



WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

WORLDInfo is for key Scouting leaders at national, regional and world levels. It is sent by email to all national Scout organizations which have an email address, and to members of their national team who have personal email addresses which have been provided to the World Scout Bureau. It is also available at no cost to subscribers. See subscription information at the end.

PDF versions of WORLDInfo can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scout.org/front/winfoen.shtml>

Your feedback is welcome:

WORLDInfo@world.scout.org

1. Unifying our virtual organization

The symbolic step of creating a single, unified email address schema for all Internet email addresses at world and regional levels, for volunteer and professional addresses alike, was taken to coincide with the celebration of Founder's Day in this, our Centenary Year.

So, where previously an address might have been <jsmith@worldnet.scout.org> or perhaps <jsmith@interamerica.scout.org>, from Founder's Day 2007 onwards, the new address has been simply <jsmith@scout.org>.

And there's more...

Continuing our theme of a single, unifying identity, the World Scout Bureau regional offices all now have new - easier to remember - email addresses:

Africa
 <africa@scout.org>
 Arab
 <arab@scout.org>
 Asia-Pacific
 <asia-pacific@scout.org>
 Eurasia
 <eurasia@scout.org>
 Europe
 <europe@scout.org>
 Interamerica
 <interamerica@scout.org>

And at the world level, you'll now find:

Central Office
 <worldbureau@scout.org>
 World Scout Foundation
 <worldfoundation@scout.org>
 WORLDInfo
 <worldinfo@scout.org>

We are ensuring that mail sent to previous addresses will continue to be delivered. Any replies will be sent from the new address.

The changes are included in the March 2007 edition of the World Scouting Directory which has been issued in the recent Scoutpak.

2. New staff in the WSB Central Office

On behalf of the Secretary General Eduardo Missoni, it is a pleasure to inform you that Mr Saad Zian and Mr Rod Abson have - or will soon - join us in the WSB Central Office (WSBCO) as newly appointed staff members.

Saad Zian, a 46 year old Moroccan and French dual citizen has been appointed Director, Adult Resources and Volunteer Development. Saad is married and has two children. He holds a Master's degree in Cell Biology and Physiology and a Business Management Certificate. He has large experience in the field of training and management of adult resources at both theory and practical levels developed initially through professional experience as an executive in a French NGO and over the last seven years as Project Manager and Training & Volunteer Network Manager in AFM-Telethon, a very large French NGO fighting against genetic diseases where he is in charge of more than 1,700 volunteers.

He is particularly knowledgeable in the Learning Organisation approach and in Strategies for Volunteer Risk Management and is fluent in Arabic, French, Spanish and English.

Saad is replacing Anne Whiteford now Executive Director Education, Research and Development, and will join the WSBCO on 1st May 2007.

Rod Abson is from Australia and will occupy the position of Unit Manager, Environment Education and Information Management, a newly created position thanks to external funding. Rod is 27 years old and holds a Master of Environmental Management. He has a great deal of experience working in the environmental field and is currently in Thailand working with 'WildAid' on preventing the illegal trade in wildlife in South-east Asia, sponsored by the Australian Government. He will bring a lot of knowledge and experience to World Scouting and our work in environmental issues and information management. Rod will join the WSBCO on 1 May 2007.

Please join us in wishing these new professional Scout colleagues every success in their new position.

3. The Strategy for Scouting: measuring progress and impact

The situation to date:

The Strategy for Scouting indicates what we expect to achieve as a global Movement. It has gone through development, planning and implementation phases. Now, we need to ask ourselves: Have we achieved what we projected? Are we on the right path? The purpose of measuring progress and impact is to provide answers to these questions. The information to compare the actual situation to what we projected at the Strategy level, should be provided by a coherent and coordinated process of monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

What should the NSOs expect in the near future:

The World Scout Bureau Central office is preparing a set of papers related to the process of measuring progress of the Strategy. In the next Scout Pack the NSOs will receive the first Strategy Paper for 2007 related to this topic. The content of this paper will focus on two items:

1. Describe the process to measure progress and impact of the Strategy for Scouting, where are we now and which are the next steps.
2. Present to NSOs the outcomes to be measured under each of the Strategic Priorities.

For questions or comments please contact the: Strategic Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, WSB-Central Office through Lucrecia Peinado lpeinado@scout.org

4. World Scout Foundation change of address

As of the 16 March 2007, the World Scout Foundation has moved to new premises at:

Rue de la Navigation 1- 1201 Geneva – Switzerland
PO Box 2116 – 1211 Geneva 1, Switzerland

Telephone and fax numbers will remain the same:
Tel (+41) 22 705 10 90 Fax (+41) 22 705 10 99

5. Minutes of the meeting of the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee, which was held in London on 2 October 2006 are now available from the following link:

http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_1_january_2007

The agenda of the meeting included the following topics:

- SAGNO meeting and follow up.
- Joint work (Amahoro, Open Minds, WSPU, Regional Cooperation).
- Scout Centenary.
- WOSM Governance Review Update.
- Member Organization issues.

Please go to the above link to read about the discussion of these topics in more detail.

6. Meeting of the World Scout Committee, 29 September – 1 October 2006

The World Scout Committee (WSC) met in Geneva, Switzerland, and was well attended by all current members of the WSC, five Regional Chairmen, and five Youth Advisors to the WSC. Numerous guests also attended parts of the meeting, mainly in connection with future World Events.

The Secretary General presented a comprehensive report to the WSC, which included World Scout Bureau issues such as the governance review initiative, strategic management, organization, human resources, information and communication management, external relationships and partnerships.

During the meeting the WSC discussed Governance, The Strategy for Scouting and Institutional matters. A more detailed report on each topic can be read in full by going to http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_2_january_2007

7. Annual Report 2007 - Census and Address list forms

As per the WOSM Constitution, membership of a NSO in the World Organization of the Scout Movement requires, amongst other obligations/duties, the "submission of an annual report to the World Scout Bureau". The 2007 Annual Report forms have been sent to all NSOs to report their census as at 31 December 2006, and any changes in their Scout Association. (Additional report forms, covering other topics, will be sent at a later date.)

This year's census form is only for statistical purposes; the information provided in 2004 has been used to calculate an Organization's annual fee for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, and will also be used for 2007-2008 annual fees. However, we request that you provide us with the most accurate information available.

We particularly insist that NSOs which have not returned recent census data do so now. They will all be contacted individually.

Please complete these forms and return them as soon as possible to the World Scout Bureau Central Office or email them to worldbureau@scout.org, and in no case later than 31 March 2007. The form is available online at: http://www.scout.org/circulars2007/circular_n_3_february_2007

In accordance with the Constitution of WOSM, please also send to the World Scout Bureau a copy of your Association's annual report and financial statements. National Scout Organizations which are Federations comprising several Associations are requested to ensure that all their constituent Associations complete the form and to return all forms (including, where applicable, the Federation's own form showing, for example, the federation's office bearers) as indicated above.

8. Tsunami Scout Aid Fund

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) was quick to respond to the tsunami that devastated much of Asia in 2004. Following an appeal issued by the World Scout Committee, the Tsunami Scout Aid Fund was created. Thanks to a remarkable expression of solidarity and generosity, more than USD 800,000 were collected from National Scout Organizations, Scout groups, individual Scouts and non-Scouts and professionals working in the organization.

Managed by a "Monitoring Group" comprising Philippe Da Costa, (Vice-Chairman, World Scout Committee), Erik Khoo, (Chairman, Asia-Pacific Region), Luc Panissod, (Deputy Secretary General WOSM) and Abdullah Rasheed, (Director, Asia-Pacific Region), the fund channelled the contributions which came in from NSOs and individuals around the world into over 50 reconstruction projects in the affected countries, including more than 30 in Indonesia itself.

9. Tell Us – Centenary News on scout.org

What are you doing to celebrate Scouting's Centenary?

Would you like to share your stories with Scouts worldwide on our website?

A new section has been created on scout.org called 'Centenary News' where you can find information and articles detailing what Scouts around the world are doing to celebrate 2007. If you would like to tell us about a large event or activities taking place in your country, so that we can share your plans and inspire others, please send us the following information:

What the project is
Where it is taking place
Who is involved

How it ties in with the Centenary
An Action photograph showing Scouts involved in the project

Send your stories and photos to vondi@scout.org

We would also like to hear about your plans for Scouting's Sunrise on 1 August 2007.

Send 'What, where, who and how' information to the above email address, thank you.

10. World Scouting RSS feed

World Scouting currently offers the following RSS feeds (go to the corresponding link to activate):

World News: Global News about World Scouting
<http://www.scout.org/rss/feed/News>

Centenary News: News about the Centenary Celebration
<http://www.scout.org/rss/feed/centenarynews>

Regional News: News from all Regional Offices
<http://www.scout.org/rss/feed/RegionalNews>

All World Scouting News: The three previous ones, in a single RSS feed
<http://www.scout.org/rss/feed/all>

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