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### **New Regional Director for the World Scout Bureau, Eurasia Regional Office**

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that, following a fully open process carried out in collaboration with the Eurasia Regional Scout Committee and in full agreement with the latter, I have decided to appoint Mr. Iurie Emilian, from Moldova, as new Regional Director of the World Scout Bureau, Eurasia Regional Office.

Iurie is 44 years old, married and has two children. He holds a University degree in pedagogy from the Art Academy of Chisinau and a diploma as orchestra conductor.

Iurie has acquired an extensive high level professional experience mainly in the Moldovan public youth services and Government circle. From 1988 to 2002, he was successively Director of the Culture and Arts Youth Centre of Chisinau, the capital city of Moldova, Chief of the Youth Politics Department of the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Tourism and Prime State Counsellor at the State Chancellery of the Government of the Republic of Moldova. Iurie has been running his own private business since 2002.

Iurie also has an extensive Youth and Scouting experience.

Nationally, he was the representative of the Republic of Moldova to the Youth Department of the Council of Europe from 1994 to 1997 and was the founder of the Youth Council of Moldova in 1995. In Scouting, Iurie was the Chairman of the Formation Committee of the National Organization of Scouts of Moldova in 1991 and one of its founding members. He then occupied the positions of Chairman of his Association from 1994 to 2005 and was the Director of four National Conferences and of the first Moldovan National Scout Jamboree. He currently holds the positions of International Commissioner of the same association. His deep knowledge of Moldovan society, which is in a transition period, helped him develop abilities to communicate with both local and national authorities, sometime in very difficult circumstances, and made him a respected interlocutor, always having as an ultimate goal the best interest of his NSO. His experience in running an NSO in a multicultural and multiethnic country will undoubtedly be useful in dealing with other existing and potential NSOs in the Region.

Regionally, Iurie was the Vice-President of the Eurasia Regional Scout Committee from 1998 to 2001 and Chairman of the same Committee from 2001 to 2004. In this capacity, he directed the 2002 and 2003 Excel Scout regional training seminars and was also the Director of the 2004 and 2007 Eurasia Regional Conferences. He has visited all NSOs in the Eurasia Region at least once and is well aware of the challenges faced by each organization. He currently serves as consultant with the Regional Committee.

Iurie is an extremely committed Scout, with a high-value spirit, and has attended numerous national and international Scouting activities and events. This wide Scouting experience within and beyond the Eurasia Region combined with a sharp understanding of the particularities of societies that are in transition from totalitarianism to democracy give him a very focussed view of the Region's issues, challenges and development potential. Eager to improve governance at all levels in the Region, Iurie will be a valuable senior executive who will serve our Movement well and bring an added-value to the management of the Eurasia Regional Office, hopefully harmoniously combining the values of Scouting with the deeply-rooted traditions of the countries in the Eurasia Region.

Iurie will take office on 1 October 2009.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Iurie every success in his endeavours and happiness in his new position.

Yours in Scouting.

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Secretary General WOSM