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## Scientific Conference on the role of education and the needs of youth

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On 8-9 November 2008 more than 200 participants from the academic community, NGOs, Scouting and the public were given the opportunity to attend a unique scientific conference held in Athens and organised by the Soma Hellinon Proskopon (Scout Association of Greece) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the Secretariat-General for Youth and the Hellenic Open University.

The 30 presentations that were made dealt with a variety of current topics that have a direct reflection on formal, informal and non-formal educational processes and included skills development, the civil society, volunteerism, free time, diversity, the evolving needs of young people, age characteristics, environment and sustainability.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) was represented by Mr. Saâd Zian, Director, Adult Resources & Volunteer Development, who delivered a paper on the role of Scouting in the educational continuum.

The conference concluded with a round-table discussion with the participation of Mr. Zian. Greek Scout Leaders took an active role by presenting 11 out of the 30 in total Conference contributions.

Read Mr. Zian's paper on '[Scouting's role in the educational continuum](#)'