



# 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.

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## 1. Partnership with Pikeo for Scouting's Sunrise

World Scouting and Pikeo have developed a special partnership to share photos from around the world on 1 August 2007, Scouting's Sunrise. It can provide a unique way of bringing this worldwide gathering to life in pictures, portraying each participant's point of view, with no territorial constraints.

Pikeo is a free photo sharing website and an online community platform, available in English, French and Spanish and powered by Orange. Registered users can share their photos with either the community of users or only their friends and family, and they can also add comments. Visitors will discover photos using a search engine or a map of the world with geo-tagged pictures, and by following a network of contacts, tags, and personal spaces.

You can find out more information on <http://www.scout.org> or visit the site <http://www.pikeo.com/wosm>

We need your help to:

- Share this information with Scouts at all levels of your NSO, using all possible communication channels including:

- Magazines
- Newsletters (including e-newsletters)
- Emails
- Circulars

- Promote the Pikeo partnership on your NSO website. Provide a link on your site to the following address: <http://www.scout.org>. We can provide you with graphics and images for you to use.

The site is fun and easy to use for Scouts of all ages. We will also be running a great photo competition for the best Sunrise photos following the theme: "One world, many views" which can offer a great incentive for participating. Visit [www.pikeo.com](http://www.pikeo.com) to find out how to use this great tool and to subscribe.

Pikeo will enable everyone present at Scouting's Sunrise to relive this day and discover multiple gatherings all over the world.

## 2. World Scientific Congress

Throughout the world, there are millions of social workers, activity leaders and educators working in the field of non-formal education. They develop hundreds of innovative projects in areas such as education for peace, sustainable development, leadership, AIDS awareness, employability, and much more. Scouting has been doing its fair share in these areas for a whole century.

Not only has it often been a pioneer in these areas, its role in non-formal education in general is becoming increasingly recognised for its importance.

However, Scout leaders, like many social workers in other non-governmental organisations (NGOs), have too often tended to conduct their programmes without the support of a scientific framework. The reason for this is that the majority of these people are volunteers doing what they can in their spare time.

For these reasons the World Organization of the Scout Movement decided to organise a first World Scout Congress as part of the Centenary of Scouting activities.

### Aims & Preliminary Programme

The World Scout Congress envisages a constant dialogue between researchers from universities or other research institutions and field practitioners in Scouting and other NGOs. Both the plenary presentations and contributions to the workshops will enable everyone to compare scientific research with the outcomes of action-research carried out by field practitioners. Thus, for example, in the workshop on peace education, the discussion will be fed by scientific research and accounts of field experiences on this subject.

We are hoping for a large participation of Scout leaders from all of the regions.

### Dates

16th - 17th November 2007.

### Venue

The Meeting will be held in the Hôtel Ramada encore, in Geneva, Switzerland. The opening ceremony will be held in the Palais des Nations (the headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva).

### Languages

The work will be conducted in English and French. Simultaneous translation will be provided during the plenary sessions. Workshops will be in English or French, at the discretion of the participants.

*Participants profile*

The World Scout Congress will be open to all those who are interested in educational issues and the various themes as outlined in the program.

*Number of participants*

The event is designed to accommodate up to 200 participants.

*Applications*

Application forms are available for download from [http://www.scout.org/en/information\\_events/events/2007/congres\\_mondial](http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/2007/congres_mondial).

They should be mailed or faxed to the World Scout Bureau or e-mailed to the Secretariat of the Organising Committee at [worldcongress@scout.org](mailto:worldcongress@scout.org). All applications should be received by 15 August 2007 at the latest.

*Participation fee*

The participation fee is CHF 150 per person. The fee covers the lunches on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th, coffee breaks, transportation to/from the Hotel Ramada to other event locations and it also covers all of the programme materials and documentation.

*Travel arrangements*

Participants will receive acceptance confirmation letters by 15th September 2007, and they should then make their own travel arrangements and obtain a visa if necessary. If participants require an official invitation to obtain a visa, this should be indicated clearly on the application form.

**NB.** it may take up to six weeks to obtain a visa, so the visa form should be sent, with the application form in order to allow sufficient time for this.

*Accommodation*

Participants should make their own accommodation arrangements, a list of hotels is available from <http://www.scout.org>.

*Insurance*

The participation fee does not include insurance for the participants during the event, nor during travel to or from the venue. Please note that it is the exclusive responsibility of each participant to check and be sure that he/she is covered by insurance (illness, accidents, repatriation etc.)

For further information or for any questions you may have, please contact Mr. Saad Zian - Director, Adult Resources & Volunteer Development on [saadzian@scout.org](mailto:saadzian@scout.org) or +41 22 705 1010

### 3. Message for the 1st August - EMBARGO UNTIL 1st August 2007

The Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement has written a message to all Scouts for 1st August celebrations. We are sending this out now so that you may have it in preparation for any celebrations that you may have on the 1st August. Please disperse it widely amongst your NSO, but it may not be printed or read publicly before the embargo date. The

message will be available online from the 31st July 2007 at <http://www.scout.org> in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian.

**Message from Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General:**

The sun is rising on a new century of Scouting.

When joining millions of other Scouts in the renewal of the Promise, let us thank all those who made it possible for us to live the unique, exciting and involving experience of Scouting, that started with our Founder BP.

We live in times of increasing disparities, world wide intolerance, tensions and growing conflicts. Irresponsible life-styles and wild consumerism are seriously putting our planet's environmental stability at risk.

As "citizens of the world", we have a responsibility.

As Scouts, our duty is to actively engage in creating a better world.

Let's be firmly guided by our common Promise and face the future with optimism and courage.

As sisters and brothers, recognising in every human being a friend,

whatever his or her beliefs or situation, let's devote all our energies to building Peace.

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