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World Scientific **Congress**

Education and the World Scout Movement: Experiences and Challenges
Preceded by a Youth Event



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For one hundred years the Scout Movement has not only represented a unique educational phenomenon but, it also provides a sound and systematic approach to education, through The Scout Method, now termed 'non-formal' education. Its social impact however, reaching beyond the Scout community, has not been accurately assessed. The World Scientific Congress on the contribution of the Scout Movement to the development of education will offer a crucial opportunity to debate the personal and social impact of Scouting with the international scientific community involved in research in pedagogy and social sciences, the history of education as well as management and leadership.

A Youth Event will take place on the three days preceding the World Scientific Congress. Its objective is to prepare the participants to contribute fully to the debates that will take place during the Congress. The participants of the Youth Event will come from National Scout Organizations, members of International Youth NGOs and Regional Youth Platforms.





United Nations, "Palais des Nations" and the Hotel Ramada Encore, Geneva 16-17 November 2007

For whom ?

Around 200 people from all over the world are foreseen to participate in the Congress, coming from diverse backgrounds, in particular scholars, young students/researchers (such as M.A., PhD, post-doc students), youth researchers and experts from partner organisations and universities. The Congress is open to members of National Scouts Organizations, other youth organisations and partner organizations or agencies.

Aims

Non-formal education is often seen as a complementary tool to the formal curricula to help young people to acquire life-skills that are particularly important in the world today (e.g. critical thinking, team working, self-confidence). In this context, it is strongly felt that there is a need for wider scientific debate and the development of new approaches to measure and evaluate the achievements of non-formal education.

The World Scientific Congress therefore aims:

- To identify Scouting's actual and potential contribution to the educational challenges of the twenty-first century.
- To promote debate within the international scientific community researching in the fields of pedagogy and social sciences, as well as management and leadership.
- To create a dialogue between researchers from universities or other research institutions and field practitioners in Scouting and other Non-Governmental Organisations.
- To advocate for a worldwide recognition of non-formal education.

Method

The key themes of the Congress, personal and social development, will be discussed in workshops where papers will be presented by members of international academic and scientific communities, including universities, institutes for social and economical studies, management schools and other interested public and private, national and international organisations as well as National Scout Organizations and partners of World Scouting.

This will be the best way of starting a debate on the conference theme, including all of the involved stakeholders and providing the basis for a longer term development of research on this issue.

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Expected results

- A publication of the papers presented at the Congress will be produced.
- The results of the discussions will form the basis for the World Scouting Report 2008. Researchers will be encouraged to publish papers in national and international scientific reviews.
- A network of scientific researchers will be set up in order to ensure a permanent on-going reflection on the social impact of non-formal education.
- The results and debate will have a direct impact on the local and global communities through the further development of the Scout Method and its interrelation with other non-formal and formal educational environments.

Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee, responsible for the programme and content of the World Scientific Congress, is chaired by Prof. **Bjorn Maybury-Lewis** (Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center) and composed of the following members:

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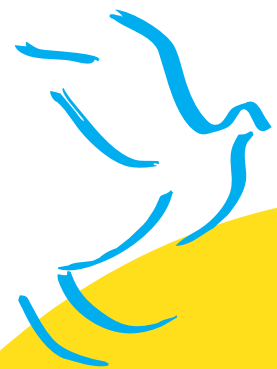
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Programme of the Congress

**Friday 16
November**
Palais des Nations

Ramada Encore

World Meteorological
Organization

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

Opening Session

Plenary Session

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Plenary Session: Round table on the personal development

- Workshop 1: Moral and spiritual development
- Workshop 2: Self-fulfilment
- Workshop 3: Skills and knowledge
- Workshop 4: Gender issues
- Workshop 5: Employability
- Workshop 6: Health education

Plenary Session: Significant practices and an agenda for change

Gala Dinner

**Saturday 17
November**
Ramada Encore

Morning

Afternoon

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Plenary Session: Round table on social development

- Workshop 7: Youth participation
- Workshop 8: Culture of peace and et inter-religious dialogue
- Workshop 9: Education for sustainable development
- Workshop 10: Education, world citizenship and the North/South divide
- Workshop 12: Leadership
- Workshop 12: Intercultural education

Continuation of workshops 7 to 11

Plenary Session: Significant practices and an agenda for change

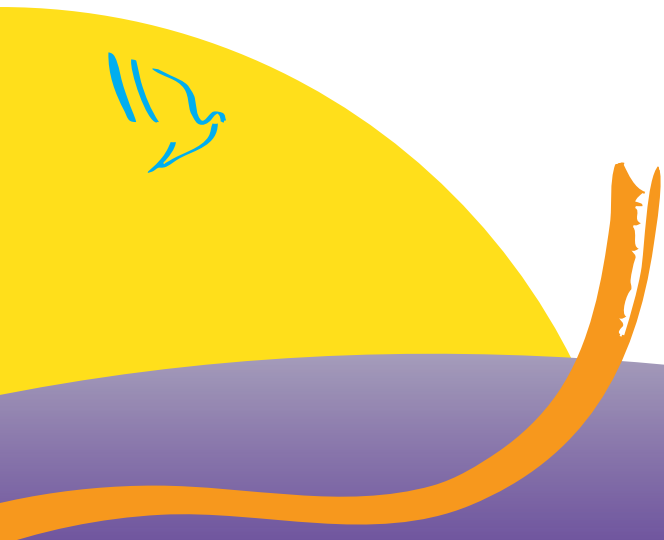
Plenary Session: Closing Session

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Youth Event, Geneva

13-15 November 2007

The Youth Event that will take place immediately before the World Congress from 13 to 15 November has the specific objective of preparing the young delegates who will participate in the World Scientific Congress. These young delegates will come from National Scout Organizations, other International Youth NGOs (IYNGOs) and Regional Youth Platforms.

The working title of the event will be: "Young citizens of the world promoting diversity, participation and change: The contribution of 100 years of non-formal education".

Participants

The participation of the Youth Event is limited to forty (40) participants. Participants will be selected from among experts and volunteers from international youth organisations, in particular coming from the ICMYO initiative and young adult leaders from National Scout Organizations.

Participants will actively take part in the World Scientific Congress afterwards and will play a direct role by sharing outcomes and experiences from the Youth Event in working groups of the Congress. The candidates should fulfill the established criteria and profile.



Method

The discussions will be based on the direct experience of practitioners and volunteers who are directly involved in the development of non-formal education and also on best practices and concrete examples corresponding to the various themes of the Congress. This is an opportunity to identify and showcase the impact of non-formal education programmes.

The added value that this event will bring to the Congress will be the sharing of expertise between young adults in Scouting and volunteers and experts from other organisations who have an educational mission in common, achieved through various non-formal methods.

The involvement of other NGOs will also provide the necessary base to ensure synergy for the external follow-up of the results of the Congress in terms of promoting non-formal education among practitioners and institutions. This will be another opportunity for World Scouting and other youth organisations to become more active in advocacy for the recognition of non-formal education.



Programme of the Youth Event

**Tuesday 13
November**
Centre de l'Espérance

Welcome
Preliminary meetings

**Wednesday 14
November**
Centre de l'Espérance

Morning

Opening session
Plenary Session: The experience of youth organizations and field research on non-formal education

Afternoon

Presentation of IYNGOs experience - Non-formal education

**Thursday 15
November**
Centre de l'Espérance

Morning

Working groups
Personal development themes from Congress programme
Social development themes from Congress programme

Afternoon

Reporting and sharing
Coordination for Congress participation

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The following documentation can be downloaded from www.scout.org

- World Scientific Congress Documents
- World Scientific Congress - Registration Form
- Youth Event Documents
- Youth Event - Registration Form

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