the Resource Pool, to offer best possible support to national Scout associations kinds in area of management training. The Team is a working group of the Educational Methods Team.

Management Training Team met over the weekend 21 - 24 June 2007 and discussed the content and organisation of the work. The Team is ready to deliver:

- Tailor-Made Support to national Scout associations and organisations. Members of the Team already delivered training for the leadership of the Romanian Scout association.
- Training for new members of National Boards. This training will focused on the work of a national Scout association. The aim of this training is to develop understanding how a national Scout association operates and present fundamental management concepts. It will be held in late February/beginning of March in Kandersteg
- Advanced Management Training. This training is seen as part of a wider training experience for key leaders on national level, in various areas. The aim of this training is to provide the space for sharing, challenging concepts and ways of thinking, exploring possibilities and developing new knowledge and practice.

For any additional information about the plans and work of the Team, don't hesitate to contact Milutin Milosevic, Director of Adult Resources at, [milutin@scout.org](mailto:milutin@scout.org).

## Development and Support

### Growth Network

We are pleased to confirm that the Growth Network will hold its first meeting in Berlin from 5 to 7 October. Those who attended the European Conference will remember the energy and enthusiasm shown for this initiative and we are certain that the planning team can build, with you, on that level of enthusiasm.

### Hajde! Project

A letter has sent to International Commissioners to advise that, following a review of all the services offered by the Region, the European Committee has decided that the best way to continue offering support to the associations of South East Europe would be through Tailored Support, and through the encouragement and support of partnerships. Hajde! will be not continue after 30 September, but a range of possibilities have been proposed to encourage the development of associations from South East Europe.

## Relationships and Funding

### The European Year for Inter-cultural Dialogue

2008 is the European Year for Intercultural Dialogue ([www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu](http://www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu)). The objective of the year is:

- to promote inter-cultural dialogue as a way to acquire the skills and confidence to deal with more open and diverse societies and
- to raise the awareness of the importance of developing an active European citizenship which is open to the world, respectful of cultural diversity and based on common values in the EU.

There is a lot of scope in that for NSA/NSOs to participate and benefit. Not least of which is the possibility of funding, ([www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu/73.html?L=0](http://www.interculturaldialogue2008.eu/73.html?L=0)).

If you would like to learn more about the year and assistance exploiting the opportunities contact Mike Walker, Director of External Relations and Funding at [mwalker@scout.org](mailto:mwalker@scout.org)

### European Union Federation of Youth Hostel Associations (EUFED)

Scouts use youth hostels throughout Europe and the co-ordination for them in Europe, is EUFED. As part of their work they are inviting young Europeans aged 18-30, resident in Europe and with a strong interest in the Youth Hostelling movement and EU policies to participate in an internet-based "Youth Committee".

The "Youth Committee" will assist EUFED with:

- Drafting/preparation of the annual Action Plan;
- Piloting new projects aimed at young people;
- Implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EUFED activities;
- The wider dissemination of EUFED's work.

If you know somebody who would like to participate in this work please contact the EUFED secretariat ([info@eufed.org](mailto:info@eufed.org)/fax +32 2 502 55 78).

### Friends of Scouting in Europe gatherings in the UK & Sweden

On 2 August at the Hyland House during the World Scout Jamboree in the UK, a large number of FOSE had a splendid hour as the guests of David Bull, the International Commissioner of the UK, many new FOSE were welcomed during the one-hour meeting.

During the gathering we welcomed the former Polish President, and Nobel Lauriat, Lech Walesa as a life Friend of Scouting in Europe. With now over 250 FOSE, Mr Walesa's participation is very much welcomed.

In his speech Mr Walesa stated that he identifies very much with Scouting, with our values and is prepared to work for us as an ongoing promoter of Scouting.

On 17 July, during the Swedish national camp (the future campsite of the next World Jamboree in 2011) a FOSE gathering was held for the FOSE who attended the camp. Olle Alsén and Göran Hägerdal hosted this meeting and made good use of the opportunity to welcome more Swedish FOSE.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual FOSE Gathering in Serbia

The FOSE will hold their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering this year in Serbia. So far, over 30 Friends have signed up for this annual highlight. Please contact René [export@chello.at](mailto:export@chello.at) if you would like to attend. You might still be able to come.

## Committee Contacts

### Polish Jamboree

Over the weekend of 11-12 August, Craig Turpie attended the Opening Ceremony of the Kielce 2007 Jamboree in Poland. This event saw approximately 8,000 people gathered together under the banner of 'One World One Promise'.

As well as attending the opening and meeting participants, Craig had the opportunity to meet with representatives of ZHP to discuss current challenges and the forthcoming extra-ordinary National Congress.

### Contact visit to Serbia

Over the weekend of 31 August to 2 September, Craig Turpie visited Kanjisa in Serbia to meet with representatives from the Scout Association of Serbia.

As well as attending a leader's training course, he participated in discussions that covered a number of matters including constitutional issues, Kosovo, the closing of the Hajde! Project.

### Contact visit to Poland

On Sunday, 9 September, Craig Turpie attended the 35<sup>th</sup> National Congress of ZHP. This extraordinary meeting took place in Bydgoszcz and provided an opportunity for ZHP to review the role of its national bodies in implementing its strategy.

A number of elections took place, including for the roles of President, Chief Guide/Chief Scout and National Board members. The outgoing authorities were thanked for their contribution over the last 2 years, under challenging circumstances. Fabiola Canavesi, Chairman of the Europe Committee WAGGGS also attended.

### Contact visit to Norway

Over the weekend of 7-9 September, Paolo Fiora visited Norway and attended a seminar on the issue of recruitment and retention of leaders.

### Visit to Denmark

During the recent meeting of the Finance Support Group in Copenhagen from 26 to 28 August, members of the FSG, including Vice-Chairman Marios Christou, had the opportunity to meet members of the Danish Scout Council while observing the event staged by the Council to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting. More than 12,000 Scouts participated in an activity packed day concluding in campfires appropriate to the ages of the participants.

### 13<sup>th</sup> African Scout Conference

Henrik Söderman attended the 13<sup>th</sup> African Scout Conference in Kigali, Rwanda from 3-7 September. The European Scout Committee was particularly pleased to note the Resolution adopted at the Conference regarding co-operation with other Regions. Messages of congratulations have been passed to the Africa Scout Committee, and to the new Chairman, Marcel Ledjou Blaguet from Côte d'Ivoire.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Eurasian Regional Conference

Zorica Skakun attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Eurasian Scout Conference in Yalta, Ukraine over the weekend of 14-16 September.

## Life of the Movement

### **My Future, My Fantasy – Theme of the Dutch National Jamboree 2008**

This event, organised once every four years, takes place from Monday 21 July till Wednesday 30 July 2008. Scouts from 11-18 years old from Holland and abroad are invited to take part. As for the previous National Jamboree in 2004, the event will be held in Landgoed Velder in Boxtel. This part of the country is a marvellous location for lots of activities such as hiking, canoeing, climbing and mountain biking. Combined with lots of activities such as music, theatre, international dinner, Scout FM, movie evenings, friendship awards, swooping and last but not least a great opening and closing ceremony will make this Dutch National Jamboree and event to remember!

The registration for the National Jamboree 2008 starts in September 2007 and interested groups can register themselves via a link on the website of Scouting Nederland or can subscribe to the newsletter on the same webpage.

Look for more information at [www.nationalejamboree.nl](http://www.nationalejamboree.nl).

The Dutch National Jamboree... don't miss it!

### **The Romanian Scouts won 10 000 Euros**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the Romanian Scouts were voted the NGO that makes the best difference in the Romanian society and won a prize of almost 10 000 euros.

The blogadvertising campaign was initiated on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August by Ionut Oprea on [www.clickio.ro](http://www.clickio.ro), and more than 40 NGOs were nominated in 5 different categories.

With 3141 votes, the National Organisation of the Romanian Scouts was declared the winner of the campaign and will benefit from almost 10 000 euros, offered by auction by [www.marketonline.ro](http://www.marketonline.ro).

The Scouts campaign manager, Radu Seuche said, "Running this campaign needed a lot of work because all of our competitors are powerful NGOs but the results are very rewarding because it was an important recognition of our role in Romania."

"The money will be used to develop and support the organizational management level because we know the only way to empower the organization to get involved more in the community is to have a strong young project managers with expertise in community projects." said the President of the Romanian Scouts Organisation, Sorin Boros.

On Monday 3 September, Radu Seuche and Bianca Nesiu-Bedreag, the Romanian Scout representatives, received the award live on the state National Television.

### **Tunisian Scouts plant Maltese Endemic trees during their International camp in Malta**

Tunisian Scouts from the Nabeul-Ouest Scout Group have taken the initiative of planting Maltese Endemic trees celebrating the Scouting centenary, during their international Camp.



A former Scout leader from the 1<sup>st</sup> Qrendi Scout Group, Mr Michael Brincat, grew the seedlings locally, confirming that "Once a Scout, always a Scout".

## Management of the Region

Following a review of tasks and functions the Regional Director has made the following changes to the staffing of the Regional Office:

Mike Walker – new title, Director of External Relations and Funding. This change recognises the hugely important work of our office in Brussels in relation to the Commission and Council of Europe, and provides a new focus to support funding for associations as well as the region itself.

Katrin Tauscher – following the completion of the Growth Project and the clear need for Strategic Support and Development, I have re-graded the position of Katrin Tauscher to that of Director of Strategic Support and Development. Katrin will work from her home in Germany and will be contactable through the Geneva Office and, as usual, by email. A direct telephone line will be installed shortly. This position follows the thrust of the European Scout Conference and the new way the Committee will be working.

## Reminders and Deadlines

### **Network Meeting of Guide and Scout Representatives on National Youth Councils and the European Youth Platforms**

19 – 21 October 2007 in Vilnius, Lithuania

**Deadline: 30 September 2007**

### **Meeting for Senior Staff in NSOs / MOs**

27 – 28 November in Geneva, Switzerland

**Deadline: 30 October 2007**

## Useful Information

### ▪ **Europak**

[www.europak-online.net](http://www.europak-online.net)

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