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**Circular on the Conference Programme**

Dear friends,

**39th World Scout Conference – Leaders of Innovation**

The World Scout Conference will take place from 10-14 January 2011 and the theme of our Conference is Leaders of Innovation. Conference Document 1: Provisional Agenda was sent to you recently and I am pleased to share some further information on the structure of the programme for the week and opportunities for NSOs to contribute to the programme.

The World Trainers' Network recently shared ideas on what is meant by innovation and how this applies to us in Scouting. Here are some of their thoughts:

- Innovation is very important if Scouting is to be a Movement and adapt to meeting the needs of young people today and tomorrow.
- Innovation needs to be supported – through the culture of the organisation, by adopting appropriate leadership styles, by including it on the agendas of meetings and conferences, and through discussions and training.
- Innovation can be supported by a commitment to life-long learning, and life-long learning will result in pressure for innovation.
- Innovation can be of a conceptual nature, identifying new approaches to the Youth Programme or training or related to more practical matters e.g. identifying new ways to deliver the Programme.

**WOSM's Constitution and the Strategy for Scouting**

The two topics that will be a key focus during the Conference are WOSM's Constitution and the Strategy for Scouting. You have received the proposed amendments to the Constitution (Conference Documents 12A and 12B) and these will be followed up by a further Conference Document to explain the process and set out what it is hoped will be achieved in Brazil.

At the last Conference, it was agreed that there should be a review of the Strategy for Scouting to determine what has been achieved since it was adopted in 2002. This review/evaluation is being finalised and many thanks to all of you who have completed questionnaires and participated in face to face interviews. There will be a Conference Document that sets out the results of the evaluation of the Strategy and proposes a way forward, recognising that the Strategy provides a framework for National Scout Organizations and also needs to act as a motor to provide energy and direction to the Movement.

On Wednesday 12 January in the afternoon, discussion groups will be organised at an outdoor location, the Santa Monica Camp Club. This will provide an opportunity for delegates and observers to discuss the proposed Constitutional amendments and the proposals for the Strategy before decisions are taken later in the Conference.

### **Opportunities for NSO involvement**

#### ***Displays and NSO Fair***

There will be an opportunity for each NSO to have a display and we would be very pleased if all NSOs took this opportunity to share information on the work of their NSO, particularly in relation to recent innovations and the results achieved. Information on the Conference displays was sent out in Circular 23/2010.

Time has been allocated within the Conference Agenda, on Tuesday 11 January in the afternoon, for all delegates and observers to visit the displays and discover the wide variety of innovations in NSOs.

#### **Inputs on Innovations**

There is time allocated in the Conference programme for inputs by NSOs that would like to share their innovations with the Conference. There will be four or five venues running simultaneously and the sessions will last 35-40 minutes. Each session will have a 10 minute input from one or two NSOs with some time for questions and answers at the end.

If you are interested in presenting a topic at the Conference, or would like a specific topic to be presented, please send an email to Anne Whiteford [awhiteford@scout.org](mailto:awhiteford@scout.org)

We look forward to meeting you in Brazil to share the innovations that have taken place at national, regional and world levels in Scouting and take decisions and make plans for the next triennium.

Yours sincerely,

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