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NOTE OF INFORMATION

37th World Scout Conference, Hammamet, Tunisia, 2005

The next World Scout Conference will be held in Yasmin Hammamet (South Hammamet), Tunisia, from **Monday 5 to Friday 9 September 2005**. Les Scouts Tunisiens, the National Scout Organization of Tunisia, will host this Conference. They have formed a very good team which is enthusiastically preparing for it.



YOUR QUICK GUIDE TO REGISTERING:

- Be sure that you have been appointed by your National Scout Organization as an official delegate or an authorized observer.
- Complete the registration form. This includes hotel booking requests, and the accompanying persons programme. **Send it to the World Scout Bureau.**
- Complete the transportation form if you expect a ride from or to the airport from the official hotels. **Send it to the Host Committee.**

1. THEME

The World Scout Committee has decided that the Conference will focus on the Strategy for Scouting as a means to fulfil the Mission of Scouting. The official theme chosen by the World Scout Committee is **Breaking Down Barriers**.

2. PROGRAMME

Following the adoption of the Mission of Scouting by the World Scout Conference in Durban in July 1999, the Strategy for Scouting was adopted by the World Scout Conference in Thessaloniki in July 2002. Seven strategic priorities were retained, out of which the Conference requested that special emphasis be put on three of them during the triennium 2002-2005: Youth Involvement, Volunteers in Scouting and Scouting's Profile.

The Conference will be the occasion to report on the progress achieved so far on the seven Strategic Priorities, with special emphasis being put on the three selected Strategic Priorities on which focus is being placed since the Thessaloniki Conference. The Conference will also decide how the work on the Strategy will be pursued during the next triennium 2005-2008 and how this work will support the Centenary of Scouting in 2007. The purpose is to help NSOs to meet the challenges they are facing in the achievement of the Mission, and to determine the specific role of the World Organization (including its Regions) in the process.

	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
Morning		Committee Meetings	Registration & Committee Meetings	Registration & World Scout Committee	Registration & Regional Meetings	Plenary Session	Plenary Session & Departure for El Jem	Plenary Session	Plenary Session
					Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Youth Forum closes	Committee Meetings	Registration & Committee Meetings	Registration & World Scout Committee	Plenary Session	Plenary Session & Bronze Wolf Ceremony	Outdoor Group Work	Plenary Session	Plenary Session
Evening				Scouts' Own	Opening Ceremony & Official Reception	Berbère evening	Outdoor Dinner	Free Evening	Closing Ceremony & Banquet

3. WORKING METHODS

Past Conferences have asked the World Scout Committee to create even more opportunities for Conference participants to be involved in a more active and imaginative way. The previous Conference applauded idea of getting away from the venue to work out of doors. So, we'll do it again.

For this we will go to El Jem, a Roman colosseum constructed in the 3rd century AD. It's believed to have seated 30,000 spectators. It's almost as big as the one in Rome. It has lots of interesting spaces for discussion groups, as the lions and gladiators have eliminated each other, and it will provide a wonderful ambiance for dinner and an evening programme.

4. CONFERENCE CENTRE

Most of the Conference activities will be in the Medina Mediterranea. It is a new, old-style, village that opened in 2003 in the touristic area of Yasmine Hammamet, a one-hour drive from Tunis. It is a living reminder of the old Tunisian and Mediterranean heritage and life; a trip into the past to see how cities and life once were.

Tucked into the alley-ways of shops and plaza's with outdoor cafes is a modern Conference Centre for our plenary meetings. Near-by are other facilities for lunches, exhibits, ceremonies and out-of-door social activities.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Four hotels near the Medina have been selected for our Conference. There is a good number of rooms available in every category, and the rates obtained by the Host Committee are exceptionally attractive.

We call your attention to some changes in the hotel names following the information published in July 2004.

NOTE: please do not book these hotels via the internet. You will not receive the special Conference prices. Please book your hotel on the official Conference registration form.

- The **Belisaire Iberostar** (formerly Holiday Inn Resort) will be the main World Scout Conference hotel. It is a 4-star hotel, 15-20 minutes walking distance from the Conference Centre. Rooms are nicely decorated, quiet with views on the gardens or the pool. All rooms have a terrace or a balcony, air-conditioning, direct dial telephones, computer connection, safe, bathroom and separate toilet. The hotel has two restaurants and a snack-bar. It has an open-air swimming pool, a swimming pool for children and an indoor sea-water, heated, swimming pool. It has wonderful gardens and is 200m from a private beach. All pre-conference meetings will be held in this hotel. (<http://www.holidayinntunisia.com/>)
- The **Green Golf Hotel**, 3 stars, with elegant air-conditioned rooms and many facilities including a restaurant, indoor and open-air swimming pools, fitness, sauna and hammam, commercial and handicraft gallery. It is 200m from the beach and 10-15 minutes walking distance from the Conference Centre. (<http://www.yasmine.com.tn/anglais/grengolf.htm>)

- The **Hotel Excel Hammamet**, 3 stars. The arabo-mauresque architectural style of the hotel and the nice garden in which it is built provide a relaxing atmosphere. All rooms are equipped with full private bathroom, air conditioning, direct dial telephone, remote control satellite TV, mini bar, private safety box, and terrace or balcony offering garden or pool views. It has indoor and open-air swimming pools, a coffee shop, a buffet restaurant and a gastronomic restaurant. It is also 200m from the beach and 10-15 minutes walking distance from the Conference Centre.
(<http://www.yasmine.com.tn/anglais/excel.htm>)
- The **Solari Iberostar Hotel**, a brand new 5 star hotel due to open in June 2005. It is a 5 minute walk from the Conference Centre and offers deluxe rooms and suites. It is located on the seafront promenade, near the Medina. All rooms are tastefully fitted-out with bath, shower, WC, air conditioning, telephone, satellite TV, safety deposit box, minibar and a balcony. The hotel has a restaurant, snack bar, and a swimming pool, and sun terrace with loungers.
(several websites: type "solaria iberostar" in any search engine)

Hotel Rates in EUROS per person, breakfast included		
Hotel	Single Room	Double/Twin Room
Iberostar Belisaire ****	55	40
Green Golf ***	35	25
Excel ***	35	25
Solaria Iberostar *****	65	50

Note: Suites are also available, except in the Green Golf. Prices on request from the Host Committee.

6. GOING TO AND FROM THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

A shuttle bus will be arranged from the Hotel Iberostar Belisaire for those who need it. Transport will not be provided routinely from the other hotels as they are closer to the Conference Centre. (It can be arranged on request.)

7. CONFERENCE FEE

The fee for delegates and observers covers lunches from Monday to Friday, coffee breaks, conference facilities, all official documentation, opening dinner, farewell banquet, social activities and special events organized by our Tunisian hosts, and transport from the international airport Tunis Carthage to the hotels and back, programme events, and to and from the Conference Centre, as explained in item 6.

To show solidarity within our Scouting family, the Conference fee is adjusted for participants from countries with lower national per capita income. Thanks to the excellent work done by our Tunisian friends, the Conference fee will be cheaper than in Thessaloniki by 10 Euros. The fee for your country is specified in the registration kit.

Only EUROS will be accepted for payment of registration fees upon arrival at the Conference. Please be advised that buying EUROS in Tunisia *is not possible*. Participants are therefore requested to *buy EUROS before entering/landing in Tunisia*.

8. DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

The WOSM Constitution specifies that each Member Organization can designate a maximum of 6 (six) delegates. Only individuals who are members of WOSM can be delegates at the World Scout Conference.

Please note that to be able to register for the Conference you must be appointed by your National Scout Organization as an official delegate or authorized observer.

9. PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG ADULTS

National Scout organizations have been encouraged, in many Conference resolutions, to include young adults in their delegations. This is facilitated because:

- The 9th World Scout Youth Forum will take place in Hammamet North, Tunisia (a 30-minute drive from Yasmin Hammamet), just a few days before the Conference, and because
- the World Committee in November 1994 adopted the principle of:
 - a reduced conference fee for young adults below 26 years of age attending only the World Conference,
 - a specially attractive combined "Conference + Forum" fee for young adults attending both events.

10. ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAMME

The Host Committee is organizing a special programme during the Conference for persons accompanying delegates and observers. The programme will give the participants the opportunity to know about Tunisian culture, history and traditions. Details are in the registration kit.

11. PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS

In addition, the Host Committee will propose tourist programmes for pre and post conference tours. More information is in the document on the Accompanying Person's Programme.

12. GETTING TO HAMMAMET

The Host Committee will welcome Conference participants upon arrival at the international airport Tunis Carthage and provide the transfer to the Conference hotels. Yasmin Hammamet is about 70kms or a one-hour drive from the international airport.

13. VISA

Citizens of many countries require a visa to enter Tunisia. Detailed information is provided in the registration kit.

14. USEFUL INFORMATION

Numerous websites provide interesting information on Tunisia for travellers. We recommend visiting the following websites:

<http://www.tunisiaonline.com/>
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/>
<http://travel.excite.com/>

The official currency of Tunisia is the Tunisian Dinar. For calculating conversion rates between currencies, try: <http://www.oanda.com>

Credit cards are widely accepted. There are cash machines in the Medina.

A Cyber Cafe in the Medina is being planned by our hosts for Internet access.

Electricity: 220 volts, 50 cycles.

Language: Arabic, French, and English is common.

What to Bring?

- A Scout uniform should be worn as often as possible, as this is a Scout event, and it helps promote Scouting in Tunisia.
- On Wednesday we will be outside all day. We will be working in the shade but you should bring sun-protection cream, sun glasses, a hat, and perhaps a light long-sleeved shirt for protection from the sun. Wear comfortable shoes for walking the ruins in the dust of history.
- When the sun goes down in the desert, a sweater or light jacket is good to have.
- As the general atmosphere is a Mediterranean sea-side resort, a coat and tie are optional for all Conference events.

All Conference documents are available at www.scout.org