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### **New Office inaugurated**

The new offices at 299 Avenue Molière were officially inaugurated at a special ceremony on Friday, 28 October, arranged to coincide with the meetings of the European Committees. Guests, including representatives from a number of national member associations, European institutions and the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides, were welcomed jointly to the occasion by Elspeth Henderson, Chairman of the Europe Committee WAGGGS and Thijs Stoffer, Chairman of the European Scout Committee. In March 1994, an "Agreement on the establishment, on a trial basis, of a European Guide and Scout Office" was signed in Geneva and London with the full support of the European Committees. The signatories to that agreement, Jan Holt, Director, World Bureau WAGGGS and Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, were both delighted to be present at the official inauguration of the new premises which now house the Europe Office WAGGGS and the European Scout Office under a single common roof: the "European Guide and Scout Office". They both spoke warmly of their respective organization's continuing support for the European Committees during this experimental period as they endeavour together to achieve the goals which were envisaged in the recommendations adopted during the Helsingborg Conferences in 1992.

The joint purposes and functions of the new office are to support the

**implementation of the triennial plan of action as agreed by the European Guide and Scout Committee, to service the European Guide and Scout Committee and other appropriate groups, and to support and assist member**

**associations in Europe in the implementation of joint WAGGGS/WOSM projects.**

**Eurofax and Eurofocus will play key roles in keeping member associations informed about progress in these specific areas of our joint work.**

### **BSA International Camp Staff Programme**

**The Boy Scouts of America again invite qualified Scout leaders to serve as camp counselors in BSA camps next summer. Applicants, aged between 18 and**

**35 years, must be recommended by their national Scout association. They must be able to speak and understand English very well, be able to teach Scouting skills and be available for at least 6 weeks beginning in June. In return, they will enjoy an experience of a lifetime in one of the many BSA Councils' summer camps and the opportunity to see at least a small part of this fascinating country. Application forms are only available from national Scout association offices. They must be submitted to the BSA International Division by 1 March 1995.**

### **New seminar programme launched**

**National associations will shortly receive copies of the joint seminar programme 1995. Here is some information on what's proposed....**

### **Living Guiding and Scouting, 13-15 January 1995**

**This workshop is designed to help European associations which wish to build-up a development plan by examining the related areas: Relationships with society; youth programme development; adult resources; planning and**

**management; internal and external communication. There will be opportunities to learn from the specific experiences of other associations and participants will be assisted to prepare a plan of action to be proposed to the decision making body of their national association. The seminar will take place at Pax Lodge in London, and deadline for applications will be 15 December 1994.**

## **Influencing youth policy - a role for Guiding and Scouting?**

**This seminar will take place in Brussels, 4-10 February 1995. On a national and European level, both Scout associations and Guide associations are seeking to have a say in the direction their society takes by educating their members to become active participants in society and through influencing national and international youth policies. This seminar aims to help those involved in the work of internal "youth councils" or "youth committees" in Scouting or Guiding, in national youth councils, or in European institutions or youth platforms to develop their role and that of their national associations. The seminar will also identify the financial means and the decision-making processes available. Deadline for applications is 7 December 1994 (and not 17 October, as indicated on the application form). The seminar is supported by the European Youth foundation.**

### **Professional integration: a responsibility for youth organizations**

**Youth unemployment has reached a very high rate in most European countries.**

**The aim of this seminar is to examine how youth organizations can respond by helping young people to prepare for entry into the job market and find a**

**position. With support from experts in vocational training and guidance, participants will examine the challenges young people are facing at this important stage of their lives. This seminar, which will take place in the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, 11-17 February 1995, is designed for**

**18-30 year-olds who have a responsibility in developing educational programmes for adolescents at regional or local level. Deadline for applications is 15 December 1994.**

### **Youth Programme Core Group**

**The Youth Programme Core Group met in October to discuss the further development of the Europe For You! programme and the proposed 12-16 core**

**programme. The EuroSteps 1995 kit is being prepared and should be available**

**before the end of the year. It is hoped that the final draft of material for a 12-16 core programme can be ready before the joint European Conference in April 1995.**

## **Europak**

**In order to streamline mailings from the different offices, the European Guide and Scout Office will now mail Europak to associations from Brussels on the last Friday of each month. While we cannot predict how long some countries postal services may take to deliver Europak, national associations are invited to contact the European Guide and Scout Office if they have not received a Europak within two weeks of the despatch date, whereupon a new copy will be sent to them.**

## **Guidelines for cooperation**

**During the International Commissioners' Forum, held in Venice in June 1994, information was shared on the many examples of partnership projects involving associations in the countries of eastern and central Europe. As a result, the suggestions for creating effective cooperations have been compiled and distributed in the form of guidelines to national associations. These should enable associations to define more precisely their respective expectations, enabling them to give some practical consideration to creating joint projects and suggest areas for cooperation. The guidelines also seek to define responsibilities at the national and the European regional levels. The guidelines were included in the October Europak.**

## **Eurofax goes global on the Internet**

**The readership of Eurofax grew by over 27,000 last month thanks to the new communications technologies available through the Internet! According to Jim Scott, writing in the October edition of the BSA's Scouting magazine, "With a computer and modem, and between US\$ 15 and US\$ 50 a month, anyone can access the "rec.scouting" newsgroup, a place where Scout leaders and youth discuss Scouting on computer screens across the globe. An estimated 27,000 people read the newsgroup, which is one of several thousand available on Usenet, the Internet's bulletin board system." Experimentally, last month, a text-only version of Eurofax was posted to "rec.scouting" and also sent to the growing number of addresses on the "scouting-europe" electronic mailing list. Typical of the responses to this new service came from Anne Riddick of the Northland Girl Guides Province Training Team in Wellington, New Zealand, "Having access to this info is great. Do keep posting Eurofax - I definitely appreciate it." Anne will be pleased to hear we're going to continue these new Eurofax services. If you wish to receive**

**Eurofax by e-mail, subscribe to the "scouting-europe" list (see how in last month's issue).**

**It's time for tolerance!**

**People in more than 30 European countries are coming together to promote the positive message all different - all equal. They are part of a new campaign which aims to show the advantages of living in a continent with many different cultures.**

**Hostility towards people who are different has grown over recent years in many European countries. Each week there are examples of the wide range of problems which are caused by intolerance. A woman is not treated fairly at work because she has a different religion; a family has their house burned down because they have come from another country; a man is attacked by a violent gang on the street, just because of the colour of his skin.**

**Of course there are many people who live in peace and friendship with each other even though they have different cultural backgrounds. Examples of tolerance can be found between neighbours, school classmates and work colleagues in every town and city. There are also many projects run by schools and associations which try to break down the barriers between people and encourage respect and understanding of other cultures. The European Youth Campaign Against Racism, Xenophobia, Antisemitism and Intolerance seeks to bring these people together, so as to give extra momentum to the struggle against all forms of intolerance. "The growing problem of racism and intolerance was top of the agenda when the political leaders of the 32 member states of the Council of Europe met in Vienna in 1993," explains Peter Leuprecht, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. "They decided upon a strong, joint European plan of action. The European Youth Campaign may be regarded as the single most important element of this plan of action."**

**Over the months ahead, Eurofax will feature material in support of raising awareness of the issues the campaign will tackle. We hope that all Scout and/or Guide associations in Europe will join the Council in promoting tolerance throughout society.**

**A contact list of National Campaign Committees is available from the European Guide and Scout Office.**

**Office closures**

**The European Guide and Scout Office will be closed on 11 November 1994, and during the period 24 December 1994 - 2 January 1995.**

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#### **Action for the Mediterranean Environment**

**This international seminar was organised by Scout associations in Spain, France and Italy (MSC, ASDE, SdF, AGESCI) with support from the European Scout Office. Held in October, it brought together more than 60 representatives of 14 countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea, members**

**of the Arab Scout Region and the European Scout Region, elected representatives responsible for youth and environmental issues, scientific and technical experts and young people from Italy, Spain, France and Belgium, who had previously participated in environmental pilot projects.**

**Three priorities were identified for the Mediterranean region: forest protection; the protection and management of water courses and wells; coastal and sea bed protection. In order to meet these challenges, it was decided to: develop twinning programmes between local groups, a young volunteer service and youth exchanges for 15-21 year-olds; establish a network of work camps for young people all around the Mediterranean Sea;**

**produce educational material in the three priority fields of action; run a seminar every two years to reinforce the place of the environment in youth**

**programmes and train leaders; set up a Mediterranean secretariat, to be run**

**by different associations in turn, in order to collect and share**



information and expertise on projects relating to the environment. The seminar underlined the importance of nature and the environment in enabling young people to develop all aspects of their personalities and play active and useful roles in their local, national and international communities. It also emphasised the unique contribution which Scouting, in co-operation with other organisations and public authorities, can make towards preserving the natural world and developing international friendship. The conclusions of the seminar and the youth appeal prepared by the young delegates are available in English and French from the European Office.

### **Youth involvement in the European Conference**

Four young Europeans are planning the support which will be offered to all young delegates and observers at the European Conference to be held in Salzburg, Austria (April 1995). This group takes the view that Scouting and Guiding are movements of young people, supported by adults and not just movements for young people managed only by adults. Ulrik Skov from Denmark, Chairman of the working group on youth involvement, explains, "We will offer a meeting at the beginning of the conference and daily meetings throughout the conference week. These daily meetings will be a forum where young delegates and observers can create and develop their own point of view on specific topics at the conference." Background information will be given and time for debate so that young delegates and observers can prepare themselves to participate fully in the conference through their own national delegations. Continues Ulrik, "We have tried to create a concept in which we can support the young delegates and observers without making a separate structure. This support will not be planned by older adults and will not be carried out by older adults." The other members of the working group, appointed for this purpose by the European Guide and Scout Committee, come from Norway, Malta and Switzerland. All national associations are encouraged to include young delegates and observers in their delegations for this important conference. Ulrik can be contacted directly: tel/fax: (+45.86) 77.08.08 or email: 3589@et.aarhus.ih.dk.

**Europe For You !**

Now is the ideal time to encourage members of your association to

participate in the Europe For You ! programme. The elements of the programme are designed to promote the mobility of young people in Europe.

This programme is an integrated package which includes: Passport for Europe

(log book and sample information kit); EuroSteps (annual information kit); Where to stay in Europe (directory of campsites and accommodation).

Information on these is available from your national office, in the first instance. A proposal to develop a European Young Volunteer Service will be

developed and the European Scout Centre Network is being reviewed with a

view to expanding it to more centres in more countries.

All the elements in the Europe For You ! programme can be used to reinforce

or expand the existing programme for Rangers, Rovers or Venture Scouts and

to provide activities for young leaders. We hope that your national programme team has already started adapting or translating the Passport for

Europe sample information kit sent to them previously for use by units in your country. If you would like to know more about this programme, please

contact your national programme team. Jacqueline Collier, Director of Youth Programme in the European Scout Office, would be very interested in hearing

from associations which have developed, or are in the process of developing, their own kit or require further assistance.

The EuroScarf, T-shirts and sweat shirts featuring the now-familiar Europe

For You ! foot-logo may be ordered from Kandersteg International Scout Centre. Please contact Kandersteg directly for details of these promotional items. Fax: (+41.33) 75.10.50.

**EuroSteps 1995 kit nears completion**

The EuroSteps 1995 kit will be dispatched to all European Guide and Scout associations in the next few weeks. This coming summer, there will be at least 27 sites where Rangers/Rovers/Venture Scouts and young leaders can

take part in challenging activities. These sites are located in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the

Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Together, these sites provide a wide range of activities which can be related to the 6 key areas in the Passport for Europe: exploration and discovery; quality of life; democracy; culture; solidarity; career and social skills. So, if your units are using the Passport for Europe, then EuroSteps offer locations where some of their projects can be completed. And, if your units visit a EuroStep, this can be used to launch their involvement in the Passport for Europe challenges. Either way, please help your members take part, discover new places and new friends!

### **International Symposium in Marrakech**

Some 440 participants, representing 118 national member associations, gathered for discussions in Marrakech, at the invitation of His Majesty, King Hassan II of Morocco. The symposium was titled Scouting: Youth without

**Borders; Solidarity and Partnership.** Participants shared and evaluated their different partnership experiences, in order to update the recommendations of the "Kilgali Charter". The resulting "Marrakech Charter"

summarises the conclusions of this work and expresses the determination of

the World Organization to increase and strengthen partnerships between national member associations, as well as between these associations and other organizations concerned with the education and welfare of young people. The charter declares that "More than ever before, we need men and

women capable of acting in partnership for a world "without borders", in the name of justice, solidarity and peace." Copies of the new charter, with explanation, will be distributed to national member associations.

### **UN50 on the Internet**

UN50 is placing emphasis on providing educational materials for children and youth, including publications, audio and visual materials, computer software, maps, flags and games. Through the Internet, the world-wide network of computer networks, you can now have access to information on the

50th Anniversary of the United Nations; from its major achievements and significant moments of its history to an annotated list of UN50 global projects, contacts for participation and national and local planned activities. If you have access to the e-mail services of the Internet, then send a message to: [gopher@undp.org](mailto:gopher@undp.org); you will receive a reply which will

give you step by step instructions to follow. Full information about the UN50 projects can also be obtained by contacting the Fiftieth Anniversary Secretariat, United Nations S-3161, New York, NY 100017. Tel: (+1.212) 963.19.95. Fax: (+1.212) 963.45.95.

**Why call for tolerance?**

**"A campaign against intolerance places emphasis on the responsibility of each individual. For it can only be by interrogating ourselves and by personally thought through acts of rejection of and resistance to outrage that genuine progress can be made. That place within each of us that is open to the other is the value to be nourished=8A We need to listen to the narrative of each other's diversities so that we can draw strength from our differences."**

**Mary Robinson, President of the Republic of Ireland**

**"One aspect of the immense and wonderful colour and mystery of life is that groups of people differ from each other in their customs, their way of life, their faith, the colour of their skin and their way of dressing and so on=8A This 'otherness' of different communities can of course be accepted with understanding and tolerance as something that enriches life; it can be honoured and respected, it can even be enjoyed."**

**Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic**

**"Unemployment, lack of knowledge and insecurity about the future are among the root causes of racism, extreme nationalism, xenophobia and intolerance which we see in too many countries in Europe today=8A Together with the younger generation, let us build a coalition for tolerance and dignity=8A Just, equitable societies do not come about by our merely wishing for them.**

**We need forceful persuasion, not persuasive force, to make Europe a refuge of enlightened diversity."**

**Gro Harlem Brundtland, Prime Minister of Norway**

**"We welcome the enrichment of society by people from diverse cultural backgrounds, and recognize the positive impact that migrant communities have in our countries in economic, demographic, social and cultural fields=8A**

**We declare that racism, antisemitism, xenophobia and intolerance are not**

**acceptable because these phenomena endanger the essential fabric of our societies. That is the reason why we will do our utmost to combat them."**  
**Joint Declaration of the European Youth Organizations**

**Seasonal greetings**

**The members of the European Scout Office team and the Europe Office WAGGGS team join together in sending you their seasonal greetings. We all look forward to continuing our work together for the benefit of all Guides and all Scouts in Europe - and elsewhere around the world - throughout 1995.**

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**Young lives torn apart by war**

**15,000 child victims have lost limbs**

**International aid agencies say that more than 15,000 children across the war-torn country have been so heavily injured that they have had limbs amputated. More than 20,000 children have been killed and many more thousands seriously hurt. Bosnian government estimates are higher.**

**(writes**

**Askold Krushelnycky, Chief Correspondent, The European)**

**Many have been injured when mortars, artillery or tank shells have slammed**

**into their homes, schools or bomb shelters. Even in war kids will be kids, and many have been torn apart by vicious shrapnel blasts as they played outside - not because of their parents' neglect but because months of enforced safety indoors begins to seem crueller than the dangers outside.**

**Three-year-old Aladin Hoeic, a Muslim child, was wounded by a shell that fell in the garden of his home near Bihac in July 1994. Surgeons had to take off what remained of his mangled leg. Little Sania, just six, with a Croat father and Serb mother, was hit by shrapnel from a shell that blasted her house at Christmas 1994. She also lost a leg.**

**The child casualties, as with the adults, have predominantly occurred when civilians have come under attack by Serb rebels fighting the Bosnian government. The innocent children of Croats and of Serbs, either fighting for or against the rebels, have suffered.**

The better-armed Bosnian Serbs, equipped with vastly more heavy weapons than are the government forces, have waged a cowardly war by raining down shells on civilian populations in towns and villages loyal to the government. All six United Nations designated "safe areas", of which Bihac is one, were supposed to be defended by UN peacekeepers. But two have already fallen to Serb attacks in the past weeks.

Each of the enclaves has its share of pitiful and nightmarish tales: children have been orphaned or separated from their parents; they have suffered injuries resulting in blindness and paralysis as well as loss of limbs; many are suffering from vitamin deficiency because of poor diets. Snipers in the hills around Sarajevo and surrounding other safe areas have shot at children.

But the accounts of suffering in Bihac become grislier with every day that the fighting steps up. Hundreds of children have died or been injured. More than 100 children aged ten or under have lost limbs.

Just five UN food convoys have been able to enter the Bihac enclave of 200,000 people in the past three months, and many of its people suffer from malnutrition. Many, young and old, are at the point of starvation, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has said that 15 have already died of hunger. One UNHCR official found a three-year-old boy who starved to death. His tiny corpse weighed just six kilos. An old man who died of hunger left a note saying he was too proud to beg.

Some child victims, from areas where it was possible to leave, have been taken to neighbouring Croatia, where good medical facilities exist, manned by international aid agencies. Not so in Bihac, where the noose around the city has always been tight and is becoming tighter. Now medical supplies for the hospital, itself at the front line of the city's defences and often hit by Serb shells, are dwindling. Doctors have had to operate with little or no anaesthetic. If things get worse, children like Aladin may have to undergo operations while conscious.

Both Aladin and Sania have had to make do with crutches, because even makeshift wooden legs that are painful and restrict movements far more than modern prosthetic limbs are not available to them.

**Bernardine Bouchier, a prosthetist at Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton, England, who has treated patients from Bosnia, said that because of the meagre resources in places like Bihac there is little help for patients to come to terms with the horror that has befallen them. In western countries, amputees receive counselling, and experts take a cast of the stump of their limbs and careful measurements before fitting an artificial limb. Bouchier said: "There are simply not the services available to help deal with the severe trauma of losing a limb, let alone the physical problems. Most children in Bihac are lucky to get an artificial limb of any kind."**

**She said that aftercare, partly psychological and partly physical, to explain phenomena such as "phantom limb", in which patients feel itchiness, pain, heat and cold in hands or feet they no longer have, is important to allow children to learn to overcome their disabilities. Proper artificial limbs and expert psychological help, according to Bouchier, can make the difference between children feeling helpless for the rest of their lives or overcoming their difficulties to the extent that they can, say, run a race.**

**for the moment, Aladin and Sania will have to stumble around painfully on crutches, wondering which of their playmates will be the next to have his or her childhood ripped apart by an exploding shell.**

### **Re-build The Wall of Silence**

**The Wall of Silence Project was launched by the European Region, in March 1993, in response to approaches from many Guide and Scout leaders wishing a tool which could be used to "create the possibilities for supportive action in the face of the refugee crisis in our midst." The crisis today is worse and the need for education and acts of solidarity greater. The European newspaper has launched its Aladin's Wish Appeal. We are relaunching The Wall of Silence Project. We ask you for your active support and participation in this combined effort. We must make more people aware of the terrible suffering of the young victims of this war in Europe. We must find the means to support them.**

**How you can help**



**A revised version of The Wall of Silence Project will be published in The European, beginning with the 11-17 August edition. The material will be suitable for use in a wide variety of situations: school classrooms, Sunday schools, youth groups, church and community groups of all kinds and for all ages. We want as many people as possible to join in building new Walls of Silence. Tell your friends about it.**

**Children are the real innocents of the bloody Bosnia conflict. They have no vote with which to change their political leaders or their fate. They are too young to carry guns or understand the purpose of this war. They are too young to take orders or even take sides. But not too young to die or be maimed for life.**

**No one can now help the estimated 20,000 children who have been killed in Bosnia in the past three years. But there is something we can do for the 15,000 children like Aladin who have lost their young limbs in agony in homes less than three hours' flying time from every major European capital.**

**The European, in conjunction with the national societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, has launched an appeal to help those suffering most in former Yugoslavia. Among them, children will be a high priority. In Zagreb, John Geoghegan of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies commented: "Many of the most vulnerable people slip through the net of aid programmes. Obviously, children are one of those groups, and we will try to bring them relief directly. We are working with local Red Cross branches, helping them help their own people. Your readers have a chance to bring real comfort to real people."**

**Donations to the Aladin's Wish Appeal should be sent direct to your national Red Cross Society. Money can be pledged either by telephone or, in some countries, at banks. It will then be forwarded for use in humanitarian relief work, especially for children, in former Yugoslavia. Under no circumstances should any money or donation be sent to the European Guide and Scout Office or The European.**

**The European will be reporting on the progress of children such as Aladin, and activities related to using The Wall of Silence Project material. A Wall of Silence will be built at the World Jamboree. If your group has already built a Wall of Silence, please tell your story to The European. fax: (+44.171) 418 1840.**

**To obtain a version of The Wall of Silence Project in your own language, please contact your national Guide or Scout association. The European Guide and Scout Office can also make available original French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish and Danish versions to members of the public who write in, or fax their names and addresses to us.**

### **Bosnia's Scouts send message to World Jamboree**

**Renewed fighting in Bosnia & Herzegovina led to the decision that it was too dangerous for a contingent from Bosnia & Herzegovina to travel to the World Jamboree, held in the Netherlands, 2-12 August. The Scouts of Bosnia sent the following message to the 25,000 participants:**

**Dear friends,**

**Cruel realities of war have prevented us from being together today and in the next days. For 40 months the war has been ravaging our homeland.**

**Both**

**adults and children have been killed every day. 16,814 children have been killed and 34,555 wounded in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and many of them remain maimed for life. The number of orphaned children has also grown enormously. Among them are many of our members.**

**Schools and libraries in Bosnia and Herzegovina were burnt; there are no more parks for children to play in; our favourite excursion sites are now strewn with mines and unexploded shells. Many have not even their homes,**

**which were burnt together with their toys and their memories.**

**In the aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina many Scout centres were devastated, equipment destroyed, Scouting symbols going back for more than**

half a century demolished. But we did not lose heart. Wherever we could, we helped our peers, but also our elders. In the gloom of cold shelters we are still playing Scout games and learning Scout skills. We had an earnest desire to show these skills at the Jamboree, to play and make friends.

Scout ranks in Bosnia and Herzegovina include the young people of all nations; Croats, Muslims and Serbs. We hate no-one on account of his or her ethnic origins. What matters is that he or she is not evil. We have not violated the Scout principles laid down by our Movement's Founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. But these and all other principles of civilised life have been trampled by the evil which is tearing down our country.

We wish you a very nice time at the Jamboree and pleasant memories to take home, to share with your families and friends. We shall be glad if only once in the course of the Jamboree you all turn your thoughts to us, and pray for us, for an end to this horror, and to wish us to meet at the next Jamboree. Convey these wishes to your parents. They also can help to put an end to the evil in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is a small but proud country, internationally recognised and respected by many friends. We Scouts of Bosnia and Herzegovina believe that you too are our friends. Do not forget this.

Yours in Scouting,

Scouts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 30 July 1995

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Dear friend,

Please note that the correct fax number for "The European" newspaper is:

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(not 418 1840, as indicated at the end of Eurofax No 35, and issued via the internet.)

Please advise anyone that you may have passed on a copy of the original issue to.

With my thanks, and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Ray

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Eurofax enters its fourth year

Eurofax has entered its fourth year of production. To mark the occasion, we have introduced a new look. We hope that the result will be a clearer copy arriving through fax machines all over Europe and elsewhere in the world. During the last three years, Eurofax has established itself as a most valuable aid to management in our national member associations, particularly for international commissioners, and a useful source of news and events' information for others. In October 1994, we launched the first electronic mail version of Eurofax and, a few months later, we were able to announce the availability of Eurofax on the World-Wide Web. These electronic versions do not replace the original Eurofax. They exist to deliver the information to a far wider audience than would be possible otherwise. Technology never stands still for long. Thanks to the dedication of small teams of international volunteers, we can announce further developments in this issue.

World Scouting gains new member

**The Yugoslav Scout Association became the 137th member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement on 1 September 1995. Originally one of**

**the founding members of the World Organization, Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije**

**remained active for a period in the former Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia. Following the dissolution, in 1991, of the socialist state into a number of sovereign entities (including Croatia and Slovenia, where Scout**

**Associations have also been recognised), Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije now operates in the sovereign State of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, comprising the republics of Serbia and Montenegro. Its membership presently**

**stands at over 12,000.**

**Because of the extreme complexity of the political situation and the intensive media coverage resulting therefrom, the World Scout Committee has**

**been particularly careful in its consideration of the application of Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije for membership, and has worked closely with the association during the last two years. Despite on-going conflicts in the area, the staff of the World Scout Bureau have undertaken a series of extended visits which confirmed that the association is doing excellent work under very difficult circumstances.**

**In the context of the prevailing situation in the Balkan area, the association is very active in social work for all segments of the population, without distinction. It cooperates closely with the Red Cross in providing aid to refugees, opportunities for the disabled, help for orphans and general aid to areas in crisis. In the true spirit of Scouting, Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije provides a much needed model of tolerance and respect for differences - which can be the only basis for peace in this part of the world.**

### **30,000 women In Beijing**

**On the 13 September, in Beijing, the UN Fourth World Conference on Women**

**adopted a platform for action which should lead to global improvements in twelve critical areas including health, poverty and education. This was the result of over three years of hard work by governments and NGOs. Prior to the conference, 30,000 representatives of NGOs from all over the world met**

to share their concerns and ideas. There they attended workshops, plenaries and prepared their lobby strategies for the conference. More than 80 members from WAGGGS and WOSM were present. Young women from Denmark, Switzerland and the United Kingdom could be found amongst those presenting the eye-catching display set up by WAGGGS in the youth tent. Inevitably, media attention concentrated on some of the more sensationalist aspects of the Conference. The real impact of the conference, however, depends on NGOs ensuring that their respective governments keep the promises made in Beijing.

### **Scout Road Safety badge wins national award**

One child in 15 in the United Kingdom can expect to be injured in a road accident by the age of 16. Alarmed by this statistic, Vauxhall Motors hit on the idea of introducing a new road safety activity badge specifically targeted at Cub Scouts, an age range very much at risk. The badge was launched at the UK Motor Show last October and has proved so popular that more than 100,000 Cub Scouts have qualified for the badge. Now Vauxhall's initiative has won a Prince Michael Road Safety Award, the country's top award scheme in road safety. Roy Ward, speaking on behalf of the Awards Council, said: "The Vauxhall Road Safety Badge is a wonderful initiative which has the full backing of The Scout Association and they too should be congratulated on making it such a success in so short a space of time. I am sure it will have a significant effect in helping to reduce child accidents in the future." Perhaps it's an idea which motor manufacturers in other European countries might consider worth supporting?

### **The Fellowship Plate Foundation**

The thirteenth Jamboree commemorative plate will be issued on International Fellowship Day, 25 October, the birthday of the International Fellowship of former Scouts and Guides. The plate features an illustration of the Jamboree held in Farragut State, Idaho, USA in 1967. Also available will be 2 four-colour Baden-Powell plates - one each of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

**These collectors items cost USD 50 each (incl. postage) and are available from The Fellowship Plate Foundation, 1 Mikkel Byggersgade, DK-1460 Copenhagen. The Foundation was established in 1978 and is administered entirely by former Scouts as unpaid work. Funds raised are donated annually to Scout activities and for humanitarian purposes.**

### **Interamerican Scout Conference in Colombia**

**The Interamerican Scout Conference was held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia from 4-8 September. Jos=E9 Antonio Warletta, Vice -President of the European Committee, was among those present from Scout associations in Europe. Jacqueline Collier, Director of Youth Programme at the European Scout Office, gave a presentation on inter-regional co-operation in the field of youth programme, underlining the benefits to be gained by associations in both regions from sharing experiences, ideas and tools for youth programme development. Through the Fund for European Scouting, the European Region is financing the translation and production of materials for youth programme development, which are currently being field-tested and developed further for the benefit of European associations. Other areas of Euro-Interamerican co-operation include the development of a young leader exchange programme and the joint production of training modules.**

### **Europe For You !**

**The Passport for Europe log books, which enable young people to record their own Passport for Europe projects may be ordered from the European Office. Since printing costs have been covered by the Fund for European Scouting, the log books can be provided free of charge to national Scout or Guide associations. However, postage must be paid upon receipt of the goods. To simplify administrative procedures, units should order these log books in multiples of 10 from their international commissioner or national Scout or Guide office. The European Office is not able to supply copies to local units.**

**Associations can also order EuroBadges from the European Office. The EuroBadge is to be awarded to Venture Scouts, Rangers or Rovers who have completed at least one project in each of the six key areas of Passport for**

Europe. EuroBadges can be ordered in multiples of 10 by international commissioners or national Scout or Guide offices. Postage must be paid upon receipt of the goods.

EuroScarves may be worn by all young people participating in the Europe For

You ! programme. Packs of 10 scarves (CHF 70.- per pack) can be ordered from Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH-3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. Order forms can be found in EuroSteps '95 or Where to Stay in Europe 1995.

Mediterranean Newsletter launched

A Mediterranean newsletter has been produced by the environment team of Corpo Nacional Escutas, Portugal, as follow-up to the seminar on "Action for the Mediterranean Environment" held in Marseilles, France last year. The newsletter will keep Mediterranean associations informed about developments in the field of the environment and intercultural learning, and enable them to share their ideas, experiences and future plans. It will also foster greater international co-operation among associations and local Scout groups. Last month's issue featured articles on Euro-Arab co-operation (Why co-operate?, What has been done so far?, What is planned?) and an update on pilot projects in Italy, France and Spain. future issues will report on pilot projects in other Mediterranean countries and activities planned for 1996. The newsletter project is supported by the Fund For European Scouting.

Eurofax on the Web and on the move

The World Wide Web home page for Eurofax is moving location to provide versions in English, French and German! From 16 October, the new location of Eurofax on the Web will be

URL: <http://scoutnet.ch/world/europe/eurofax.html> This location has been generously donated by the Global ScoutNet organization. This international group was established as a result of the European seminar "Building the Global Village", held in December 1994. The Global ScoutNet has its own electronic communications network, InterNet and World Wide Web servers with

outlets in more than 20 different countries in Europe, North and South America and Asia. Send an empty (!) email message to [superserv@scoutbox.chnet.ch](mailto:superserv@scoutbox.chnet.ch) to receive more information on the Global



ScoutNet organization.

### German electronic versions available

**A team of volunteers in Verband Christlicher Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder**

**(Germany), led by Kai Driesch, have created German translations of the electronic mail version of Eurofax. These translation can only be made available in an electronic form but we're sure that those associations which would most benefit from access to this German language version will be able to identify a member or supporter who has access to either electronic mail or to the World Wide Web. To receive the German version by**

**email, subscribe to the mailing list pfadi-liste by sending an email message to listproc@ifipc01.uni-muenster.de. The message must only contain**

**the line SUBSCRIBE PFADI-LISTE Your-First-Name Your-Last-Name, and nothing**

**else! (Substitute Your-First-Name Your-Last-Name.) Pfadi-Liste is a German**

**language discussion group about Scouting. The Eurofax German translation is**

**normally circulated about a week after the English version has been sent out. We would like to thank the volunteers concerned who have made this latest development possible.**

### **EuroSteps - final reminders**

**Thanks to all the associations which have sent in their applications for EuroSteps '96. This week is your very last chance to apply, as data is now being entered into the database! If you haven't already done so, please remember to send in your EuroSteps evaluation forms ('94-'95) before 15 October.**

### **National Passport for Europe information kits**

**If your association has produced its own Passport for Europe information kit for use by local units, the European Office would be grateful to receive copies.**

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### **EuroSteps '96**

**This European programme encourages Scouts and Guides to travel throughout Europe and participate in challenging projects with other young people from different countries. The 1996 EuroSteps booklet is being distributed to all Scout associations and Guide associations in Europe. The booklet is available in English, French or German and it contains information about 40 Eurosteps in 16 countries. The countries featured are: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. New projects include: protecting sea turtles; running a camp for young victims of war; sea fishing; learning about medieval art and architecture; a musical workshop; monitoring pollution and cleaning a river; rebuilding mountain paths. Additionally, there are practical hints on organising a trip abroad, information about the EURO<26 card, booking forms and an order form for the EuroScarf. Units or leaders wishing to obtain a copy should contact the international department of their association.**

### **Youth Programme Workshop**

**18 representatives from 11 European associations met at the European Guide and Scout Office in Brussels from 13-15 October to review progress made towards implementing the World Programme Policy adopted at the World Scout Conference in Paris in 1990. This policy determines the responsibility of national Scout associations to regularly review and update their**

educational programmes to ensure that they fulfil the needs and aspirations of young people.

Dominique Bénéard, Regional Director, gave an overview of the needs of western, central and eastern European associations in the field of youth programme. Jacqueline Collier, Youth Programme Director, presented a Renewed Approach to Programme ("RAP"), a conceptual framework for youth

programme development produced in cooperation with the Interamerican Scout

Region. Samantha Pijollet-Hall, Assistant Director of Community Development

in the World Scout Bureau, presented the key findings of a 2-year research project undertaken by the Research and Development Committee of the World

Organization into the educational impact of Scouting on adolescents.

Ermanno Ripamonti, a member of the European Committee, helped associations

to identify practical tools which still need to be created to assist in youth programme development. Participants at the workshop will work together to produce these additional tools in time for the World Scout Conference, to be held in Oslo in July, 1996.

### **Youth pilot projects for the environment in Europe**

35 representatives from 30 associations in 20 countries attended this seminar in Valencia, hosted by the Movimiento Scout Catolico de Valencia, 4-10 November. The main purpose of the seminar was to help participants prepare youth pilot project proposals for presentation to their national associations.

Participants were given the opportunity to learn about environmental problems and youth pilot projects in and around Valencia, share their own ideas and experiences of organising or participating in youth pilot projects for the environment and learn about environmental projects undertaken in different European countries. Participants were also able to increase their knowledge of environmental problems in the Alpine, Baltic or

Mediterranean zones and contribute ideas on actions which young people could undertake in the face of these challenges. Workshops were run on how

to improve the organisation of work camps, obtain funds, develop intercultural learning and use electronic communications.

The seminar assisted participating associations in strengthening their

educational programme for young people. Further success depends upon the follow-up made by national associations in four key areas: adapting their youth programme to the needs of young people; developing work camps which enable young people to take part in concrete action and learn useful skills (e.g. EuroSteps); strengthening international co-operation with other associations (e.g. through youth exchanges, leader training, communications, publications); encouraging youth participation in decision-making.

focus on gender identity

How to work most effectively in a co-educational setting is a concern that has been expressed many times by Guide associations and Scout associations in Europe.

At a European regional round-table on co-education, held a year ago, participating associations concluded that co-education is an educational method. The focus should be on ensuring the development of the gender identity of each individual, offering the opportunity to go beyond cultural traditions in order to encourage their fullest potential. This development can then take place in an environment that is single sex or co-educational, as appropriate.

Two events are being organised in Norway, 4 - 10 March 1996. The aim is to

raise awareness and to increase knowledge of how recognition and acceptance

of gender identity - without being restricted by traditional gender roles - can advance the development of the individual- The first event, Gender identity vs gender roles - Possibilities vs realities, is a European Youth foundation supported seminar for leader trainers aged between 18 and 30 years. The second event, a Programme development forum on gender identity,

is a self-financed forum for those working to develop educational youth programmes. Invitations to both events were sent out in November's Europak.

Applications for either event must reach the European Guide and Scout Office by Monday, 15 January 1996.

Summer Get-Together '96

This special event focusing on the management of Adult Leaders in Europe

will take place near Malaga, Spain, from 3 - 11 August 1996. This event is based on a conference resolution and provides European associations with a unique opportunity to identify and develop good practice. This process will facilitate the production of tools for the use of national associations in the following three fields: Recruitment and induction of Adult Resources; Training and support of Adult Resources; Appraisal and evaluation of Adult Resources. Participants will also address the question of the relationship existing between Adult Resources and Youth Programme through each of these themes. A variety of working methods will be used throughout the event which will provide opportunities for working in international as well as in national groups. It is therefore recommended that national delegations be made up of several key people who are instrumental in their association's work on the management of adult leaders. There is no age limit for this event. The participation fee is ESP 40,000. Participants from central & eastern Europe may apply for financial support from the Europe Office WAGGGS or from the European Scout Office, as appropriate, to cover all or part of their participation fee and of their travel expenses. Some participants may wish to take advantage of the wonderful location to be accompanied by their partner or family. An application form has been sent with the invitation document to all associations. Completed applications should be received by the European Guide and Scout Office before 29 March 1996.

### **European Radio Scouting Seminar**

The Scout Association will host the 4th European Radio Scouting Seminar at Gilwell Park, London, 18-21 April 1996. The seminar will examine Radio Scouting and other communications into the 21st century. Participants will consider aspects within the concept of the youth programme, as well as to examine the future development of the Jamboree on the Air and other associated activities. The cost of the seminar is =A3225. Further information and registration details are available from: European Radio Scouting Seminar, Activities Office, The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Bury Road, Chingford, London E4 7QW, United Kingdom. Tel: (+44.181) 524 5246 Fax: (+44.181) 498 5303.

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**(This month, Eurofax - in its original form - presented a twelve month calendar of events, highlighting major world and European Scout or Guide events and a selection of the United Nations Days in the year.)**

#### **January**

**6 Epiphany**  
**21 Ramadan begins**

#### **February**

**16 Lailat-al-qadr (27th day of Ramadan)**  
**16-18 European Guide and Scout Committee, Belgium**  
**22 Founder's Day**

#### **March**

**1-3 German Speaking Conference, Belgium**  
**4-10 'Gender identity vs. Gender roles - Possibilities vs. reality' and 'Programme Development Forum on gender identity', Norway (ER)**  
**8 International Women's Day**  
**21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**  
**22 World Day for Water**  
**23 World Meteorological Day**  
**31 Palm Sunday**

#### **April**

**5 Good Friday**  
**7 Easter/World Health Day**

- 11**    **Passover**
- 12**    **Good Friday (Orth.)**
- 14**    **Easter (Orth.)**
- 18-21**    **4th European Radio Scouting Seminar, United Kingdom (ER)**

## **May**

- 3**    **World Press Freedom Day**
- 13-19**    **'Under the legal age - but still with rights', France (ER)**
- 15**    **International Day of Families**
- 16**    **Ascension**
- 17**    **World Telecommunication Day**
- 31**    **World No-Tobacco Day**
- 31**    **(- 2 June) European Guide and Scout Committee, Switzerland**

## **June**

- 1-2**    **Inauguration of the chalet extension, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland**
- 5**    **World Environment Day**
- 17**    **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**
- 26**    **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**
- 30**    **(- 6 July) 21st IFOFSAG World Conference, Italy**

## **July**

- 2-5**    **6th World Youth Forum, Norway**
- 4-7**    **ICCS World Council, Norway**
- 8-12**    **34th World Scout Conference, Norway**
- 11**    **World Population Day**
- 15-26**    **10th World Moot, Sweden**
- 16-24**    **29th World Conference of WAGGGS, Canada**

## **August**

- 3-11**    **'Summer Get-Together1996', Spain (ER)**
- 9**    **International Day of the World's Indigenous People**

## **September**

- 8**    **International Literacy Day**
- 16**    **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**
- 17**    **International Day of Peace**

20-22 Network meeting for national Youth Council and European Youth Platform Representatives, Benelux (ER)  
22-23 Yom Kippur

#### October

1 International Day for the Elderly  
7 World Habitat Day  
11-13 European Guide and Scout Committee, Belgium  
16 World Food Day  
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty  
19-20 39th Jamboree-on-the-Air  
24 United Nations Day  
25-27 Workshop for new International Commissioners, Belgium (ER)  
?? 'Leadership - passing on the Tasks', Portugal (ER)

#### November

11-17 International Week of Science and Peace  
20 Universal Children's Day  
?? 'Building Bridges of Friendship', France (ER)

#### December

1 World AIDS Day  
3 International Day of Disabled Persons  
5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development  
10 Human Rights Day  
25 Christmas Day  
29 International Day for Biological Diversity

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### **Planning meeting for the next World Scout Jamboree**

**The 19th World Scout Jamboree will take place in Chile from 27 December 1998 to 6 January 1999, hosted by the Asociaci=F3n de Guias y Scouts de Chile. The organizing committee invites designated contingent leaders from European Scout Organizations, or their representatives, to an informal information meeting to be held in Geneva, 16 March 1996. Patrick Lyon, Executive Director of the Organizing Committee, is looking forward to meeting many European contingent leaders. He will give a presentation on the preparations for the jamboree, focussing on aspects of the youth programme and the infrastructure. There will also be the opportunity to examine priorities for the national organizations, including promotion of the jamboree, selection of participants, travel plans and costs, and a time for bilateral discussions between national associations' representatives and the jamboree organisers on issues of specific interest. The venue is the Centre Scout Genevois, 5 rue du Pr=E9-J=E9r=F4me, Geneva, from 10.30 h u= ntil**

**16.00 h. A lunch service will be available. Those requiring overnight accommodation are invited to contact the World Scout Bureau for assistance with hotel selection and reservation. All participants, however, must make their own personal travel arrangements. National Scout Organizations are requested to confirm their attendance, before 29 February, to Mr Jean Cassaigneau, Director of Special Events, at the World Scout Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland.**

### **Three new members welcomed into the World family**

#### **1. Estonia**

**Eesti Skautide =DChing (ES=DC - Estonian Scout Association) has been recogni=**

sed

as a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. Scouting first started in Estonia in 1912 and the Estonian Scout Association, founded in 1919, was one of the founding members of the World Organization in 1922. However, as a result of the Soviet occupation of Estonia, Scouting was banned from 1940 onwards. It was reborn as soon as the country regained its

independence in 1989. Membership of Eesti Skautide =DChing is open to all young people in Estonia without distinction of race, origin, creed or sex, with over 1,000 male and female members. The association's national headquarters are in Suure-Jaani, in the centre of Estonia. Members of the association have participated in international events, including Eurofolk 1993, the European Jamboree 1994, the World Jamboree 1995 and various European seminars. Leaders have also attended training courses provided by

Scout associations in Denmark, Finland and Canada. Contact Address: Estonian Scout Association, Tallinna 24, EE-2910 Suure-Jaani, ESTONIA. Tel/Fax: (+372.43) 71451. International Commissioner is Maimu Nommik. Tel:

(372.2) 60 12 23. Fax: (+372.2) 60 19 05.

## 2. Poland

Zwiazek Harcerstwa Polskiego (ZHP - The Polish Scout Association) is a Scout and Guide organization with a total membership of almost 450,000 (210,000 males, 240,000 females) operating in a country with a population of 38 million people. There are 600 districts and 25 regions in the association. ZHP, after a transformation in the early nineties, has regained the respect of Polish society. It has established relationships with State and local authorities while safeguarding its independence. ZHP has a strong tradition of forest camping, and traditional Scout activities are combined with modern ideas to reach the educational objectives of the association. ZHP has very well developed special skill activities, such as Sea Scouting, parachuting, ballooning, scuba diving. Last year the association started a programme entitled "My Homelands" which offers a framework for the activities of every unit. The first part of this programme concluded at the World Camp of Polish Scouting and Guiding in August 1995 which gathered six thousand Scouts and Guides including 400 from abroad. The part of the programme which is being implemented now is a

project called "Water is Life", focusing on developing better understanding and protection of the natural environment. ZHP is a "Scout and Guide National Organization" in accordance with the Statement on Relationships

between WAGGGS and WOSM.

### **3. Niger**

**Established in 1947, then banned in 1974 by the national government, Scouting in Niger was vigorously relaunched in 1993. Iskutun Niger - Nizer Skutey (Scout Association of Niger) has more than 1,200 members, youths and**

**adults, in three age sections. The association's national centre and headquarters are in Naimey, the capital city of this African country. The association has entered into a cooperation agreement with the Scouts de France to strengthen the operational capacity of the association and the development of community-orientated educational activities. Scouts in Niger**

**are involved in projects which are improve the quality of life, including reforestation, vocational training, and health promotion.**

### **Thinking Day**

**Thinking Day, 22 February, is the birthday of both the Founder of Scouting and Guiding, Robert Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave. Every year, Guides around the world celebrate the existence of their international Movement on**

**this day. Here is an extract of this year's Thinking Day message from Betty Clay, the Founder's daughter, as published in a UK Guide Association's magazine:**

**So for a moment let's do some thinking. First, think of the different sorts of people in Guiding. Think of those in countries where it was forbidden for many years and has only recently been revived. Think of those friends of yours that you haven't seen lately, and those new friends you have made this year. With our thinking comes our contribution to the Thinking Day Fund. It is at Thinking Day time that we feel in my father's own words: "Thankfulness for the privilege we have of helping, each in our small way, to develop that love which will mean the reign of God upon the earth".**

**for WAGGGS, contribution to the Thinking Day Fund is vital in order to support its efforts in the development of girls and young women in countries like Belarus, the Congo, Ecuador, Albania, Cambodia and Rwanda. Please think and make your contribution. (Marianne Karstensen, Europe Office WAGGGS)**

## **By Baltikum '96**

The "By Baltikum" project aims to bring together girls and boys, aged 11-16, representing all the lands and peoples of the Baltic region. Each summer the meeting place will be at the national jamboree of one of the Baltic countries. Through co-operation and fun in Scout activities, it is hoped that this will inspire young people to try and build a brighter future together as distinct but inter-dependent peoples. This summer, the host jamboree will be LOISTO '96. This is the official international jamboree of the Guides and Scouts of Finland. It will be held from 18-26 July on the south coast near the town Hanko. About 14,500 participants are

expected. Groups interested in participating in "By Baltikum" should contact the project coordinator for Finland as soon as possible: Einari Peura, Paarynapolku 5 B, FIN-02710 Espoo, Finland. Tel: (+358) 0 59 41 52. Email: einari.peura@helsinki.fi. Programme details can also be found on the world wide web at <http://www.hut.fi/~emartola/baltic/>. All general enquiries about LOISTO '96 should be addressed to the Scouts and Guides of

Finland. Tel: (+358) 0 728 28 11. Fax: (+358) 0 752 26 81.

Email: international.secretary@sp.partio.fi. Deadline for registration is 15 April.

## **New educational materials**

The Council of Europe has produced two new sets of educational materials, in connection with the European Youth Campaign against Racism, Xenophobia,

Antisemitism and Intolerance. Available in English and French, there is an "all different - all equal" education pack, containing "ideas, resources, methods and activities for informal inter-cultural education with young people and adults". Copies may be requested from: Youth Campaign Secretariat, Council of Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg, France.

Tel: (+33) 88 41 29 61. Fax (+33) 88 41 27 42.

A 40 minute video, titled "Stand up NOW for human rights!", aims to raise human rights awareness and show how young people can be involved in activities to protect and promote human rights throughout Europe. The video, available in English and French versions, is accompanied by a short brochure with ideas on human rights education. Copies can be ordered from

the publications service of the Council of Europe (same address as above).  
Lives on hold

**The Youth Forum of the European Communities has produced a video in English and French called "Lives on Hold". It tells the stories of marginalised young people struggling to survive in conditions of extreme poverty and features local projects set up to help them help themselves and overcome social exclusion. Copies are available from: Youth Forum, 120 Rue Joseph II, B-1040 Brussels, Belgium. Fax (+32.2) 230 21 23.**

#### **Postal code to change in Brussels**

**As from 1 March 1996, the postal code of the European Guide and Scout Office will change to B - 1050 Brussels (instead of the current B - 1060). This change is due to a reorganization of postal zones by the PTT in Belgium. Please do not use the new code before 1 March.**

#### **Summer Get-Together '96 - a reminder**

**National associations are reminded that registrations for this special event focusing on the management of Adult Leaders in Europe must be received by the European Guide and Scout Office before 29 March 1996. The**

**event takes place near Malaga, Spain, from 3 - 11 August 1996, and will facilitate the production of tools for the use of national associations in the following three fields: Recruitment and induction of Adult Resources; Training and support of Adult Resources; Appraisal and evaluation of Adult**

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#### **Training for trainers (WAGGGS only)**

**A second WAGGGS introductory training for trainers course for WAGGGS' associations in Central and Eastern Europe will take place in the Czech Republic, 18-25 February 1996. Only WAGGGS' associations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania and Poland are each invited to send 4 female participants to develop their skills and knowledge of preparing, running and evaluating training courses, in order to be able to plan a well balanced training programme for their respective National**

**Associations. This gathering, with only countries from the sub-region participating, will hopefully create a new stimulus for cooperation and sharing of experiences in the field of training. The course will be used also to work with the different associations on the accreditation of the WAGGGS training scheme.**

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**Looking Wider - the Founder's view**

**My mountain says 'Look wider; look higher; look further ahead, and a way will be seen.'**

**Robert Baden-Powell, 1939**

**At the dawn of the Third Millennium, our Movement needs more than ever to implement the words of the Founder, in order to prepare itself to meet the many challenges it faces.**

**Looking Wider - the 6th World Youth Forum**

**The 6th World Youth Forum will take place in Moss, Norway, 2-5 July 1996,**

**immediately preceding the World Scout Conference. Under the theme Looking**

**Wider, the forum will include examination of the two key questions to be addressed during the World Scout Conference: "Scouting for what?" and "Scouting for whom?" Issues of interest to the participants will be discussed, in particular the subjects on the agenda of the World Scout Conference. The forum will prepare inputs and recommendations for presentation to the World Scout Conference, World Scout Committee or National Scout Organizations. The event provides an opportunity for young adults to develop the necessary practical skills to enable them to take part more effectively in decision making in Scouting and in society. The forum ends on Friday 5 July with a joint session with the World**

**Programme**

**Committee, World Adult Resources Committee and members of the World Scout**

**Committee.**

**Eduardo Esteva Fischer, from Mexico, is a resourceful member of the forum planning committee. As a young leader himself, he has been using electronic**

**mail and the Internet to gather views directly from members around the world in relation to the two key questions to be addressed. He writes, "At present, I am posing questions that will be used to help the work of the World Youth Forum. We need all your help, all your opinion, no matter if you are not a young adult, it is very useful." If you would like a copy of the questions and to add your opinions to those gathered by Eduardo, you can send him an email at <efischer@colossus.rhon.itam.mx>, or write to him at Apartado Postal 74-270, 09081 Mexico DF, Mexico.**

**Looking Wider - the 34th World Scout Conference**

**The 34th World Scout Conference will be held in Oslo, Norway, 8-12 July. It will continue the work of the previous conferences, in Paris and Bangkok, on the "Strategy for Scouting", placing a new emphasis on the mission of Scouting. In a departure from the working methods of the previous conferences, two commissions, each lasting a full day, will examine the mission-related questions of "Scouting for what?" and "Scouting for whom?"**

**These new working method ensure more delegate participation in the business**

**of the conference. In a return to Scouting's roots, discussion groups for**

the first commission will meet out-of-doors in the natural surroundings of Oslo's Sognsvann Park. More than 100 of the youth forum's 150 participants will remain in Norway as part of their associations' conference delegations - a welcome increase in the number of conference participants aged under 26 years.

### **New Perspectives - 29th World Conference WAGGGS**

The 29th World Conference of WAGGGS will be held in Wolfville, Canada, 16 -

23 July 1996. The theme of the conference is "New Perspectives": an appropriate theme which takes into account WAGGGS' activities over the past

triennium to look for new ways to operate and plan for the next millennium.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Roberta Lynn Bondar, Canada's first woman

astronaut, who travelled on the space shuttle "Discovery" in 1992. She has been a Brownie, Girl Guide and Ranger. Her experience of viewing the world

from an unusual perspective will surely help to set the tone for the discussions about the 'WAGGGS' Way of Work' proposals, one of the main topics of the Conference. There will be a presentation, a consultation session, discussion groups, reporting back and a voting session about the proposals and the constitutional changes. The goals for the next triennium are formulated in 'WAGGGS' strategic plan', with clear objectives, strategies and measures of success. The consequences for finances and human

resources are outlined. Ideas will be presented and groups will review the possibilities and problems for implementation on global, regional and national levels. Participants will also hear about the important work of the Youth Committee during this triennium and discuss how to make the strong recommendation of the Youth Committee, supported by the World Committee, that is "to have young women represented in all decision-making

bodies at all levels in the organization", a reality. The Europe Office WAGGGS team hopes that all Member Organizations can return from the Conference with a clear idea of how to make the mission of WAGGGS, which is

to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world, a reality. An official ceremony for new



**Member Associations is included in the conference.**

### **Gender identity development**

**Thirty-seven representatives from 16 European Scout or Guide associations came together in Norway, 4 - 10 March, to examine how Guiding and Scouting**

**can ensure the development of the gender identity of their members. The participants reported that in their associations, in both leader training and in the educational youth programme, emphasis is placed on developing the character and skills of the Guides and Scouts with almost no work being undertaken on gender identity development. A report will be published shortly.**

### **Sunrise City 1996**

**Organisers of the Sunrise City project were doubly pleased to receive the first financial contribution from Scouts this year. Sunrise City is a project organised by Scout groups belonging to Savez Izvidaca Hrvatske (Scout Association of Croatia) in the towns of Zagreb, Split, Rijeka and elsewhere in Croatia. The Scouts provide summer camps and longer-term support for young victims of the wars in the Balkans, with support from psychologists and other specialists. For many of the young victims, this is their first opportunity to begin to repair some of the psycho-social damage suffered during the conflict. Some children have lost everything, including home and family.**

**Cub Scouts from the 'twinned' packs of the 26th Odiham (Hampshire) group in**

**the United Kingdom and Pack 77, from Cleveland, Ohio, in the USA, each held**

**sales of donated second-hand goods to raise funds to help sponsor a patrol of young victims to attend the camp. GBP 850 was raised. Ken Millington, Akela of the 26th Odiham, wrote to the organisers, "We very much admire the**

**work undertaken at the Sunrise City camps=8A We wish you every success in**

**your undertaking and our prayers and thoughts are with you." Bonny Bosnjak,**

**secretary to the project, told us that this was the first donation received this year and, at the same time, was the very first example of Scouts in other parts of the world taking part in the 'Patrol Patronage' scheme, which was created in 1994. "Sometimes it seems that all our information**

gets stuck in some 'higher' levels. Therefore, it makes us even more happy when a group gets involved like this, wishing to make contacts and undertaking actions in direct support of the children," she said.

Graham Usher, a member of The Scout Association (UK), who visited last year's camps, wrote recently that these children "have been deeply scarred

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by what they have seen and smelt and heard. Working with these child victims of war is one of the most amazing projects run by Scouts. Sunrise City camps brought a new ray of sunshine to the lives of over seven hundred

children during the summer of 1995 - providing hope and new lives for these

children affected by war."

Over USD 100,000 is needed for Sunrise City 1996. Theo Brenner, Director of

the Johann Jacobs Foundation, one of last year's donors, wrote of last year's report: "It is an excellent report, comprehensive in the scope of the multiple activities promoted in the various locations, and focused on the central goal of bringing together Scouts and traumatised children. I was also moved by the personal stories of some of the children with whom you worked, from Marko to Vileta and Josip. I appreciate very much that you

provided these personal portraits. They underscored the lasting validity of

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the project."

We hope that many more Scouts and their leaders will be inspired sponsor a

patrol of young victims. For more information, or if you have knowledge of any Foundations which might support this work, please contact: Sunrise City

Project, Scout Group 'N B Debo', 10020 Novi Zagreb, PB 26, Siget 18b/111, Croatia. Tel/Fax: (+385.1) 52 92 21.

**Under the legal age - but still with rights**

A few places are still available for this European seminar on children's rights, to be held at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg 13 - 19 May 1996. Associations interested in participating should send applications to the European Guide and Scout Office, as soon as possible.

**ZHP member of WAGGGS**

Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego was re-admitted as an Associate Member of WAGGGS, in March. ZHP was one of the founder members of WAGGGS. It had to resign for political reasons at the 13th WAGGGS World Conference in 1950. ZHP is a "Scout and Guide National Organization" in accordance with the Statement on Relationships between WAGGGS and WOSM. In mid-March, Dominique Bernard, Regional Director of the European Scout Region, and Marianne Karstensen, Executive for Europe Region WAGGGS, were in Poland to welcome the new association to their respective Regions, and to discuss plans for future work together.

Green Scouts may not be

In recent years, self-styled and self-named "Green Scouts" have appeared in some countries, creating confusion in the minds of the public, of governmental authorities and of intergovernmental or non-governmental international organizations. These pseudo-Scouts use and abuse our name (and sometimes our emblem) for fund-raising purposes. Some of them are of doubtful intent and origin, while others - despite their misuse of the name of Scouting - have worthy objectives, genuinely related to the protection of the environment. Indeed some who have chosen that name for themselves have done so in good faith, not realising that the words "Scout", "Boy Scout" (as well as for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' "Girl Scout") are protected both nationally and internationally. In every case, the World Organization of the Scout Movement has clearly stated its firm opposition to their illegitimate use of our name, whatever their purposes may be. We have made our position equally clear to all international organisations (governmental and non-governmental) involved with the environment (such as the United Nations' Environment Programme and the World-Wide Fund for Nature). "There is room for all in the fight to protect nature and the environment," explained Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General, recently, "but there is no room for creating confusion between that fight and the broader purposes of an established educational

organisation such as World Scouting and its duly authorised member associations around the globe."

**Indaba - advance notification**

The Administrative Board of Indaba has announced that the General Assembly will be held in Brussels, 9 June. National associations wishing to join Indaba are invited to send their applications to the European Guide and Scout Office before then. More information will be provided in Europak.

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**With EuroSteps, you can do it!**

The number of young people aged 16-22 who took part in EuroSteps more than doubled from 4,000 during the summer of 1994 to over 8,000 last summer! An evaluation shows that EuroSteps are welcoming young people from an increasing number of countries each year and that news is travelling fast

by word of mouth. The annual EuroSteps booklet and nationally produced promotional leaflets have also played their full part in the phenomenal growth in the popularity of this element of the programme. The target for 1996 is 10,000 participants. As one participant so aptly put it: "With EuroSteps, you can do it!"

In fact, the Romanian Scout Association has been so overwhelmed with bookings for its Danube Delta and Water is Life projects that it is now urgently looking for international staff to assist at these two EuroSteps this summer. To join their international staff, please contact Adina Dabu, International Commissioner, Cercetasii Romaniei, Str. Dem I Dobrescu No. 4-6/Secteur 1, Bucharest, Romania. Tel/Fax: (+40.1) 312 23 21.

### **Europe For You !**

The evaluation of this European programme, designed to encourage the mobility of young people aged 16-22, has shown that it is considered useful and attractive by national associations, local leaders and young people. Nearly all associations returning the questionnaire stated that their main priority for this age section is to improve the educational programme, in order to better fulfil their aim of helping young people to develop their full potential as members of their local, national and international communities. The evaluation highlights the benefits of the various elements of Europe For You !, and identifies suggestions for improvements and follow-up at European and national level. Proposals will be examined by the European Committee. A report will be distributed to associations in June's Europak.

### **Passport for Europe**

Associations will receive copies of the new edition of the Passport for Europe information kit in May's Europak, with a form for ordering further copies. Associations wishing to develop and create their own national version of the bright, new European kit will be able to save themselves a lot of layout and printing costs by requesting a copy of the relevant desk-top publishing files from the European Office. Created in PageMaker 5.0 for Macintosh, the files include all the styles, photographs and diagrams used in the new kit and are ready to print. (A charge will be made for this service to cover material costs and postage.)

## **EuroSteps '97**

**Application forms for EuroSteps '97 are in May's Europak. Associations are required to give practical details of any proposed EuroSteps and a full description of the projects which young people can undertake. Existing EuroSteps which wish to be included in the 1997 booklet must also send a completed form to the office showing clearly any changes which need to be made in their entry. All applications must arrive at the European Office by 23 September. One criticism made of the booklet is the quality of the maps provided by some EuroSteps. Therefore, new EuroSteps and old ones should now send clear maps and slides or photographs for inclusion in the next edition. Finally, associations with video material of EuroSteps are asked to send copies to the European Office for possible inclusion in new promotional material currently being prepared.**

## **Kandersteg - opening its new doors!**

**The new extension to the Chalet at Kandersteg International Scout Centre is nearing completion and preparations for the weekend of celebrations (1-2 June) are well underway. A full programme of activities is planned for visitors. The European Guide and Scout Committee will also meet in Kandersteg the same weekend. Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of the World Organization, will be amongst more than 120 guests attending the opening ceremony on 1 June. Many people associated with the centre over the years will visit Kandersteg for this historic event. Registration forms to take part in the opening weekend have been widely distributed. If you have not yet returned your completed form, please do so as soon as possible - this will help greatly with the planning. If you would like to be there but have not received a form, please contact the international home of Scouting: Kandersteg International Scout Centre, 3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. Tel: (+41 33) 75 11 39 Fax: (+41 33) 75 10 50**

## **Youth platform representatives to meet**

**A meeting for National Youth Council and European Youth Platform representatives will take place in Luxembourg, 19-22 September 1996. The meeting will agree the youth issue debates that Guiding and Scouting want**

to influence at both national and European levels, and agree how this will be done. It will also serve to develop the network of national and regional representatives and provide further motivation for those people working in this area. Participants should be appointed representatives of national associations to National Youth Councils or members of the European Guide and Scout network of representatives. The working languages will be English and French. Details are being sent to national associations in May's Europak. Completed application forms must be submitted to the European Office by 5 August.

### **'Leadership - passing on the tasks'**

This 3-phase project is intended to increase involvement of young people in decision-making at all levels in national associations. Phase 1, in the form of a seminar, will analyse the situation of young people in national associations and the opportunities they have for involvement in decision-making. Structures, working methods, training, educational programme, and the role of young people will all be examined. Each participant will then develop a proposal for his or her national association which, when implemented over a year (phase 2), will ensure the involvement of young people in decision-making. The third and final phase will evaluate the project and create proposals for further work for the participants and their national associations. The first phase of the project takes place 2-8 November 1996. The venue is the Hotel de Turismo da Ericeira, 50 km from Lisbon. Participants should be leaders, preferably working at national level, who are committed to ensuring more effective involvement of young people in decision-making at all levels in their national association. They should be aged between 18 and 30 and able to communicate effectively in English and/or French. The fee for the seminar, which is supported by the European Youth Foundation, is BEF 7,000. Details are being sent to national associations in May's Europak. Application forms must be submitted to the European Guide and Scout Office by 2 September 1996.

**North-South issues and working with ethnic communities**

**Two European informal networks met at Baden-Powell House, London, 22-24**

**March. These networks enable Scout and Guide associations which are active**

**in North-South co-operation or working with ethnic communities to share information, experiences and resource materials, and to discuss relevant international issues. They are: "seeking and creating partnerships with the marginalised"; "challenging xenophobia and racism"; "building bridges of friendship in and beyond Europe's borders" - all priorities, as expressed in the Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe. Participants received updates from associations on current projects, preparations for the World Moot (Sweden, 15-26 July) and the next World Scout Jamboree, Indaba (see**

**below), "Building Bridges of Friendship" (see below) and discussed Scouting and Guiding's role in socio-political crises. Future meetings are scheduled for: 18-20 October in Amsterdam (contact Scouting Nederland); 21-23 March**

**1997 in Cologne (contact Deutsche Pfandfinderschaft Sankt Georg); 17-19 October 1997 in Toulouse (contact Scouts Musulmans de France).**

## **Indaba**

**Indaba, the European Guiding and Scouting NGO, has welcomed two new members**

**from Italy - AGESCI and CNGEI. The next meeting of the General Assembly will be held in Brussels, 9 June. Associations wishing to apply to the European Union (DG VIII) for funding for their co-operation and development**

**projects are invited to contact Indaba (via the European Office) to obtain assistance in preparing their applications.**

## **Building Bridges of Friendship**

**This European seminar will be held at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, 25 November - 1 December 1996. Participants, aged 18-30, should either i) be responsible for community development programmes at national or district level, or ii) have considerable practical experience of working as young volunteers on development projects. The invitation document, describing the objectives and programme of this seminar, will be**

**included in June's Europak. Participants must be able to communicate well in either English or French.**



## **Towards a European ideal?**

**During the last two years, European youth organisations have been trying to**

**agree on one pan-European youth platform which will replace the three currently existing ones - CENYC, ECB and the Youth Forum of the EU. Last month, during a joint meeting of the three existing platforms, the 'European Youth Forum' was created. (Not to be confused with the European**

**Youth Foundation, of course.) National youth councils in all European countries, and international non-governmental youth organisations with members in at least 10 European countries can be members of this new platform. That was the good news - progress, of a sort. The bad news, however, is that a majority of international organisations in the ECB did not agree with the proposed work plan on how to proceed with legalising the**

**European Youth Forum, and abolishing CENYC, ECB and the Youth Forum. Therefore, while it is certain that CENYC and the Youth Forum will cease to exist on 31 December 1996, what will happen to ECB is not yet clear.**

## **International co-operation - Euro-Arab camp**

**European associations are invited by the Tunisian Scout Association to send participants aged 14-16 (boys only) to a Euro-Arab camp. The event will be**

**held in Tunis at the same time as the 22nd Arab Jamboree, 10-20 August 1996. The site is a forest by the Mediterranean sea and the theme for the Euro-Arab camp is "Tolerance, Friendship and Peace". Participation fee is USD 250 per person. Full details from: Les Scouts Tunisiens, B.P. 339, 1082 Tunis Mahraj=E8ne, Tunisia. Tel: (+216.1) 79 05 01 Fax: (+216.1) 79 12 06**

## **Three Cultures**

**ASDE Scouts de Espa=F1a invite other European associations to send participants to their "Three Cultures" summer camp, organised in co-operation with UNICEF. The camp, to be held in Valencia in July, will bring together young people of three of the world's major faiths: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Contact Antonio Llorente, ASDE, Embajadores 106-108, E-28012 Madrid, Spain. Fax: (+34.1) 517 53 82**

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#### **News from the Committee**

**The European Guide and Scout Committee met in Kandersteg, Switzerland, 30 May - 2 June. The weekend included a visit to Our Chalet, the first of WAGGGS' four World Centres, in nearby Adelboden. The committee was hosted there for the evening by the Mouvement Scout de Suisse. The committee also attended the opening of the extension to the Chalet in the Kandersteg International Scout Centre. The committee tackled a full agenda, covering topics as varied as agreeing the subjects for next year's events and seminars, including Eurofolk, an evaluation of the Europe For You ! programme, communication tools in the region and finance of the Regional Plan.**

#### **Communication tools reviewed**

**The three principle communication tools of the region, Eurofax, Eurofocus and Europak, have been the subject of a recent qualitative study, carried out by Joost Vanlerberghe, a volunteer from Belgium. Joost is undertaking**

postgraduate study in 'non-commercial management'. He used a combination of questionnaires and telephone interviews to obtain his data. In general, the results are very encouraging. For example, on a scale of 0 to 10, respondents gave Eurofax an average satisfaction rating of 8.3, with 31% of them giving it 10 out of 10. Europak achieved a rating of 7.8 and Eurofocus, 7.2. Those people surveyed, who were mostly international commissioners or other national leaders, also offered suggestions for improvements and these are being considered by the European Committee. In conclusion, Joost writes, "It is clear that the means of external communication (Europak, Eurofocus and Eurofax) are generally considered as being very useful to the national associations. Nevertheless, a lot of things could be done to improve these communications means." Expect to see a few more changes in the months ahead. In the same survey, the seminar and workshop programme of the region was also evaluated. Nearly two-thirds (63%) of respondents said that they were generally satisfied with the method of selecting topics for seminars which, broadly-speaking, are derived from the resolutions adopted during the European Guide and Scout Conference. Of the remainder, some would prefer that the seminars and workshops should respond more precisely to identified needs in their associations. A clear majority of respondents (77%) said that they were not happy with the age limit (<30 years) which is a requirement for those seminars which are supported by the European Youth foundation.

## 200 attend opening in Kandersteg

"The Kandersteg dream is developed by young people, with young people, for young people. Since 1923, our permanent mini-jamboree has welcomed over half a million young people from every corner of the world=8A Every one of you here today is part of this dream." With these words, Aidan Jones, Director of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, welcomed over 200 guests to the opening of the new extension to the Chalet.

The Chalet was built in 1908 - just one year after Baden-Powell held the very first 'Scout camp' on Brownsea Island. It was bought in 1923 by the 'Scouts Alpine Home' Association. Over the years it has deservedly gained its reputation as 'the international home of Scouting'. In this sense, Kandersteg has fulfilled Baden-Powell's dream that it should provide a permanent mini-jamboree amongst the magnificent splendours of the Bernese Oberland.

Today, Kandersteg International Scout Centre is still operated by an international committee of volunteers. The Chalet extension was officially opened on 1 June by the Chairman of the Kandersteg Committee, Nicos Kalogeras, from Soma Hellinon Proscopon (Scout Association of Greece). Guest of honour was Dr Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of the World Organization. "It is particularly important to highlight the contribution made by the European Scout Committee which secured a major part of the finance needed for this project from the Fund for European Scouting," declared Dr Moreillon. "Without that commitment, this project could not have been realised in such a short time." The Fund for European Scouting was established from the estate of the late Colonel McIntosh who was a great friend and supporter of the Centre.

for some attending the opening, it was their first visit to the world centre in the Swiss Alps. Amongst those who returned for the weekend of celebration could be found former committee members, former volunteer and

full-time staff members and even one gentleman who had first visited the site in 1923! Mr 'Archie' Agard Evans, then 17 years old, was amongst the first members of the Scout Movement to ever visit Kandersteg and has been a

frequent visitor ever since. To mark the occasion, he was made an honorary

member of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Association at its General Assembly held on 2 June.

### **Building Bridges of Friendship**

This seminar aims to encourage national associations to integrate co-operation and development into their youth programmes and to develop

true partnerships with associations in developing countries. Participants, aged 18-30, should speak either English or French. They should be members

of national teams or networks active in co-operation and development or people responsible for development projects, and be committed to

implementing follow-up actions in their own association. Full information will be received by national associations soon. The deadline for applications is 30 September 1996.

#### **4th European Radio Scouting seminar**

The Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe challenges us to 'build bridges of friendship' in and beyond Europe's border. Developing greater access to youth information is also a goal of the Charter. One key to that process is to facilitate global communication through wider use of the technologies that are increasingly available today. Direct dialogue between young people over the airwaves is made possible through special licencing arrangements during the Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA), the world's largest annual Scouting event. Over a weekend in October, many thousands of Scouts

and Guides around the world are able to contact each other using short-wave

radio; this represents international communication on a huge scale. In recent years, additional activities have been arranged on the world-wide computer network, the Internet, to complement the JOTA activities. Since 1984, the national JOTA organisers in national associations in Europe have met together every four years. The purposes of these conferences is to assist and train new volunteer national JOTA organisers in several aspects, technical and non-technical, connected with the national and international arrangements for the event. The conference also examines broader issues related to the use of electronics, communications and information technologies, including their use within the framework of the development of the youth programme, and provides a platform for discussion and debate.

the 4th European Radio Scouting seminar will be held at Jambville (National

Scout Centre of Les Scouts de France), near Paris, 8-11 May 1997. Leaders with a national or regional responsibility for the development of Radio Scouting and related communications technologies, and national JOTA organisers, are invited to attend. Contact: Richard Middelkoop, World Radio Scouting & JOTA Adviser, Aak 8, NL-9801 MD Zuidhorn, The Netherlands. Email: [rmiddelkoop@nmi.nl](mailto:rmiddelkoop@nmi.nl) Callsign: PA3BAR

#### **READY**

Millions of young people around the world are concerned by world issues and

are making a difference. Thinking globally=8A acting locally. A few years ago, as part of the World Organization's Scouting for Nature and

Environment programme and in an effort to promote youth involvement, the World Scout Environment Network was set up. This was an experiment in empowering young people, enabling them to make direct contact with other Scouts and support each other in planning and carrying out grass-roots environmental projects. Though limited in scope, this experiment proved highly successful. Therefore, the World Programme Committee agreed to support further development of the network, using the Internet as the primary means of communication. The new name of the network is READY. According to Jorge Henrique Cardoso, the young Brazilian student co-ordinating the project, READY is a youth-to-youth communications network without boundaries; "Those already involved are helping each other plan and organize local projects to improve the world they live in. Sharing experiences of projects, offering support, talking about problems encountered and getting involved together." A brochure describing what READY is all about, and how young people can become part of it, is available from The READY Network, World Scout Bureau, Box 241, CH-1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland. Email: [ready@world.scout.org](mailto:ready@world.scout.org) If you want to discover READY on the World-Wide Web, the URL is: <http://www.scout.org/ready/>

### **Colony of Painters**

An invitation to an unusual camping event has been issued by Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije (Yugoslav Scout Association). The 3rd International Scout Colony of Painters will take place in Kovacica from 29 June to 7 July 1996. The event is open to Scouts aged 14 and over. During the week of the camp participants will work to develop their artistic talents alongside local painters from this region which is famed for its naive art style. Meals and art materials are supplied by the hosts, meaning that participants need only meet their personal travel costs, including visas etc. An exhibition of the works is staged at the close of the camp. More information from: Savez Izvidaca Jugoslavije. Tel/Fax: (+381.11) 19 44 49. Email: [wdream@ixc.net](mailto:wdream@ixc.net)

### **Scout poster to help Clean Up The World**

The Clean Up The World campaign has selected a design created for Saves

Izvidaca Jugoslavije (Yugoslav Scout Association) by Goran Cirkovic, from Belgrade, to use as this year's campaign poster. Clean Up the World will take place again over the weekend of 13-15 September 1996. Information on this year's event from: Clean Up the World, 123 Harris Street, Pyrmont, Sydney, NSW-2009 Australia. Fax: (+61.2) 692 07 61.

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**World Organization welcomes the Czech Republic**

Jun=E1k - Svaz Skautu a Skautek (Jun=E1k - Association of Scouts and Guides = of the Czech Republic) has been welcomed as the 141st member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement on 30 June 1996. The association has a total membership of some 70,000 (approximately 60% male) operating in a country with a population of around 10.3 million people. Jun=E1k is a "Scout and Guide National Organization" in accordance with the Statement on Relationships between WAGGGS and WOSM. Scouting in the Czech Republic has a long and distinguished history. The Czechs were third, after the United Kingdom and Chile, to adopt Scouting. In 1910, inspired by the writings of Robert Baden-Powell, Prof. Antonin B Svojsik wrote the first handbook for Scouts already operating in the Czech lands. He followed this with an experimental camp in 1911, only four years after Baden-Powell's own experimental camp on Brownsea Island. The following year, Svojsik organised a camp, lasting five weeks, during which the first steps were taken towards the establishment of the Scout Movement in the Czech lands, named Jun=E1k-Czesky Skaut. In the quickly developing

world of Scouting, Junák-Czechy Skaut provided a model to be followed by

many other developing national associations, at the time.

Czechoslovakia was established in the years following the end of the First World War and the different associations within its newly defined borders came together in one united national association. In 1922, therefore, the Czechoslovakian Scout and Guide Federation featured amongst the founding

members of the World Organization. The political changes that were to characterise much of Czechoslovakia's relatively brief existence (1918 - 1992) were reflected in the changing fortunes of Junák. On three occasions=

, the association was dissolved by force: first by the Nazis in 1940; it was re-registered in Prague in 1945 following the country's liberation, with 120,000 members registered in 1946 (making it the second largest association in the World Movements at that time), but it was taken over by the Communist regime in 1948. Junák reappeared as an independent organization in 1968, following the historic 'Prague Spring', surviving until it was banned by order of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, in October 1970. Despite these frequent set-backs, and despite the punishments

endured by those who suffered for their undiminished loyalty to the Movement, Scouting remained a constant source of hope and inspiration, commanding a special place in the hearts of the Czech nation. Members of the association are remembered and honoured for their loyal services to their homeland during the war and during the brief period of freedom which

had immediately followed peace. Following the dramatic events of late 1989,

when the communist regimes of many central and eastern European countries

crumbled, Scouting rapidly re-emerged. On 1 February 1990, the Federation

of Czech and Slovak Scouting was officially registered, paving the way for its re-admittance to the World Organization during the World Scout Conference in Paris, July 1990.

Czechoslovakia was finally dissolved at midnight on 31 December 1992, and

was replaced by two independent republics, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

In Scouting terms, the immediate effect was that Czech Junák (as it was



then called) and Slovensky Skauting were required to apply for membership of the World Organization as the national member organizations of the newly founded Czech Republic and Republic of Slovakia respectively. Since then, the re-named Jun=E1k - Association of Scouts and Guides has been undertaking a wide-ranging review of its internal and constitutional bodies and of its Cub and Scout Promises and Laws. Members of the World Scout Bureau and its European Office have been in regular contact with Jun=E1k, offering advice and support whenever necessary.

### **World Scout Conference: 8-12 July**

The 34th World Scout Conference will welcome the national Scout organizations which have been admitted to the World Organization of the Scout Movement since the 33rd World Scout Conference in Bangkok. These are:

Latvia (1993); Slovenia (1994); Mongolia (1994); Yugoslavia (1995); Poland (1996); Niger (1996); Estonia (1996) and the Czech Republic (1996). In its first session, the Conference will also vote on the membership of the Palestinian Scout Association. Their membership will bring the WOSM members to 142 national Scout organizations.

### **Youth Forum Prepares for World Conference**

The 6th World Youth Forum takes place in Moss, Norway, from 2 to 5 July, prior to the 34th World Scout Conference and will, for the first time, be linked to the World Scout Conference. It will be attended by approximately 130 young people from 50 countries. A report will be presented to the World

Scout Conference by the Forum's chairman, H=E5kon Lund. The World Conference

voted to strengthen youth involvement in the decision-making process of the

World Organization in Bangkok in 1993. The resolution emphasizes that Scouting is not only a Movement for young people but also a Movement of young people.

### **World Scout Moot in Sweden**

The 10th World Scout Moot will be held in Sweden beginning on 15 July, following the World Scout Conference. More than 2,000 young people are expected to attend from some 50 countries. World Scout Moots are gatherings of members of senior branches of national Scout associations (traditionally called Rovers) and other young adult members.

## **Indaba**

Due to recent changes in Belgian government policy, the attempt to register Indaba as a development non-governmental organization (NGO) in Belgium has failed. The number of development NGOs registered in Belgium is to be reduced from 98 to about 15. It has, therefore, been necessary to examine various other solutions. At its second meeting in Brussels on 9 June, the Indaba General Assembly adopted the proposal put forward by the Administrative Board to establish a new development NGO in Luxembourg, consisting of Indaba and the three existing Scout and Guide development NGOs in Luxembourg. Scout and Guide associations in Europe will continue to be members of Indaba. Minor modifications were made to the statutes of Indaba, and the Guides and Scouts of Finland were welcomed as a new member.

The new NGO, called SGICDA, held its constitutive assembly in Luxembourg on 15 June. Paul Geditz (Fédération Nationale des Eclaireurs et Eclaireuses du Luxembourg) was provisionally elected Chairman of the SGICDA Administrative Board, David McKee (The Scout Association, UK) Secretary and Hans Meij (Scouting Nederland) Treasurer. All these people had previously been elected to serve on the Indaba Administrative Board. On 18 June, the SGICDA statutes were presented to the State Secretariat for Foreign Affairs in Luxembourg and they are currently in the process of being registered. The two Indaba volunteers, Yves Dupont and Alfonsine Kabagabo, who are based at the European Office, have since had their first meeting at the DG VIII of the European Commission where they presented the new NGO and the work done by Scout and Guide associations in Europe in the field of co-operation and development. Any associations which would like to apply

for funding for their development projects are strongly encouraged to send details of their project(s) to: Indaba c/o The European Guide and Scout Office.

### **Spanish Scouts lobby for Children's Rights**

Within the perspective of the Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe, federacion de Asociaciones de Scouts de Espa=F1a is participating in a partnership with other non-governmental organizations called Euronet.

This

network is calling upon the European Union to strengthen the position of children and young people when reviewing the Maastricht Treaty. The campaign will use a variety of methods to gather support, including postcard distributions and petitions. The campaign will close with an event in the Spanish Parliament, when the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be presented to the parliamentarians as a reminder of the importance of this work.

### **EuroSteps '97**

Application forms for EuroSteps '97 were sent to all national Scout and Guide associations in May's Europak, as well as to all existing EuroSteps. Please send your completed forms, giving practical details of your proposed

EuroStep(s) and a full description of the projects which young people can undertake there, to the European Office by 23 September. Please also send clear maps and slides or photographs for inclusion in the 1997 booklet. If you have any video coverage of your EuroStep(s), please send a copy to the European Office for possible inclusion in new promotional material currently being prepared.

### **Seminar deadlines**

Please remember that the deadline for applications to the Network Meeting

for National Youth Council and European Youth Platform Representatives is 5

August.

"Building Bridges of Friendship", the European seminar on co-operation and development, is to be held at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg from

25 November to 1 December (dates of arrival and departure). This seminar aims to encourage national associations to integrate co-operation and

development into their youth programmes and to develop true partnerships with associations in developing countries. The deadline for application is 30 September. Full information and application forms for both these events have been sent to international commissioners.

Ten years on =8A

It is 10 years since the world's worst nuclear accident struck Chernobyl, in the Ukraine. Neighbouring Belarus (especially the southern parts) received some of the highest levels of radiation. The results of this can still be seen in the environment and in the health of the population. The Association of Belarussian Guides is working on its Chernobyl project to raise awareness of the ongoing problems resulting from the disaster and to encourage associations in other countries to welcome groups of Belarussian children in order to give them a healthy break in a "clean" environment. For further details or information, please write to Svetlana Korotkevich, International Commissioner, Association of Belarussian Guides, 14 Kirov Street, Minsk 220 030, BELARUS

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### **Looking Wider - 34th World Scout Conference**

A total of 108 countries participated in the World Scout Conference, held in Oslo, 8-12 July, compared with 99 countries at the 1993 Conference in Bangkok. The number of official delegates in Oslo reached 409 and the total number of participants was 1,026, including more than 100 under the age of 26 years.

The Conference unanimously accepted the Palestinian Scout Association as the newest member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. In an emotional and colourful ceremony, all of the new members of the World Organization since the 33rd World Scout Conference in Bangkok were welcomed: Latvia, Slovenia, Mongolia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Niger, Estonia, Czech Republic and the Palestinian Scout Association. The membership of the World Organization is currently 142 national Scout organizations.

Two special commissions at the Conference, each lasting one full day, examined the mission-related questions of Scouting for what? and Scouting for whom? This report is adapted from the summaries presented to the conference by Soren Lundsberg-Nielsen and John Ravenhall, members of the World Adult Resources Committee:

'A clear trend in the reports from the working groups considering Scouting for what? is that Scouting needs a better, clearer and more visible image. At the same time it is also clearly stated that there is a general acceptance and support of the values and methods of the Movement as they appear today. Several directions are open for the future development of a mission statement. One direction is an in-depth development of the underlying values in order to ensure a firmer foundation for our Movement.

This is based on the reasoning that a house may look good and sound but it will never survive if it doesn't have a firm and solid foundations. Another direction is to take our purpose, values and method as they are at present and then develop a new and clearer presentation, easier to understand for

and to communicate to non-Scouts. We must be able to convey to others outside Scouting what, why and how Scouting works, giving the community around us a clear understanding and appreciation of how Scouting contributes to society. This is based on the reasoning that a house can be as good and sound as it can be but you will not be able to sell it a fair price until you can convince others of its true value.

'In our World Constitution, we state that Scouting is open to all young people. But how does the reality compare with this ideal? What conditions must exist to bring today's reality closer to our ideals? The Commission on Scouting for Whom? raised many possibilities, suggesting that we also share

many responsibilities. Whether we have the will, the time, the flexibility and the resources to tackle some or most of these challenges, the future will tell. ("The Future is Now" the last World Jamboree told us!)

Primarily, we need to review and reaffirm Scouting's mission, so that there is clear understanding of what we have to offer, before we ask, "to whom?" On the other hand, the needs are those of people - the "whom" - and their needs may encourage us to modify what we offer. So while the "whom" could

indeed affect the "what", is this not simply a case of "tailoring our programme to the needs of individuals or groups? The overall conclusion is that we all share the vision that Scouting should be for all. This implies that, at present, Scouting is not for all! The question is therefore how to get from the present situation to the situation we wish for the future.

Beforehand, we have to confront ourselves with a question of honour. Do we

truly wish for this development or could our expression of it partly be a reflection of our moral codes telling us that we have to state this opinion?

'Within the limited time available, the contributions received from the commissions have been very enriching. Following the Conference, all the reports of the working groups will be examined in more depth in order to provide working material to the Strategy working group of the World Organization when it next meets in October.'

The 6th World Youth Forum took place in Moss, Norway. Linked for the first

time to the World Scout Conference, both in time and in focus, its agenda had followed the framework of the 34th World Scout Conference, examining

**the key-topics Scouting for What? and Scouting for Whom? H=E5kon Lund, Chair**

**of the Forum, told the Conference that the Forum had been "able to look wider and deeper on important aspects of the World Organization=8A Through**

**the discussions in international teams, the international patrols groups and the Regional Commissions, the participants were able to build bridges over cultural differences and truly create the spirit of a global community. The participants at the 6th World Youth Forum not only discussed**

**Scouting: they lived Scouting, they were Scouting!"**

**New World Scout Committee**

**H.W. Garnet de la Hunt (South Africa), Stein L=F8vold (Norway), Patrick Lyon**

**d'Andrimont (Chile), W. Garth Morrison (United Kingdom), Dr. Abdullah Omar**

**Nasseef (Saudia Arabia) and Constantinos Tsantilis (Greece) were elected to the World Scout Committee. The Committee elected Francisco Roman (Philippines) as its new Chairman; John Donnell, Jr. (USA) continues as Vice-chairman for finance and support, and Jocelyne Gendrin (France) was appointed Vice-chairman for educational methods. The remaining elected members of the committee are Cham-Son Chau (Hong Kong), Ivo Stern Becka**

**(Mexico) and Abdourahmane Sow (Senegal).**

**future World Scout Events**

**Mexico will host the 11th World Scout Moot in 2000. Thailand will host the 20th World Scout Jamboree in 2003. Greece will host the 36th World Scout Conference in 2002.**

**New Perspectives - WAGGGS 29th World Conference**

**"Canadians strongly support the values WAGGGS promote: peace, leadership,**

**international co-operation and community service. As the world largest voluntary organisation for women and girls, you are a powerful force for a positive change," declared Jean Chr=E9tien, Prime Minister of host country Canada, during his speech at the Opening Ceremony at the 29th WAGGGS World**

**Conference.**

About 500 participants from 121 countries attended the conference to hear the keynote address of Dr. Roberta Bondar on "New Perspectives". As Canada's first woman astronaut and one of only 24 women world-wide to have flown in space, she commented on how her perspectives had changed throughout life - in ways unimaginable to some. Dr. Bondar grew up with the motto Be Prepared. She learned to be open to new ideas and understanding of different perspectives. Thanks to Guiding, she also learned to set and attain goals and to keep her aims high. Dr. Bondar's inspiring address set the scene perfectly for the Conference to look into new perspectives.

The Conference welcomed Czech Republic, Fiji, Ivory Coast, Oman, Papua New Guinea and Brunei Darussalam as Full Members, and Belarus, Congo, Maldives, Mauritania, Poland, Slovenia, Tunisia and Western Samora as Associate Members.

The Conference decided that: the Mission of WAGGGS is "to enable girls and young women to develop their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world"; the WAGGGS World Committee is renamed the World Board; WAGGGS will increase regional responsibility as a method of work with regular Regional Conferences electing Regional Committees and taking decisions on regional matters such as budgets, human resources, fund-raising and regional plans; Regional Chairman will attend World Board meetings; a 5th World Centre will be established in Africa; the World Board will reconsider, with the World Organization, the Statement of Relationships, in order to preserve and protect each national association's right to choose its own structure consistent with the Mission of WAGGGS.

The Chairman of WAGGGS' Youth Committee, Nicole Abboud, addressed the Conference: "In 1993 a Youth Committee was formed with ten young women under the age of 30. It has been a learning and growing experience for all Youth Committee members. The Youth Committee recommended to the World Committee, that the Youth Committee be abolished as the parallel structure



distanced us from the decision making process. The Youth Committee would like to see WAGGGS combine the life experience and wisdom of its best members, with the experience, energy and new perspectives of some of its younger, promising members." The World Conference adopted recommendations that the World Board nominate two young women under the age of 30 to attend its meetings in a resource capacity, and that there shall be at least one woman under the age of 30 (at the time of her election) in all sub-committees. Kirstine S=F8rensen (Denmark) and Danielle B=E9langer (Canada) were appointed to attend meetings of the new World Board as young women under 30.

#### **New WAGGGS' World Board**

Josephine Diallo (Senegal), LaRae Orullian (USA), Ginny Radford (New Zealand) and Maria Eugenia Freile de Ponce (Ecuador) were elected to the World Board. Heather Brandon (South Africa) was elected as Chairman; Teresita C. Choa (Philippines) and Kgotso Mokama (Botswana) as Vice-chairmen. Other World Board members are: Gunilla Engwall (Sweden), Marianne van Maarschalkerweerd (Netherlands), Eldrid Midttun (Norway), Lilyclaire Bellamy (Jamaica) and Maha Salhani (Lebanon).

#### **New European Committee member**

The European Scout Committee, at its meeting in June, learnt with regret of the unexpected decision of Luc Van Cauter to resign from the Committee. It was decided to co-opt Adina Dabu, International Commissioner of the Scout Association of Romania, for the remainder of the current triennium. Adina was warmly welcomed by the region during the European Regional Meeting, held prior to the World Scout Conference.

#### **Vacancy at Kandersteg**

Aidan Jones, Director of Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland, has recently announced his resignation and his position will therefore become vacant from November 1996. The World Scout Bureau will

recruit his successor and a copy of the job description has been circulated to international commissioners of all national member associations. Potential candidates should therefore contact their international commissioner, in the first instance, to obtain a copy of the job description. Completed applications should be sent to Luc Panissod, Deputy Secretary General, World Scout Bureau, Box 241, 1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland, before 15 September 1996. A hand written application letter, detailed CV, description of responsibilities in the Scout Movement and a list of references should be included with any application. A short list of applicants will be invited for interview during October 1996.

#### Leadership - passing on the tasks

International Commissioners are reminded that registration for the first phase of this project, in the form of a European Region seminar, closes on Monday, 2 September. This event, focussing on an analysis of young people in the decision making structures in associations and developing proposals for their better involvement, takes place in the village of Ericeira, 50 km from Lisbon, 2-8 November 1996.

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## **9th European Guide and Scout Conference**

**The 9th European Guide and Scout Conference will be held in the Conference Centre of Luxembourg-Kirchberg, Luxembourg, 2-8 May 1998. The theme of the conference will be "Helping Europe Grow!", the title having been taken from the Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe. The conference will provide a platform to national associations to report their successes in implementing the Charter, coming three years after their adoption of it in 1995.**

## **Turned on Europe**

**MTV Europe has launched a search to find 80 young Europeans to feature in their new programme: 'Turned on Europe'. Young people from all over Europe are invited to contact MTV to tell them their story: who they are, what they believe in, what makes them angry, their ambitions, hopes and fears for the future. If selected, MTV will help young people to turn their ideas into a film to be shown on MTV. Young people can call a 'hot-line' number to tell their story - (+44.171) 757 7022 - or write to: Christian Lobo, MTV 'Turned on Europe', PO Box 1384, GB - London NW1 8UH, UK. Tel: (+44.171) 284 6109. Fax: (+44.171) 284 7779. Email: turnedon@mtvne.com**

## **Building bridges of friendship**

**The aim of this seminar, to be held in the European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 25 November to 1 December, is to encourage national associations to: integrate development education into their youth programmes; undertake development programmes within the framework of partnerships with associations in developing countries. Scouting and Guiding both aim to train young people to be happy, active and useful members of their communities. We use development education as a tool to broaden young people's horizons, in order to help them better understand**

the world's problems and the relationship of interdependence between communities. We also encourage young people to participate in development actions on the local, national and international level, so that they acquire new knowledge, skills and attitudes, increase their self-confidence and feeling of belonging and contribute towards the development of a more just society. This seminar will build upon the experience of partnership among member associations in Europe and in developing countries, as well as upon the guidelines on north-south partnership developed at regional and world levels. Full information was sent to international commissioners in July's Europak= .. Completed application forms must reach the European Guide and Scout Office by 30 September. In view of the number of applications anticipated for this seminar, it is essential to respect this deadline.

### **Spirit into Action**

Over 2,600 Rovers and young leaders between 18 and 26 years old participated in the 10th World Scout Moot organised by the Swedish Scout and Guide Council in Rans=E4ter, near Karlstad, Sweden, 15-26 July. Participants from seventy eight countries watched as HM Carl XVI Gustaf performed the official opening. Taking Spirit into Action as its theme, the Moot was a great success. In line with the World Scout Conference's desire to see more community involvement highlighted in the Moot programme, over 20 workshops and forums on key social and environmental issues were offered with the help of organizations such as UNHCR. The concept of the Moot was based around inter-cultural dialogue and on a process leading to increased international understanding and friendship. The organisers divided participants into international patrols at the very beginning of the event and sent them out on a four-day hike through the countryside. During this period, participants had little or no contact with other patrols or the general public, making it a hard and demanding introduction to international team building. On return to the Moot site, the participants enjoyed a further day of intensive collaboration in pioneering activities in patrols. The Moot was organized simply and efficiently by the young Swedish host committee (all under 30 years old). This approach resulted in

**an event which was more affordable for participants, and provided a good example of Scout ideals bringing 'spirit into action'.**

### **EuroSteps '97**

**Associations wishing to present projects for inclusion in the EuroSteps '97 booklet are reminded that the deadline for application is 23 September. Please send the completed EuroSteps application forms (included in May's Europak) to the European Office. For each EuroStep give practical details (location, costs, transport etc.) and a full description of the projects which young people aged 16-22 can undertake there. Please include clear maps showing the location of each EuroStep, and slides or photographs which may be used to illustrate the booklet.**

### **Informal networks to meet**

**The next meeting of the two informal networks on North-South co-operation and working with ethnic communities will be in Amsterdam, 18-20 October.**

**Information and a registration form can be obtained from Scouting Nederland. Fax: (+31.33) 496 02 22. Associations which participated in the European Campaign Against Racism in 1995 are kindly requested to bring it to the informal network meeting or to send copies of any educational material which they produced to the European Office. Further meetings are planned for 21-23 March (DPSG, Germany) and 17-19 October (SMF, France).**

### **39th World Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air**

**The 39th World Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) will be held during the weekend 19-20 October 1996. The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts all over the world speak to each other by means of amateur radio contacts. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are internationally shared. Units may operate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00.00h until Sunday 24.00h local time. Members of WAGGGS are invited to enjoy this international event with the Scouts. The 39th JOTA provides a challenge to those Scouts, radio amateurs and Scouters who like the outdoors. JOTA participants are being challenged to**

set up their stations at unusual places: on top of a high-rise building, in the middle of a public market place, on a ferry boat, on a bridge, at a camp site, on a ..... well, use your imagination. The condition is, however, that these stations use their own power source. Something like a small generator, a windmill, a water-driven mill, or just batteries. Scouts can also participate in JOTA by connecting a computer to the Internet. Identify your PC with the amateur radio call sign of the station that you are working from. If you are not in a station, use your Scout group's name and country; switch to the IRC or "internet relay chat" channel called "JOTA". Type "CQ Jamboree" and see who answers your call! Scouts who hold an amateur radio license valid for short-wave band operations and who would like to come to visit Geneva in October to assist with the operation of the radio station of the World Scout Bureau, HB9S, are invited to contact the station manager: Yves Margot, 7 Route A. ferrand, Lully, CH-1233 Bernex, Switzerland. Packet: HB9AOF@HB9IAP Scoutin=

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experience and operating practice are a prerequisite.

**Eurofolk '97 - in hyperspace!**

In one year's time, Scouts and Guides from across Europe will travel to Belgium to participate in Eurofolk '97. Eurofolk is a celebration of the differences in cultures, tastes, interests and rhythms of life of 16-20 year old Venture Scouts, Rovers and Rangers. If you have access to the World-Wide Web, you can already enter the world of Eurofolk by pointing your browser at <http://www.netmania.be/netmania/fsc/eurofolk.htm> Full information on the event and general information on Belgium is available there in French and English.

**World Scout Map**

The World Scout Map will grace any Scout meeting place, and costs just GBP 4.50 (plus GBP 1.25 postage worldwide). Locate all the World Scout Jamborees, see a selection of uniforms and activities, and discover the phenomenal spread of Scouting throughout the world. Additional regional fact sheets give brief data on the member organisations of World Scouting. The World Scout Map is available from Scout Shops, Churchill Industrial Estate, Lancing, GB - West Sussex BN15 8UG. Tel: (+44.1903) 755352. Fax: (+44.1903) 751044. Email: [uklanscout@aol.com](mailto:uklanscout@aol.com)

**International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism**

**Young people across Europe are invited to show solidarity with all those who suffer because of persecution and violence today. The day is 9 November, which is the anniversary of 'Kristallnacht'; the night which marked the beginning of the Holocaust in 1938. Successful campaigns in support of the Roma people and of refugees were held in 1994 and 1995 respectively. More details from the campaign organisers: UNITED, Postbus 413, NL-1000 AK Amsterdam. Tel: (+31.20) 683 4778. Fax: (+31.20) 683 4582.**

**Email: united@antenna.nl**

### **World Youth Forum of the United Nations System**

**The World Youth Forum of the United Nations System will meet in Vienna, Austria, 25-29 November 1996. This forum is the principal platform for youth and youth-related organizations meeting under the aegis of the United**

**Nations General Assembly. Its 3 purposes are: to provide a forum to strengthen youth efforts, enhance youth involvement in the decision-making**

**processes of the United Nations, and to develop joint youth policies, projects and programmes; to establish more effective and efficient channels**

**of communications and modes of cooperation between and among youth and**

**youth-serving organizations and the youth-related organizations and agencies of the United Nations and other youth related intergovernmental organizations; to promote the implementation and monitoring of the United Nations World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond and**

**other policies and programmes related to youth, based on the objectives and**

**the priority areas of these policies and programmes and the interests of young people. Information about the forum meeting was distributed at both**

**the World Organization's 6th World Youth Forum and at the World Scout Moot,**

**earlier this year. The basic participation fee is USD 150.-, with a reduced fee for applicants coming from developing countries.**

**As members of the world's largest non-formal educational movement, Scout**

**participants will have much to offer the forum. Prospective Scout participants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as places are limited. Applicants living in a country which has a national youth council**

must route their applications through that body. Contact your national youth council for more details. Scout applicants living in countries where there is no national youth council should fax their applications direct to the United Nations Youth Unit (Fax: (+1.212) 963 30 62.) with a copy to the World Scout Bureau in Geneva (Fax: (+41.22) 781 20 53.). Members needing a copy of the information and application form should contact Abdoulaye Sar in the World Scout Bureau.

### Staying in touch with Kandersteg

New telephone and fax numbers for the Kandersteg International Scout Centre are: Tel: (+41.33) 75 82 82. Fax: (+41.33) 75 82 89. (Email: [kandersteg@world.scout.org](mailto:kandersteg@world.scout.org))

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Network meeting strengthens Latin partnerships



Representatives from 9 countries met in Como, Italy, from 21-22 September, for the 4th meeting of Nostrum, the informal network of "Latin" countries, hosted by the Federazione Italiana dello Scouting. The aim of the network is to strengthen co-operation among Scout and Guide associations in southern Europe and to improve youth programmes for adolescents and young people. The network focuses on issues such as intercultural learning, environment, north-south co-operation, peace and human rights. In Como, members presented the environmental projects currently underway in their countries and planned ways of co-operating more closely in this field. Agreements were reached on bi-lateral and multi-lateral projects, such as youth exchanges and leader training. Several associations presented EuroSteps for 1997 and Italy (AGESCI and CNGEI) offered to organise an international leader training course focusing on the Mediterranean environment in 1997. Malta offered to host a Mediterranean Jamboree in 2000. The next Nostrum meeting will be held in Malta from 21-22 September 1997 and will focus on intercultural learning. Corpo Nacional de Escutas (Portugal) offered to produce a regular Mediterranean environmental newsletter. Interested associations can send articles by fax (+351.1) 395 06 41 or e-mail <cne.escutismo@mail.telepac.pt>.

### **Evaluation of the Helsingborg Resolution**

The 'Helsingborg Resolution' was adopted at the 7th European Guide and Scout Conference held in Helsingborg, Sweden, in 1992. This resolution called for greater structural cooperation between the European Scout Region and the Europe Region WAGGGS, for a trial period of six years, through the creation of one conference, one committee, one office, one long term plan with a single budget and one single financial report. It was on the basis of this resolution that the European Guide and Scout Office was established in Brussels. In Salzburg, last year, the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference decided to evaluate the trial period. A questionnaire will be sent to all associations in October's Europak. The committee wishes to receive the considered opinions of all associations on the extent to which they feel the Helsingborg Resolution has been implemented and the additional benefits/difficulties the new structures have brought to national member

organizations (and their component associations, in the case of federations) and to the region as a whole. The period from 1992 until now has been on an experimental basis. It is important for the European Guide and Scout Committee to receive opinions from every association in order that the fullest information possible will be available prior to any discussions and decision-making at the European Guide and Scout Conference in 1998. The European Guide and Scout Committee will report the outcomes of this evaluation to the Summit Conference in Switzerland, 16-18 May 1997. The report will not identify specific countries or associations but give an overview of the present situation as viewed by the respondents. All associations are urged to participate fully in the evaluation process and to complete and return the questionnaire before 20 November 1996. If your association has not received the questionnaire by the 14 October, please contact the European Guide and Scout Office.

### **Summer Get-Together**

The Summer Get-Together '96, on the Management of Adult Leaders, was the first of its kind. It gathered 63 participants, 7 partners, 3 experts and 6 members of the planning team from 17 European countries =8A and Brazil! The event was held at the Centro Eurolatinamericano de la Juventud, from 3-11 August 1996. The three stages defined in the 'Adults in Scouting' model - recruitment and induction, training and support, appraisal and evaluation - provided a framework for the week, with a variety of presentations, discussions and workshops being held on each of these areas. As a result, many people produced the gem of an idea to build on back in their associations.

"It was helpful to bring people together," explained Debbie Ladds of The Scout Association (UK) and a member of the planning team, "especially when associations have moved forward in the implementation of an Adult Resources policy, rather than just a training or management policy. It is comforting to be able to meet with people in a similar situation and realise that some of the problems we are experiencing are also being experienced by them."

**National Programme Commissioners' Forum**

The 8th European Guide and Scout Conference requested that an event be organised for National Programme Commissioners and others responsible for youth programme development. This event aims to assist national associations in developing high-quality youth programmes, by providing an opportunity to exchange ideas, tools and expertise. Participants should have knowledge and experience of developing youth programmes at national level and be familiar with the materials and support provided by the European Region relating to youth programme development (e.g. The Charter for Guiding and Scouting in Europe, Living Guiding and Scouting, Europe For You !), as well as other materials published by either the World Organization or WAGGGS. Participants also need to be able to communicate well in English and/or French. Associations are encouraged to send more than one participant to the Forum, in order to facilitate the sharing of new ideas and tools and maximise their impact on programme teams and their work. Associations are, however, requested to adhere strictly to the profile of participants. There is no age limit for participation in this event. Please note that due to the limited amount of places available it is possible that not all applications can be accepted.

The programme will be in two main parts, one which all participants will attend and a second which will enable participants to select the topics they wish to work on. Discussion groups and workshops will be the main working methods. The Forum will take place at the Gustavelund Hotel in Tuusula, Finland, 12-16 March 1997. The hotel is a commercial training and conference centre located 30 km from the centre of Helsinki and 15 km from Helsinki international airport.

The participation fee for the Programme Commissioners' Forum is 9,000.00 BEF per person. Participants are responsible for paying their own travel expenses. It is hoped that a grant will be received and that a partial reimbursement of travel costs will be possible. Full information and an application form with attached questionnaire have been sent to associations in October's Europak. Applications must reach the European Guide and Scout

Office no later than 20 January 1997.

### **Strengthening Emotional Development through Youth Programmes**

This workshop will be held in Brussels, 30 January - 2 February 1997, to follow-up the Programme Development Forum on Gender Identity and the seminar on Gender Identity vs. Gender Roles - Possibilities vs. Realities, held in Norway in March 1996. Those events provided participants with knowledge about the development of the gender identity and an opportunity to exchange ideas. This new workshop aims to help put the theory into practice by identifying how the emotional development of individuals - in the same way as the physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and moral development - can be implemented in the youth programmes of national associations.

Participants should be responsible for and experienced in developing youth programmes at national level, be in a position to influence the long term development of their association's youth programme, and be able to communicate effectively in English and/or French. They should have attended the seminar or forum held in March 96, or be thoroughly briefed by someone who did before coming to the workshop, as the theoretical background will not be repeated. There is no age limit to attend this event. Auberge Jean Nihon youth hostel is situated within easy reach of the centre of Brussels. The event is fully self-financed. Participants are expected to pay their own travel and insurance expenses, and are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. The participation fee of 5,000 BEF covers accommodation from 30 January to 2 February, meals from dinner on 30 January to lunch on 2 February, and workshop facilities. Full information has been sent to national associations in October's Europak. Application forms should be submitted to the European Guide and Scout Office before 2 December 1996.

**Eurofolk deadline approaches**

**Deadline for registration 31 December 1996. Fee BEF 9,000 per person. BEF 4,500 to be paid as deposit by 31 December. Dates 21 July - 2 August 1997.**

**Age 16-20. 2,500 participants. Information: contact Eurofolk '97, rue de Dublin 21, B-1050 Brussels. Fax (+32.2) 511 46 87.**

### **Europe Contribution to the Europe Region WAGGGS**

**Contributions from members of the Europe Region WAGGGS for the Financial**

**Year 1996/97 become due on 1st October 1996. The Europe Region WAGGGS is**

**mailing information on and invoices to all associations in the Europe Region WAGGGS requesting payment by 31 December 1996. The Europe contributions is based on the decisions taken in Salzburg in 1995 and has been calculated, in pounds sterling, using the census figures in WAGGGS 28th report (1993/1996), then converted to Belgian Francs.**

**It is easier with a friend**

**War in ex-Yugoslavia caused destruction and suffering for millions of people. Many had to leave their homes and their possessions. There are an estimated 600,000 refugees and displaced persons now living in Yugoslavia**

**(Serbia and Montenegro) and Savez Izvidjaca Jugoslavije (Scout Association of Yugoslavia) is one amongst many organizations which are working alongside relief agencies such as the UNHCR. Children are most affected. Many of them live with no sense of belonging, no values, no toys, not even friends. Scouts from Yugoslavia want to give them a friendly hand and pleasant experiences.**

**"By inviting them into our units, our activities and camps, we can make their childhood easier," explains international commissioner Milutin Milosovic. "Units and groups in other countries can also involve themselves in our projects for refugees. This will be our practical contribution to implementing the Memorandum of Understanding between the World Organization**

**and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, signed during the last World Scout Jamboree." For more information on how you can get involved, contact Savez Izvidjaca Jugoslavije, PF 7, YU-11150 Beograd, Yugoslavia. Tel/fax: (+381.11) 19 44 49. Email: yuscout@classroom.opennet.org**

**Office closures in November**

**The European Guide and Scout Office will be closed on 1, 11, 19 and 20 Novem=**

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**Eurofolk 1997**

**The deadline for registration to the one and only European event for 16-20 year-olds is approaching fast - 31 December 1996! From 21 July - 2**

**August**

**1997, Belgium expects to welcome 2,500 Guides and Scouts aged 16 to 20 to**

**the event, accompanied by their 500 leaders. Eurofolk '97 promises to be a fun-filled and unique opportunity to the participants, both for young people and their leaders. Guides and Scouts will learn about each other and their different European cultures. This will be achieved while living in international patrols and travelling around Belgium participating in EuroSteps. The leaders will be a part of international groups as well, participating in their own programme and being involved in setting up and organising activities as well as helping to run sub-camps. Information has already been sent out in various Europaks, but for further information**

**contact the organisers of Eurofolk, Rue de Dublin 21, B-1050 Brussels.  
Tel: (+32.2) 512 46 91. Fax: (+32.2) 511 46 87.**

### **Eurofile update**

**Attention international commissioners! This is your last chance to send the update of your association's page in Eurofile, the directory of national member associations in Europe. We are preparing the 1997 issue and we urgently need the correct information for your association. Please post or fax a copy of your page to the European Guide and Scout Office, before 15 November 1996, showing clearly any amendments to be made. If there are no amendments to be made, we would very much appreciate a brief message from you confirming that the current information we have is correct. Many thanks for your prompt action.**

### **Where to Stay in Europe 1997**

**Centres or campsites featured in Where to Stay in Europe 1996 received a copy of their page from the that edition and have been asked to make any corrections necessary for the 1997 edition. In addition, application forms for new entries in this popular brochure have been distributed to international commissioners. Where to Stay in Europe 1997 will contain a new section in which centres and campsites have the opportunity to provide details of their volunteer staff programmes. Application forms for entry in this section were included with the mailings to centres, campsites and international commissioners. The deadline for corrected copies of existing pages and completed application forms to be received in Kandersteg was 1 November 1996. Centres or campsites sending in complete information after that date may be lucky and the pages for the 1997 edition may not have already been sent to the printer! So don't delay - act today.**

### **Youth Programme Development**

**Please remember that applications for the workshop on Strengthening emotional development through youth programmes have to reach the European Guide and Scout Office before 2 December. The workshop will take place in Brussels, 30 January to 2 February 1997, and is primarily intended for**

members of national programme teams. Further information can be found in the invitation to the event, which was sent to all international commissioners in October's Europak.

#### **Peace Education seminar - dates finalised**

**This seminar is organised in the context of the section on Youth Programme Development in the Regional Plan 1996 - 2000 adopted by the 8th European Guide and Scout Conference. The seminar will now take place at the**

**European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 28 April - 4 May 1997. The seminar will aim to identify the mission of youth organisations in the framework of the reinforcement of friendship and human understanding throughout the world;**

**define the concept of peace that prevails within Guiding and Scouting and within other youth organizations working for peace; identify the way stereotypes carried by media, family and schools influence the attitude of young people; determine the type of training needed by leaders and youth members participating in international events to make them more aware of cultural differences and to accept them as elements of cultural enrichment and not as threats; develop practical peace education activities that can be used at local, national and international levels. Full information on the programme and practical arrangements for this seminar are being prepared for mailing with December's Europak.**

#### **North-South and "Overture" networks**

**These two informal networks met in Baarn, Netherlands, from 18-20 October**

**and brought together representatives of Scout associations and Guide associations from Belgium, Chile, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Rwanda, Spain, Switzerland, UK. It was an opportunity**

**to share news and present current projects, evaluate past events and plan future co-operation. Parts of the programme was attended by members of both**

**networks: a demonstration of READY (a Scouting network on the Internet); the participation of young people in community development projects; review**



of the workshops at the World Moot; preparations for the Global Development

Village at the World Scout Jamboree. In its separate meeting, the north-south network discussed development projects and the role of Indaba.

The Overture network discussed the follow-up to the European Campaign against racism, preparations for the European seminar on marginalised youth

to be held in UK in November 1997 and the creation of a newsletter to encourage associations to share their experiences of working with ethnic communities. It was encouraging to see many new faces, especially from countries which had not previously been represented. The next meeting will

be hosted by DPSG in Cologne, Germany from 21-23 March 1997.

#### **RAP - the Renewed Approach to Programme**

The second meeting of the RAP network was held in Brussels on 26 October,

attended by 15 participants from 10 countries. The meeting examined draft

materials produced to support the implementation of the World Programme

Policy in Europe (The Green Island - a case study - and the User's Guide to RAP). Participants made suggestions for improvements and shared responsibilities for field-testing and producing new material.

#### **INTER-REME**

The first meeting of the "International Network for Training and Educational Resources" met in Brussels on 27 October to seek ways of encouraging closer co-operation among associations to publish materials in some major European languages - English, French, German, Spanish and Polish. As a first step, it was proposed to establish a database listing key publications on youth programme and adult resources and to develop new

materials to assist associations in strengthening the international dimension of their programmes.

#### **4th International Scout Colony of Painters**

The municipality of Kovacica is situated about 50 km from Belgrade, Yugoslavia. A rich ethnic mix of Slovaks, Serbs, Hungarians and Romanians

live and work in this agricultural area, with appreciation and deep respect for each others cultures and histories. The town of Kovacica, centre of the municipality, is world-renowned as the home of naive painters, such as Martin Jonas, Zuzana Halapova, Martin Paluska and Jan Sokol. Forty talented

Scouts from all over Europe, aged 14 or over, will be invited to Kovacica to participate in the 4th International Scout Colony of Painters, 12-20 July 1997, together with 60 Yugoslav Scouts. Apart from the painting workshops, visits to cultural and historic sites, sports and other events promise a full programme of activities. The Yugoslav National Scout Jamboree will take place 2-11 July 1997, offering Scouts from abroad the possibility of combining the two events into one visit. For full information on how your Scouts can receive an invitation to participate in either or both of these events, contact Savez Izvidjaca Jugoslavije, PF 7, YU-11150 Beograd, Yugoslavia. Tel/fax: (+381.11) 19 44 49. Email: yuscout@classroom.opennet.org

**Kandersteg numbers change again**

On 9 November, the telephone and fax numbers of Kandersteg International Scout Centre must change for the second time this year. Please note the new numbers. Tel: (+41.33) 675 82 82. Fax: (+41.33) 675 82 89.

**Personnel changes in European Scout Office**

following his decision to take up residence in Sweden, Charles Jameson, finance and Administration Officer, has announced his departure. His period of service covered the move of the European Scout Office from Geneva to Brussels and he was instrumental in the establishment of the joint office here. Safia Lekehal has been recruited as his replacement and we warmly welcome her into the team.

**Office closed - reminder**

As announced last month, the European Guide and Scout Office will be closed 19-20 November, when all staff will be participating in a joint staff seminar.

## Youth Survey highlights

The Scout Association of the United Kingdom recently commissioned a survey of young people's out-of-school activities and their views on some aspects on Scouting. Over 4,500 young people aged 11-16 completed questionnaires administered by MORI, the professional polsters. Here is just a sample of the points of interest which emerged: the most common motive for pursuing out-of-school activity is 'to have fun' (62% boys, 71% girls); a quarter of 11-16 year olds want to do outdoor activities, boys more than girls (29% and 18% respectively); more girls than boys want a chance to help other people (14% and 8% respectively), with similar figures for creative activities; 52% of existing Scouts feel that Scouts should be mixed; 68% of non-Scouts who would like to join think Scouts feel it should be mixed; only 10% of 11-16 year olds think Scouting should be for boys only.

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Concerned about Youth Unemployment?

If your association is concerned with the high level of youth unemployment in Europe - where one in every five young people is unemployed - you may wish to participate in a campaign organised by the Youth Forum of the European Union. The Youth Forum has developed a selection of material such as posters, leaflets and postcards that can be used as a part of the campaign.

The material is available in ten languages: Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. For further information please contact the National Youth Council in your country, or alternatively the Youth Forum directly at fax number (+32.2) 230.21.23.

f=E9nix '97

As the Phoenix (F=E9nix) arose from its ashes in the myth, so the trampled ideals of Scouting and Guiding have arisen in the countries of central and eastern Europe.

fENIX '97 is an international camp taking place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 22-29 June 1997. The aim of the event is to renew with the tradition of Slavonic Jamboree which was founded in 1931 when 15 000 Scouts from

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and other European countries met in Prague.

The programme will focus on the exchange of Scout experiences and on cooperation among participating nations, presentation of the special aspects of Scouting in different countries, exploring the culture of Prague and of the Czech Republic, doing camp activities such as handicraft, sports, competitions, etc.

Participants will be Scouts and Guides aged between 10 and 18.

Preliminary

applications should be sent by the end of November 1996. Further information will be sent in December. The deadline for final applications and payment of participation fee USD 35 is 1st March 1997. The participation does not cover the food.

for further information please contact : FENIX '97 - Junak, Senovazne nam. 24, 116 47 Praha 1, Czech Republic. Tel: (+42.2) 24 10 22 68 or (evenings) (+42.2) 32 46 76. Fax: (+42.2) 24 10 22 23 or (+42.2) 24 21 48 25. E-mail: bobo@junak.anet.cz

## **National Programme Commissioners' Forum**

**This Forum will be held at the Gustavelund Hotel in Tuusula, Finland, from 12-16 March 1997. The aim of the event is to assist national associations in developing high-quality youth programmes, by providing an opportunity to exchange ideas, tools and expertise.**

**Participants should have knowledge and experience of developing youth programmes at national level, be familiar with the materials and support provided by the European Region, by the World Organization and by WAGGGS**

**relating to youth programme development and be able to communicate well in**

**English and/or French. Associations are encouraged to send more than one participant to the Forum, in order to facilitate the sharing of new ideas and tools and maximise their impact on programme teams and their work. There is no age limit for participation in this event.**

**Applications to attend the National Programme Commissioners Forum must reach the European Guide and Scout Office by 20 January 1997. For further**

**information, please see the invitation that was included in October's Europak, or contact Hr=F6nn P=E9tursd=F3ttir or Jacqueline Collier at the European Guide and Scout Office.**

## **EuroSteps '97**

**The 1997 edition of the EuroSteps booklet has been completed in English, french and German and is currently being printed. The booklet includes information on 51 projects which young people aged 16-22 can undertake in 19 countries.**

**The 15 new projects for 1997 are in Estonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Finland, Italy, France, Greece and UK. They include a Baltic Armada, various environmental projects, workcamps to renovate ancient buildings, discovering the Cultural Capital of Europe, art and sculpture workshops, hiking, cycling, horse riding and canoeing expeditions.**

**The EuroSteps booklets will be sent to national associations before Christmas.**

## **Where to Stay in Europe**

**The 1997 edition of Where to Stay in Europe, the European directory of**

Scout and Guide centres and campsites, is being prepared for printing and distribution in January.

The directory continues to expand and it now includes information on over 270 centres in 20 countries. In addition, a new section in the directory gives details on international voluntary work opportunities offered by some of the centres featured.

### Sea Scouting and Guiding

The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association will host the 5th European Sea Scout and Guide Seminar in Oslo. Please note that the dates of the event have been changed to 23-25 May 1997. The seminar will bring together Sea

Scout and Guide leaders from many different countries to share ideas, experiences and plan future co-operation.

The proposed programme includes: an overview of Sea Scouting and Guiding in

Europe and review of previous Sea Scout and Guide seminars; new EU safety

regulations for water activities; Europe For You ! and Sea Scouting's contribution; highlights from the Armada 1995.

for more information, or to receive your own copy of Euronaut, the Europea=

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Sea Scout and Guide newsletter, please contact Einar =D8slebye. Fax:

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42 07 04 or (+47.38) 01 51 40.

### "Building Bridges of Friendship"

This seminar, focusing on north-south co-operation and development, was organised by the European Region at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg

from 25 November to 1 December. It was attended by 27 participants from 19

associations in 13 countries.

The aim of the seminar was to encourage national associations to integrate development education into their youth programmes and to undertake development programmes within the framework of partnerships with associations in developing countries. Participants considered that all the objectives set had been reached and were especially pleased with the

friendly atmosphere and wide variety of methods used (a simulation game, role-plays, case studies from north and south, a project fair, theatre, group discussions, analysis of key texts, plenary presentations and practical exercises).

Participants prepared recommendations for their national associations on the following topics: the missions of Scouting and Guiding; youth programme; adult resources; project management and finance; communication and publications; partnership; networking.

### **Eurofolk**

The deadline for registration to the one and only European event for 16-20 year-olds in 1997 has been extended to 31 January 1997. From 21 July - 2 August 1997, participants will have an opportunity to discover Europe and its wide variety of different cultures, through working in international patrols and developing their own projects. For more information, please contact Eurofolk '97, rue de Dublin 21, B-1050 Brussels. Fax (+32.2) 511 46 87.

### **World Scout Committee meets in Kandersteg**

At the invitation of the Kandersteg Committee, the World Scout Committee convened in Kandersteg, 8-10 November 1996, for the first time since the 1920's. For many of the Committee members, it was their first opportunity to visit the 'International Home of Scouting' - initiated by the Founder of the Movement, Robert Baden-Powell. Apart from the important business of the meeting itself, it was also the occasion to bid farewell to Aidan Jones as Director of the centre and to thank him for his years of service, during which the centre has seen many improvements in its operations. Aidan has also been instrumental in developing aspects of the Europe For You ! programme, including the Where to Stay in Europe directory and the European Camp Staff Programme. The European Scout and Guide Centre Managers' Conference has also flourished under Aidan's management.

### **New Director appointed**

John Moffat (26), from the United Kingdom, has been appointed as Director of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre, in Switzerland.

John was previously Programme Director at the centre and is looking forward to the challenges his new position presents. "With the recent opening of the new extension to the chalet, the centre has entered a new phase of development," explained John, "We need to keep the best of all that has gone before while, at the same time, working towards the future. I feel very honoured to be leading the centre team during this critical phase, and I am grateful to the Kandersteg Committee for placing its trust in me." We all wish John and the centre every success.

### A winter wonderland in Kandersteg

With the early arrival of half-a-metre of snow around the chalet, Kandersteg International Scout Centre looks all set for a fantastic winter season. It's not too late to book yourself or your group a winter ski week at the 'International Home of Scouting', in the Swiss Alps. Contact John Moffat, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Vielfallen, CH-3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. Tel: (+41.33) 675 82 82 Fax: (+41.33) 675 82 89

### Eurofax reaches its half-century

"Dear Friends,  
Congratulations!  
Having just received Eurofax No 50, I would - on behalf of Scouting in this country - like to thank you for a most welcomed tool of communication. We look forward, very much, to receive further good information through Eurofax and send you our warmest regards,  
Jorgen G Rasmussen, International Commissioner, The Danish Scout Council"

### Seasons wishes

The staff of the European Guide and Scout Office takes this opportunity to send all readers of Eurofax their seasonal best wishes and to remind everyone that the office will be closed from 23 December until 1 January, both dates inclusive.

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### **Change of dates for forum**

for reasons of funding, it has been necessary to change the dates of the National Programme Commissioners Forum, previously advertised to take place

12-16 March 1997. The event is now scheduled to take place in Finland, 6-10

September 1997. The new deadline for applications is 1 June 1997. Those associations which have already sent their applications to the European Guide and Scout Office are requested to confirm if they wish the applications to be valid for the new September dates. For further information please refer to the letter in Europak, or contact Hr=F6nn P=E9tursd=F3ttir, European Guide and Scout Office. Tel: (+32.2) 346.16.86 Fa=

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### **Sunrise City builds 'The Bridge of Peace'**

1997 is the fifth year of the Sunrise City project. During the past four years, 1,058 child war victims from Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia, together with 1,005 Scouts and 354 adult leaders from Croatia and abroad, have benefited from their participation in Sunrise City.

The purpose of the project is the psycho-social rehabilitation and prevention of behavioural disturbances of children who have lost one or both of their parents, or suffered other stressful situations (separation through conflict, relocation, injury, etc.).

Living and learning with their peers, through a programme and camp-life based on the Scout Principles and Method, child war victims have the opportunity to regain at least a part of their psycho-social stability and awareness of the possibilities for a better future. Children traumatised by war form patrols with Scouts, taking part in joint activities each week throughout the year, including the summer camp. Children can continue their

participation as regular members of the Scout association and may be included in the project for the next year again, if needed.

An additional aim of the project is education for peace and nonviolence,

and this refers to all children and adults embraced in the project. The Bridge of Peace programme, as part of the Sunrise City project, brings together child victims of war, either living in Croatia or in Bosnia & Herzegovina, with Scouts from several other countries in Europe. The aim is to establish mutual understanding and trust in achieving reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. Living together in international patrols of Scouts and war victims, the participants build symbolic, physical and emotional bridges of understanding, cooperation, peace and friendship. The participation of Scouts from other countries is welcome in all aspects of Sunrise City. Members, aged 8-18 years old, can come as a group with a leader and contribute to fulfilling the aims of the project, by sharing their activities and providing companionship for the participants. Experienced leaders and young leaders can also assist, as volunteers, patrol mentors, workshop or activity leaders. The Sunrise City camps last three weeks and take place throughout July and August.

#### **UK Scouts pledge support**

Scouts throughout the United Kingdom will be collecting funds to support Sunrise City this year. Groups are being encouraged to donate collections taken at St. George's Day services, and similar events, to assist more child war victims to take part in the project. Perhaps other associations might like to follow their lead and arrange similar collections on founder's Day or during their own St. George's Day events? (St. George is the patron saint of Scouting.)

Patrols in Sunrise City camps are formed of an equal number of children affected by war and Croatian Scouts (who pay their own camp costs themselves).

Collecting just USD 1,500 enables a Group, District, or Region to become a Patrol Patron. As the Patrol Patron, you can suggest the name of the patrol (you might want to name it after your canton or district, for example), design a patrol sign, write a simple song that the patrol members will be able to learn to sing in your language... You will be able to send souvenirs and information about your country to the members of 'your' patrol, as well as Scout badges and insignia, flags, and so on. You really are only limited by your imagination. You might even want to arrange a visit to meet your patrol while they are in camp.

The patrol under your patronage will represent you in one of the Sunrise City camps this summer: enjoy singing your songs, playing your games, learning about your customs and culture, and teaching these to others in the camp; fostering inter-cultural learning and understanding and thereby proving the value of Scouting.

## **What to do now**

**Simply inform the organisers of Sunrise City about your decision to sponsor a patrol or patrols and they will send you more detailed information about what to do and how to do it, who your new friends are, and how to get in touch with them. You can pledge your support today. for more information on any aspect of the project, which is supported by the Scout Association of Croatia, please contact Bonny Bosnjak, Sunrise City Project, Siget 18b, PO Box 26, 10020 Zagreb, Croatia. Tel/Fax: (+385.1) 52.92.21.**

## **Eurofolk '97**

**The Belgian organisers of Eurofolk '97 report that registrations received for the event, so far, "reflect a cultural diversity which is going to be the richness of the event." Owing to a delay in sending out the latest information, it was decided to postpone the deadline for registrations for this multicultural European event - open to Rovers, Rangers, Venture Scouts and young leaders (aged 16-20) - until 31 January 1997. So keep those registration forms flowing in! For more information, contact Eurofolk '97, 21 Rue de Dublin, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium. Fax: (+32.2) 511.46.87.**

## **Education for freedom, education for values?**

**Many Scout and Guide leaders in Europe are looking for new ways of helping young people grow spiritually - no easy task! To overcome this difficulty, some are tempted to impose moral and religious attitudes on young people. However, our Founder, Robert Baden-Powell, said: The natural form of religion is so simple that a child can understand it. It comes from within, from conscience, from observation, from love, for use in all that he does. It is not a formal or a dogmatic dressing donned from outside, put on for Sunday wear. It is, therefore, a true part of his character, a development of soul, and not a veneer that may peel off. No real education can be achieved without respecting and developing a spirit of freedom and responsibility among young people. Nor is education for moral and spiritual values fulfilled simply by adding some religious activities to Scout/Guide activities. We should tackle this problem in the way that Baden-Powell recommended: there is no need to add external elements to Scouting in order to stimulate the spiritual development of**

young people. What we need is to take advantage of all elements within the

Scout/Guide programme and propose activities which already include a spiritual dimension.

The aim of the seminar Education for freedom, education for values?, to be held 5-11 April 1997, is to identify and experiment how Scouting and Guiding can help young people to develop their moral and spiritual values. It will be hosted by Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego (ZHP) at the Scout centre of Perkoz, located in the region of Olsztyn in the north-east of Poland: a wonderfully natural area with many lakes and large forests.

Applications must be received in the European Guide and Scout Office by 3 february. For more information on this and all other European seminars, please contact your association's national headquarters or international commissioner.

fire in World Scout Jamboree office

The office of the Asociacion de Guias y Scouts de Chile, where the Organizing Committee of the 19th World Scout Jamboree is based, was damaged

by fire on 30 December 1996. Until this problem is solved, please use the following alternative numbers to contact the organisers: Tel (+56.2) 695.67.98 Fax: (+56.2) 696.40.29

**Summit Conference - invitation issued**

National member associations have been invited to participate in the 'Summit Conference', to be held in Switzerland, 16-18 May 1997. The conference will enable decision makers in associations to discuss the first results of the evaluation of the trial period, including the elements of the Helsingborg resolution approved by the European conference in 1992, and

the results of the constitutional study in order to assist associations in their preparations for the 9th European Guide and Scout Conference in 1998.

Each association is allowed a maximum of three places in the Summit Conference, to be hosted by Mouvement Scout de Suisse in the Swiss national

railway company's training centre in L=F6wenberg, 40 km from Bern. Full details have been circulated to associations in Europak.

**Terre d'avenir - Erde der Zukunft**

This is a video produced by Deutschen Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg together

with the Scout associations in Togo and Benin. It shows a practical cooperation project designed to promote sustainable development in Africa by using natural energy sources, and in Germany by education to reduce unnecessary consumption. Scouts are actively involved in the construction of solar-powered cookers, water-purification schemes, and other community based projects, while their counterparts in Germany produce exhibition and educational materials on the environmental effects of excessive consumption. Available in French or German versions by contacting R Bachmann, Oberlander Str. 14e, D-86163 Augsburg. Fax: (+49.821) 66 66 61

### **Congratulations**

The presence and influence of Guiding and Scouting in National Youth Councils continues to strengthen. Jillian Hassett, of the Irish Girl Guides, has been elected as the President of the National Youth Council of Ireland. Jillian has been working for the last three years as Secretary-General of the European Co-ordination Bureau of International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations (or ECB for short!), as a WAGGGS nominee. Congratulations, Jillian!

### **Be aware of energy!**

The 1997 Slovene Jamboree will be held in Velenje, 80 km north-east from Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, 1-10 August 1997. The jamboree is for Scouts aged 15 to 19 years. Home hospitality may also be arranged. Applications also welcome from leaders, Rovers or Venture Scouts wishing to join the international service staff. The jamboree's theme is Energy. The aim is to reflect the theme and highlight some of the problems facing the modern world. The main areas are the acquisition of energy in the future and environmental programmes. Other interesting Scouting programmes will be built around this theme: pioneering, hikes, spiritual moments, activities on the river and lake, sports, workshops, etc. Further information can be found on the World Wide Web at URL: <http://stendar.arnes.si/guest/ljzts1/index.html> or contact Zveza Tabornikov Slovenije, Parmova 33, SLO-61116 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Email: [ZTS@guest.arnes.si](mailto:ZTS@guest.arnes.si)

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**Seminar on "Education for Peace"**

**This European seminar, to be held at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France, 28 April - 4 May 1997. It will bring together trainers and people responsible for youth programme at national or regional level to**

**seek ways of integrating peace issues into existing youth programmes, with**

**the following objectives:**

- \* Identify the mission of youth organizations in relationship to strengthening friendship and human understanding throughout the world, particularly in those parts of Europe which are experiencing conflicts (former Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, etc.)**
- \* Define the concept of peace that prevails within Guiding and Scouting and within other youth organizations working for peace;**
- \* Identify ways in which stereotypes passed on by the media, families and schools influence the attitudes of young people;**
- \* Determine the type of training needed by leaders and youth members**

participating in international events in order to make them more aware of cultural differences and to accept such differences as elements of cultural enrichment instead of as threats;

\* Develop practical peace education activities that can be used at local, national and international level.

Invitations will be sent to national associations in the next Europak. Participants should be aged 18-30 and be able to communicate well in English or French. The deadline for application to the European Guide and Scout Office is 31 March 1997.

### North-south and "Overtures" networks meet in Cologne

The next meeting of the informal networks on north-south cooperation and working with ethnic communities will be hosted by the Deutsche Pfadfinderschaft Sankt Georg in Cologne, Germany from 21-23 March. Invitations will be sent to all national associations this month. For more information, please contact: Stephan Jentgens, DPSG, Postfach 221380, D-41436 Neuss, Germany. Tel: (+49.2131) 46 990 Fax: (+49.2131) 46 99 99

### Eurosea 5

Invitations to the 5th European Sea Scout and Guide Seminar, to be hosted by the Norwegian Guide and Scout Association in Oslo from 23-25 May 1997,

have been sent to members of the Sea Scout and Guide network.

#### Participants

should be leaders actively involved or interested in Sea Scouting or Guiding, or water activities for Scouts or Guides. The programme will be especially relevant to those with national responsibilities in this area. One unusual feature is the planned transfer of arriving participants from Oslo airport to the seminar location by sail-boat - approximately two and a hours sailing time apart. The deadline for applications is 1 April 1997.

for more information, or an application form, please contact Einar =D8sleb= ye,

fax: (+47.38) 01 51 40 or (+47.22) 42 07 04

### Language and Training Courses 1997

We have just received the dates and a list of the language and training courses that the European Youth Centre, of the Council of Europe, is organising in 1997. The list includes 2 English courses for youth leaders, 1 English course for young workers, 1 Spanish course, 2 French courses, 1 refresher French course, 1 German course, 1 Portuguese course, 1 refresher

course in Portuguese, 1 Italian course, 1 Russian course, Training Course I, Training Course II, Training Course III, Long Term - Training Course, and a Long-Term Training Course for Minority Youth leaders. The office is waiting for further information about the courses and will forward it to international commissioners as soon as it arrives. However, bearing in mind

the short deadline that is the norm, national associations are encouraged to start a preliminary search for applicants to put forward, using last year's information. Associations should bear in mind that they can only put one Guide and/or one Scout candidate forward for each course offered. As these courses are highly in demand, fulfilling the profile of applicants is of extreme importance, as well as filling the applications in carefully.

### **Committee meets this month**

**The European Guide and Scout Committee meets in Brussels this month, 14-16**

**february. Among other items, the committee will consider preliminary results prepared from the responses received to the evaluation questionnaire sent to all member associations and organizations, concerning**

**the implementation of the Helsingborg Resolution. The results will be made available to member associations as part of the preparations for the Summit**

**Conference to be held in Switzerland, 16-18 May 1997.**

### **EuroSteps '97 is on the way**

**Due to unexpected problems at the printers in Belgium, the 1997 EuroSteps booklet, which was previously printed in Switzerland, is only now ready for**

**mailing to associations. Please accept our apologies for this disappointing delay.**

### **Where to Stay in Europe**

**This year's edition of the Where to Stay in Europe, the European directory of Scout and Guide centres and campsites, will be sent to associations this month. The booklet continues to grow and the new edition contains 270 sites**

**in 20 countries. There is also a new section giving more information on voluntary staff opportunities in some of the centres featured in the guide.**



## **Centre Managers to meet in Greece**

**The 5th European Scout & Guide Centre Managers' Conference will be held at**

**The Greek Girl Guide Training Centre, near Athens, Greece, 8-11 October 1997.**

**The aim of the conference is to strengthen and develop cooperation among Scout/Guide Centres and to facilitate strong working relations between the staff of those Centres. There will be plenary sessions on subjects of common interest to the participants, presented by individuals with special expertise. Subjects will include information about the European Region, voluntary staff management and programme development for Centres. A significant part of the conference will be taken up with workshops which will give participants the opportunity to present and exchange experiences with other participants. As the importance of developing personal contacts has been recognised, there will be opportunities during the conference to make contact with other participants in an informal setting. Participants should be key representatives from Scout/Guide Centres with a strong relationship to their national association and with a desire to promote the international dimension; have a significant role in the management of the Centre and be involved in the policy making process. They should also have**

**a willingness to participate fully in the conference and, if requested, be prepared to make an active contribution (e.g. by running a workshop or facilitating a group discussion).**

**Applications forms and further details from: John Moffat, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH-3718, Kandersteg, Switzerland. Closing date for applications 1 June 1997**

## **Operation "Los Andes"**

**In just under two years from now, the 19th World Scout Jamboree will take**

**place in Chile. The organizers of the jamboree are setting up an operation of international solidarity, Operation Los Andes, so that less privileged countries can also be represented. The target is to support participation of one patrol per country. Operation Los Andes will aim to finance 50% of the costs, leaving each country which benefits from the operation responsible for funding the remaining 50%. The operation will require funds**

**totalling USD 1,040,000. Almost half of this sum is already guaranteed, thanks to the surplus from Operation Flevoland (organized for the previous World Scout Jamboree), a contribution from Scouts Canada, and funds**

committed by the organizing committee of the 19th World Scout Jamboree. National Scout Organizations which have not yet been recognized by the World Organization, but which are in the process of being established and recognized, may also benefit from the operation. Launching the appeal to national associations, Jacques Moreillon, Secretary General of the World Organization, said, "I am firmly convinced that once again, with the support of all, the Scout Movement will experience a great festival of fraternity and solidarity in Chile. As has always been the case in the past, I know that we can count on your staunch support and Scouting commitment."

### **Mobilizing for Action**

The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association has just finished its first "Be Prepared" campaign and raised approximately USD 128,000 in December to help refugees in Zaire and Rwanda. For some time, every Scout group in Norway has been preparing to take immediate action when a human catastrophe appears somewhere in the world. When the crisis in the Great Lakes Region flared up again, the Scout Association rang the alarm to mobilize all 30,000 members to collect money for the victims. The money will be distributed through the Norwegian Red Cross and the Norwegian Church Aid.

(As reported in World Scouting News)

### **Tour de Suisse trotz allem**

Scouts and Guides with disabilities from all European countries are being invited by Mouvement Scout de Suisse to participate in an unusual and challenging event. The 'Tour de Suisse trotz allem' will take place in seven stages of about 30 km each. As organiser Maya Horst, MSdS Commissioner for Scout with disabilities, explained; "The aim is not to travel as quickly as possible, but to travel as many kilometres as you can. The majority of participants will be disabled Scouts but there will also be people from other organizations and some famous wheelchair-bound athletes taking part." MSdS offers accommodation, food and transfer within Switzerland to any Scouts or Guides wishing to take up the challenge. More details from Maya Horst, Aarauerstrasse 15, CH-5033 Buche, Switzerland.

### **Scout stamps on the World Wide Web**

Many museums and places of historic interest can be 'virtually visited' on the World Wide Web. Amongst the most famous is the Vatican art collection.

Now, collectors of Scout memorabilia will be interested to learn about a new collection presented by Troop 11 from Kent, Connecticut, in the USA.

As

part of their project for a proficiency badge, the troop members have created what is probably the largest collection of Scout stamps on the Internet! Over 170 countries and territories are featured in this colourful collection of Scout stamps, Scout seals, Scout 'phonecards and Scout postcards. For those with access to the World Wide Web, the full collection can be viewed at URL: <http://193.192.228.43/~stamps>

Don't forget =8A

Applications for the European seminar Education for freedom, education

for values?, to be held in Poland, 5-12 April, must be sent immediately to the European Guide and Scout Office.

The deadline for applications to the Summit Conference should be sent to the European Guide and Scout Office, to arrive no later than 28 February.

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## **Passport for Europe**

**Passport for Europe has been translated and published in Danish. We are aware that several other language versions are currently being prepared by various national member associations. These include Czech, German, Portuguese, Polish, Slovene and Spanish. The European Scout Office is able to provide technical support to facilitate the work of producing the layouts, on request.**

### **EuroSteps poster**

**A coloured poster has been produced to promote the EuroSteps programme.**

**This has been mailed to all member associations in Europak. The poster features a map indicating the position of all 51 EuroSteps in 19 countries on offer in 1997. Extra copies of the poster can be obtained from the European Guide and Scout Office.**

## **European Committee**

**The European Guide and Scout committee met in Brussels, 14-16 February.**

**The**

**seminar and event list for 1998 was approved and will be mailed to associations shortly. Preparations for the Summit Conference to be held in Bern, Switzerland, 16-18 May, continue. It was decided to offer a briefing session for new international commissioners just prior to this event (see below). A preliminary examination of the results of the evaluation among WAGGGS and WOSM member associations in Europe revealed that only 54% of**

**national member associations had responded to the questionnaire which sought their opinions on the implementation of the Helsingborg resolution. The analysis will be distributed, along with other information, in advance of the Summit Conference. The committee also progressed with the planning**

**for the 9th European Guide and Scout conference, which will be held in Luxembourg, 1998. Preliminary notice for this event has been sent directly to member organizations.**

## **Workshop for new international commissioners**

**financial considerations meant that the workshop planned for new international commissioners had to be postponed in Autumn 1996. The European Guide and Scout Committee is conscious that several Associations**

have appointed new international commissioners and that the need for such a workshop has not been met. To help them to become familiar with the European Regions' personnel and resources, the committee invites new international commissioners to an afternoon with some staff and committee members on Friday, 16th May 1997 from 13.30 to 18.00, immediately before the Summit Conference. By the end of the afternoon, those attending will have a clearer idea of the job of the international commissioner in relation to the world and regional levels. A registration form, being circulated with Europak, should be returned by 15 April to the European Guide and Scout Office in Brussels.

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The Education for Peace seminar is to be held at the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg, France, 28 April - 4 May. It will bring together trainers and people responsible for youth programme at national or regional level to seek ways of integrating peace issues into youth programmes. Deadline for application is 31 March. Invitations to the 5th European Sea Scout and Guide Seminar, Oslo, 23-25 May, have been issued. The deadline for applications is 1 April. For more information, or an application form, please contact Einar =D8slebye. Fax: (+47) 38 01 51 40 or (+47) 22 42 07 04.

New contact number for Sunrise City

The telephone and fax number for the Sunrise City Project, in Croatia, has changed. The new number is Tel/Fax: (+385.1) 65 29 221.

'Via en skoltado'

The Scout Esperanto League is an international league of Scouts and Guides who learn and use Esperanto in their international contacts. Esperanto is an easy-to-learn, artificial language created over 100 years ago to facilitate communication among people from different nations in a neutral way. Nowadays, Esperanto is used by people in almost 70 countries worldwide. Jaroslaw A. Fotyga (email: jaf29@cornell.edu), a national delegate of the Scout Esperanto League, has written to say "We would like to announce a new web-page of Scout Esperanto League". The URL of this new

site is <http://www.stuts.org/esperanto/scouting>

**'Badgers' on the Web!**

The International Badgers' Club is for Scouters and Guiders across the world who are interested in collecting Scout and Guide Badges. The Club has

members in most countries of the world from Aruba to Zimbabwe. It produces

its own world catalogue of badges, 6 magazines per year and a wealth of publications. The International Badgers' Club has two World Wide Web sites:

[www.scoutbase.org.uk/trading/ibc/](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/trading/ibc/) and

[www.netlink.co.uk/users/badgers/index.html](http://www.netlink.co.uk/users/badgers/index.html) Now the club is pleased to announce the creation of three new UseNet newsgroups on the Internet for the purpose of those interested in swapping Scout and Guide badges from around the world. For full information, contact Chris Wanley <[chris@wanley.demon.co.uk](mailto:chris@wanley.demon.co.uk)>, General Secretary, International Badgers' Club.

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Are you attending Eurofolk?

**Associations that intend to send participants to Eurofolk are reminded that the event is for Guides and Scouts between the ages of 16 and 20.**

**Registrations received for those younger than 16 will not be accepted. Any registration form received for an individual older than 20 will automatically go into the leader category - with the relevant Guide or Scout participating in the international camp staff programme. Registration forms are still coming in. Associations that have declared their intention to attend but have not sent in their forms yet are asked to contact Beno=EEt**

**de Waele for registration information. Tel. (+32.2) 512.46.91 Fax: (+32.2) 511.46.87**

### **Centre Managers Conference in Greece**

**The 5th European Scout and Guide Centre Managers' Conference will be held**

**at the "Irene Tsimbouki" Training Centre near Athens, Greece, from 8 - 12 October 1997.**

**The conference aims to strengthen and develop co-operation among Scout/Guide Centres and to facilitate strong working relations between the staff of those Centres. The programme includes plenary sessions on subjects**

**of common interest to the participants, including information about the European Region, activity safety standards, the role of Scout and Guide Centres and international voluntary staff. Additionally, workshop sessions will give participants the opportunity to present and exchange their experiences.**

**Participants should have a significant role in the management of a Scout/Guide Centre with a strong relationship to their national association and a desire to promote the international dimension. They should also be willing to participate fully in the conference and, where necessary, to make an active contribution.**

**The participant fee for the Conference is CHF 300.- (accommodation and food**

**inclusive). Invitation documents have now been sent to all associations, Centres and Campsites featured in Where to Stay in Europe and EuroSteps, and participants of the 4th European Scout and Guide Centre Managers' Conference. Completed application forms must be returned by 15 June 1997.**

**The Conference is limited to 65 participants, so early booking is advised. =46urther information and copies of the invitation documents are available from John Moffat, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH-3718**

**Kandersteg, Switzerland. Tel: (+41 33) 675 82 82 Fax (+41 33) 675 82 89  
Email: kandersteg@world.scout.org**

## **Documenta 10**

**Every 5 years, the global art scene meets in Kassel, Central Germany: Documenta is the world's most important exhibition of contemporary art. Traditionally, on the occasion of a Documenta, the Institute of the Arts of Kassel University invites artists from all parts of the world, especially from so-called Third World countries, to an unofficial fringe exhibition. The next of these, Innenseiten (Insides), opens on 21 June 1997, the same day as Documenta 10.**

**The organisers of Innenseiten have asked the Bund der Pfadfinderinnen und Pfadfinder (BdP) to support their exhibition. We extend their invitation to Scouts and Guides from all parts of Europe. The Immenhausen Art Camp gives**

**Scouts and Guides the opportunity to help Innenseiten-artists putting up their exhibits. Some will work on small scale items, others on vast structures from wood, stone, or other materials. Participants will have close daily contacts with artists; making artwork, learning about contemporary art, getting to know artists personally.**

**Participants will camp in Immenhausen, BdP's National Guide and Scout Center. Sleeping in tents, they will be able to use all amenities of the Centre (including hot showers, washing machine, dryer, etc.). Meals will be provided. Participants should be at least 17 years old and prepared to work**

**physically hard and under pressure. The working languages in the camp and**

**on site will be German and English. Participation can be certified as Work Experience by a teacher from Kassel University, if necessary.**

**Dates: 1-22 June 1997 (minimum duration of stay: 7 days) Fee: 150 DM, including camping fee, meals, and transport in and around Kassel (Note that**

**travel costs to and from Immenhausen to your hometown are not included.)**

**All Enquiries: Tjukard J|rges, Art Camp Director. Tel: (+49.531) 514 836 =46ax: (+49.531) 514 839 or email to TomLevine@compuserve.com**

**Registrations:**

**BdP Bundesamt, Immenhausen Art Camp, Postfach 1161, D-35419 Lich, Germany.**

**Email bdp\_bundesamt@f-link.rhein-main.de**



## **EEDF wins prize for social innovation**

The Eclaireuses et Eclaireurs de France (EEDF) has been awarded the prize for "Social Innovation" by the French government. The award was made by the

Ministry of Work and Social Affairs for a three-year project titled Operation Mosaic - an Adventure in Colours. The project was started last year to promote dialogue and projects of solidarity across generations, cultures, and socio-economic groups. More than 1,000 projects of solidarity are now underway, or are planned, including work with elderly people, disabled young people, orphans in Romania, and refugee children in Rwanda.

The project encourages young people to take initiative and responsibility in their daily lives to help individuals and groups around them, even in small, modest ways. Each group makes its own plans to participate in Operation Mosaic, based upon a comprehensive and colourful kit of resource

materials provided by the association. Local Scout groups work in partnership with community organizations, including churches and schools. The prize included an award of FF 50,000 which is being used to provide additional support to Operation Mosaic.

## **World Scouting News on the Internet**

World Scouting News, the newsletter of the World Organization of the Scout Movement is now available for viewing on the World Wide Web. The on-line

version can be accessed in the official pages of the World Organization at URL: <http://www.scout.org> You'll also find a host of other up-to-date information about Scouting around the world and international events. Editors of national member associations' magazines are encouraged to use the text, unchanged, and to translate it if necessary, for use in their own publications - as long as they give credit to its source: World Scouting News, World Scout Bureau, Geneva.

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orders payable to "World Scout Bureau". Special rates for multiple subscriptions.

### **Gone Home**

Claude P. Marchal, who was an active member of the Baden Powell World Fellowship, died in January at the age of 70. He is well-known to collectors of Scouting memorabilia worldwide because of the museum he and his wife established in their home in Switzerland. His interest in the history of Scouting, and his financial support, will soon make possible the publication of a book about Scouting during the years of totalitarian and communist governments in Eastern and Central Europe.

### **Don't forget=8A**

To help new international commissioners to become familiar with the European Regions' personnel and resources, the European Guide and Scout Committee invites new international commissioners to an afternoon with some staff and committee members on Friday, 16th May 1997 from 13.30 to 18.00, immediately before the Summit Conference, to be held in L=F6wenberg, Switzerland. A registration form has been circulated with Europak and should be returned by 15 April to the European Guide and Scout Office in Brussels.

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### **Eurofax - the next development**

Do you have access to the World Wide Web from your computer? Would you like to help us to evaluate a prototype of a new type of electronic Eurofax? Can you translate BinHex files which arrive by email?

If you can answer 'Yes!' to all three questions, then we would like to hear from you.

As part of our continuing development of Eurofax, we have created special 'digital paper' prototypes of this month's Eurofax and we would like to share them with some of our readers, and receive back their comments.

**The digital paper version reproduces exactly the format of the original Eurofax. It can be printed out on virtually any printer from virtually any computer. The digital paper document also contains 'live' hypertext links which will transport you straight from the Eurofax page on your screen to an associated site on the World Wide Web!**

**These prototypes are available in either English or French.**

**To be able to view and use our special prototypes, you MUST have a 'miniviewer' installed on your computer. Miniviewers are available for Windows, Unix and Macintosh computers - and they are free! You can download the free miniviewer for your computer directly from URL:  
<http://www.hummingbird.com/cg/commonground/cgminiviewer.htm>**

**After you have successfully downloaded and installed the correct miniviewer for your system, send me an email, telling me which prototype (English or French) that you would like to receive:**

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**Informal networks meet in Cologne**

**From 21-23 March, the North-South and Overtures Networks met in Cologne, Germany, hosted by DPSG. 13 Scout and Guide Associations from 9 countries were represented: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Joint sessions included the introductory session and the 19th World Scout Jamboree, particularly the**

**participation of Scout associations in Operation Los Andes and the Global Development Village.**

**Items on the 'Overtures' agenda included: an update on associations' projects relating to working with ethnic communities; sharing educational material produced; future issues of the 'Overtures' newsletter, produced by the Scouts Musulmans de France; the European seminar on Marginalised Youth; the Euro-Arab meeting.**

**The agenda of the North-South Network meeting included: an update on associations' development projects and partnerships; the European seminar on 'Building Bridges of Friendship'; support to be given to the actions undertaken by the Scout or Guide associations in the Great-Lakes region of Africa (Burundi, Rwanda, Zaire); fund-raising ideas. Financial support from European Scout associations and their local partners for the Scouts of Rwanda's plan of action to support returnees has been confirmed for an amount of approximately USD 200.000.**

**The date of the next meeting of the two networks is 7-9 November in Toulouse, France. Further information may be obtained from the hosts, the Scouts Musulmans de France. As usual, all Guide and Scout associations in Europe are welcome to send representatives.**

### **European Seminar on Marginalised Youth**

**This seminar is to be held in Sheffield, UK, from 22-28 November. It will focus on the needs of young people aged 8-18 in inner cities and provincial towns, who have limited access to education, employment and responsibilities in society due to their socio-economic or ethnic background. The aim of this seminar is to encourage national associations to promote equal opportunities for all young people and to undertake innovative and experimental work with disadvantaged young people. It will build upon the experience of working with marginalised young people and adults among Scout and Guide associations and other non-governmental organisations in Europe. Invitations and registration forms can be found in May's Europak. The deadline for registration is 15 September.**

**Stand up for your rights!**

**ASDE-Scouts de Espa=F1a and the Spanish Committee of UNICEF have launched a**

**campaign to sensitise people to children's rights. Under the title Stand Up for Your Rights, the project is aimed at leaders, teachers and event organisers working with young people (aged 12-16 years) in non-formal education and leisure. The project is part of a strategy developed by ASDE in the field of community development and social action which links environmental education, education for peace and education for equality with the Universal Declaration of Children's Rights. Further information from Antonio Llorente Sim=F3n, ASDE, Embajadores 106-108, E-28012 Madrid, Spain. Tel: (+34.1) 517 5442. Fax: (+34.1) 517 5382.**

### **National Programme Commissioners Forum**

**National Associations intending to send participants to the National Programme Commissioners Forum, in Finland 6-10 September, are reminded that the postponed application deadline is 1 June. The questionnaire and other documents requested to be attached to the application should be sent to the European Guide and Scout Office at the same time as the application form itself.**

**The region is presently waiting for a confirmation of receipt of a grant from the European Commission for this event. Associations are therefore asked to refrain from purchasing travel tickets until a confirmation of participation has been received from the European Guide and Scout Office. =46or further information please see the invitation to the event, which was sent out in Europak last October, or contact either Hr=F6nn Petursdottir <hpetursdottir@euroscout.knooppunt.be> or Jacquie Collier <jcollier@euroscout.knooppunt.be> at the European Guide and Scout Office.**

### **Looking for somewhere to stay?**

**=46ollowing the publication of the 1997 edition of Where to Stay in Europe, the directory of Scout and Guide centres and campsites, has now been updated on the World Wide Web, enabling direct access to information on 270 sites around Europe. You can find the directory at the official World Scouting site on the World Wide Web at URL: <http://www.scout.org>**

### **Centre Managers Conference in Greece**

**The 5th European Scout and Guide Centre Managers' Conference will be held at the 'Irene Tsimbouki' Training Centre near Athens, Greece, from 8-12 October 1997. The conference aims to strengthen and develop co-operation among Scout/Guide Centres and to facilitate strong working relations between the staff of those Centres. The programme includes plenary sessions on subjects of common interest to the participants, including information about the European Region, activity safety standards, the role of Scout and Guide Centres and international voluntary staff. Workshop sessions will give participants the opportunity to present and exchange their experiences. Participants should have a significant role in the management of a Scout/Guide Centre with a strong relationship to their national association and a desire to promote the international dimension. They should also be willing to participate fully in the conference and, where necessary, to make an active contribution. The participant fee for the Conference is CHF 300 (accommodation and food inclusive). Invitation documents have been sent to all associations, Centres and Campsites featured in Where to Stay in Europe and EuroSteps, and participants of the 4th European Scout and Guide Centre Managers' Conference. Completed application forms must be returned by 15 June 1997. The Conference is limited to 65 participants, so early booking is advised. Further information and copies of the invitation documents are available from John Moffat, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH - 3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. Tel: (+41.33) 675 82 82. Fax: (+41.33) 675 82 89. Email: [kandersteg@world.scout.org](mailto:kandersteg@world.scout.org)**

### **New members in World Organization**

**On 18 April, the number of national member organizations of the World Organization rose to 144 when it welcomed in 3 new member countries: Armenia, Moldova and Tajikistan.**

**In 1929, World Scouting recognised the association of Armenian Scouts (Ha=EF Ari), based in France. While the Association did not have its own territorial base, it exceptionally remained a member of the World Organization and the European Scout Region. As soon as the independent Republic of Armenia emerged in 1991, the French-based association of Armenian Scouts expressed its wish that Scouting in Armenia should become a part of World Scouting as soon as possible. It helped in the process of creating a national Scout organization in Armenia. In 1994, the Hayastani**

**Azgayin Scautakan Sharjum Kazmakerputiun (HASK - Armenian National Scout Movement) was born. HASK now has over 2,000 members, boys and girls, spread throughout the entire Republic. The French-based Armenian Scouts, which expressed its desire to withdraw from membership in order to allow Scouting in Armenia to become a member of the World Organization, has thus ceased to exist as a member.**

**Scouting started in Moldova in 1991 but the deadly conflicts of 1992-1993 greatly slowed its development. In 1994, a national Scout organization was formed, and officially registered under the name Organizatia Nationala A Scoutilor Din Moldova (The National Organization of the Scouts of Moldova). At present, the National Scout Organization of Moldova includes 1,540 members, boys and girls, in 39 groups throughout the country.**

**Scouting was started in Tajikistan in 1991. In spite of the civil war which broke-out in May 1992, Scout troops took root in Dushanbe, the capital, and in Khodjiant, the second city situated in the north on the plain of =46ergana, at the border with Uzbekistan, far from the deadly conflicts. The return to relative calm at the beginning of 1995 allowed the expansion of the Movement in the country. A Scout troop has even been created in the prison for juvenile delinquents in Dushanbe. Associatsia Skautov Tadjikistana (The Scout Association of Tajikistan) was officially registered in October 1993 and is the only non-governmental youth organization which is structured and active in the country, enjoying the support of the authorities, notably the National Commission for UNESCO, and several foreign development agencies represented in the country. The Association's credibility is largely due to its openness to all ethnic and religious groups, and also to its efficiency and effectiveness in working under very difficult conditions with extremely limited resources. The association has about 1,200 members, boys and girls, in 15 towns or areas, with several groups in three zones of conflict: Garm, Chartus, and the high valleys of Badakhchan, populated mainly with Ismailis.**

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## **Albania**

**You cannot have failed to see news stories of civil unrest in Albania during the last few months. What has happened to that country's fledgling Scout organization, Besa Scouts Albania, during this period? And what help does it need now? To answer these questions, Delores Dhima, International Commissioner of Albania's Scouts, takes up the story=8A**

**'As all over Albania, where all institutions, banks, schools, foundations and others have been destroyed and their contents stolen, the same thing has happened to offices, office equipment, tents, blankets, camping equipment, uniforms, books etc. of our Scout organization. Based on the information received by our district commissioners, the losses are great. Our national campsite was completely devastated. The association's office in Saranda was burned down. Books and office equipment, collected over a six year period, were stolen.**

**'Nevertheless, it was during this two month period that the activity of Besa Scouts became much varied. Scouts tried their best to give their contribution for the establishment of tolerance and well-wishing in Albania=8A The role of Scout Leaders and supporters has been decisive in districts such as Saranda, Vlora, Shkodra, Korca, Tirana and elsewhere. It was Besa Scouts Albania's initiative to organize many activities in Tirana Square with the slogan Flowers instead of guns. The Baden-Powell Scout Centre in Tirana has become a focal-point for the leaders of many national non-governmental organizations who come to discuss how to handle the situation.**

**'The Scout activities are regularly organized and it is very important that during this time, when nothing could be spoken of children's activities in Albania, two more Scout troops were formed in Tirana. As in the period 1991-92, we have declared on radio and television 'It is now, more than ever before, that the children need us more. It is now that they need a little fun and entertainment. It is now that they need to sing, to make them forget for a while the fireshots and the bullets.' Children from different quarters of Tirana have come to join us.**



**'Especially in these tense times, courage must be exhibited and fear overcome. For all our losses and for the future of Scouting in Albania, we very much rely on your help and that of other national Scout organizations.'**

**All offers of practical assistance or finance to support Besa Scouts Albania's activities and development should be sent in writing to Ray Saunders, Director of Communications, European Scout Office, 299 Avenue Moli=E8re, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium. Fax: (+32.2) 346 00 07. Email: rsaunders@euroscout.knooppunt.be These offers will be forwarded to Besa Scouts Albania.**

### **5th Centre Managers' Conference**

**All those interested in participating in this Conference, which will take place from 8 to 12 October 1997 in Greece, are reminded that application forms are due in by 15 June. The forms must be returned to John Moffat, Camp Director, Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH-3718 Kandersteg, Switzerland. Tel.: (+41.33) 675 82 82. Fax: (+41.33) 675 82 89. The number of participants is limited to 65 and many forms have already been received.**

**In the event of too many applications being received before the deadline, any arriving late will not be considered.**

**Application deadline: 1 June**

**National Associations intending to send participants to the National Programme Commissioners Forum, to be held in Finland 6 - 10 September 1997,**

**are reminded that the European Guide and Scout Office expects to have received applications and other attached documents by 1 June. As a decision**

**in principle has been received from the European Commission about a grant**

**for this event, it is highly likely that the forum will take place during the September dates advertised. However, associations are asked to refrain from purchasing travelling tickets until the end of June when applicants have received a letter of acceptance from the European Guide and Scout Office. For further information please see the invitation to the event, which was sent out in Europak last October, or contact Hr=F6nn**

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**<jcollier@euroscout.knooppunt.be> at the European Guide and Scout Office.**

**Tel: (+32.2) 346 16 86 Fax: (+32.2) 346 39 17**

**Kandersteg celebrates 75 years!**

**Did you know that the Kandersteg International Scout Centre will be 75 years old next year? The staff at the Centre are busy planning a wide variety of events and programmes throughout the year to celebrate this very**

**special Anniversary. These will include an 'Anniversary Ski Week', a 'Mini Jamboree', new activity weeks and weekends, competitions, special programmes and much more. More information about the different events will**

**be sent out to every Association later this month. The information can also be obtained from Kandersteg International Scout Centre, CH-3718**

**Kandersteg,**

**Switzerland. Tel.: (+41.33) 675 82 82. Fax: (+41.33) 675 82 89. Email:**

**kandersteg@world.scout.org Or connect to the Centre's home page at <http://www.kisc.ch> Why don't you come and experience the Magic of Kandersteg?**

**Meeting for Scout collectors**

**The 16th World Conference for Scout Collectors will take place on Saturday, 6 September 1997, at the Scout Museum of Arlon, Habay-La-Neuve, near Arlon,**

**Belgium. The meeting coincides with an international exhibition of Scouting memorabilia, entitled 90 Years of World Scouting, which runs 4-7 September.**

**The exhibition brings together material from collectors in Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Switzerland. For further information on either of these events, please write to Mus=E9e Scout d'Arlon, B.P. No 67, B-6700 Arlon, Belgium.**

**5th European Sea Scout Seminar: "Eurosea 5"**

**The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association hosted the seminar at N=E6rsnes,**

**near Oslo (writes Einar =D8slebye, President of the seminar). The organizing**

**Committee wishes to publicly express its most sincere thanks for all support for the event, practical information from Jacqueline Collier and the Odysseus group (lead by Costas Tsantilis from the World Scout Committee) as well as valuable assistance with interpretation. 57 delegates**

from 12 countries were present: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Ukraine and United

Kingdom. The organizers will produce a full report and distribute the document to all participants and associations. Having discussed invitations from Italy, Finland, Poland and Belgium, the delegates unanimously recommended to locate the next sea-Scout seminar in Poland. There is sincere wish to promote sea-Scouting in the eastern part of Europe and the delegates also wish to support the newly recognised Polish Scout and Guide association.

### **Indian folk-art tour of Europe 1999**

The Kwahadi Dancers, Explorer Post 9 (Boy Scouts of America), is planning to celebrate its 55th Anniversary by taking its performance of North American Indian folkart to Europe. The Kwahadis tour for 18 days each summer, presenting 12 to 15 shows for Scouting and other groups. Could you

recommend contacts they could make in order to explore possibilities for this tour? They are planning to visit Scotland, England, Germany and France, but say that they are open to wherever adventure may lead them! If

you can help, contact: Larry Cunningham, 1510 Broadmoor, Amarillo, TX 79106, USA.

### **Exhibition against land mines**

'Considering that there are more than 110 million anti-personnel mines scattered across the world, and a large number of their victims are children, the Scout Association of Geneva (Mouvement Scout de Suisse), declares its solidarity with those NGOs working towards a total ban on the manufacture, export, storage, transport and use of anti-personnel mines.' This declaration was adopted by the general assembly of the Scoutisme Genevois on 18 March this year and a team of Rovers have created a project

to raise awareness amongst members and the general public about the issues involved.

A series of games, designed to sensitise and educate young people, has been

devised and it is hoped that a booklet describing these can be published in different languages in the months ahead.

**In order to gather information about the involvement and interest amongst national Scout or Guide associations,, international commissioners throughout the world have been contacted by means of a questionnaire. Nearly 20 associations have already responded, declaring their interest in this field.**

**An exhibition has just opened at the Geneva Scout Headquarters. Using materials supplied by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the**

**NGO 'Handicap International', as well as exhibits prepared by the Rovers themselves, the exhibition encourages visitors to learn about the issues involved through models, photographs, interactive computer games and videos. The exhibition runs until the end of September.**

**If you would like to know more about any aspect of this project, or how to create your own project, please contact Projet 'Mines antipersonnel', Centre Scout de Genève, 5 rue du Pr-J-Fame, CH-1205 Geneva, Switzerland.**

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