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Updates

International Events: Facts & Figures

12th World Scout Youth Forum

- The 12th World Scout Youth Forum was held on 4 to 7 August 2014 with the theme "One Tree, Many Branches".
- There were 185 youth participants from 75 countries
- The Forum revolved around "Our Movement, Our Community, Our Future".
- Mr Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Envoy on Youth, was keynote speaker on global trends and youth
- The forum appreciated outgoing Youth Advisors -- Doina Postica (Moldova), Esben Holager (Denmark), Felipe de Paulo (Brazil), Sarah-Rita Kattan (Lebanon) and Vemund Ovesen (Norway) for their commitment and work during the 2011-2014 Triennium.
- newly-elected Youth Advisors are Daiana Neil (Argentina), Jeremy Apert (France), Luis Antonio Aguayo Miranda (Mexico), Maire Fitzgerald (Ireland), Maeed Mohamed Zahir (Maldives) and Montaser Hosny Abdelmaged (Egypt), who will be working alongside the World Scout Committee in the 2014-2017 Triennium.

40th World Scout Conference

- The conference had nearly 1400 participants and support team members from 130 countries for what is the largest international event in the history of Slovenia.
- Jernej Stritih, President of the Slovenian National Scout Organization, welcomed all delegates to the Conference
- John May, Vice-Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, read a very inspiring keynote address from former President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Walesa
- Monaco and South Sudan were welcomed as new WOSM members
- World Scout Committee Chairman, Simon Rhee reported on the numerous achievements of the outgoing World Scout Committee as contained in the Triennial Report 2011-2014.
- Scott Teare, Secretary General of WOSM, delivered his report entitled "Unity in diversity and paid tribute to his predecessor, Luc Panissod, for many of the initiatives that he started as Secretary General.

2014 events

Consultancy visit

11-15 January
Sri Lanka

BSP/SLR Invitational Scout Peace Jamb

26-31 January
Philippines

ISGF ASPAC Committee meeting

1-2 February
Philippines

Founder's Day

22 February
Worldwide

National Strategic Planning Workshop

4-8 March
India

AIS Review

4-8 March
Malaysia

National Strategic Planning Workshop

16-21 March
Brunei Darussalam

World Scout Committee Meeting

21-23 March
Geneva

Scouts of the World Discovery Workshop

21-23 March
Singapore

Course for Assistant Leader Trainers (CALT)

22-28 March
Sri Lanka

WOSM Communications Meeting

24-28 March
Switzerland

- John Geoghegan, Director of the World Scout Foundation, invited delegates to focus on the social impact of Scouting in order to help raise more resources for the Movement worldwide
- President of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Borut Pahor, gave the key note address at the opening ceremony.
- Delegates were invited to attend a number of different interactive World Scouting Showcase sessions, including scout.org, Youth for Change, Educational Methods., 21st Century Leadership, Global Support and the 12th World Scout Youth Forum Outcomes.
- Delegates debated specific issues in break-out sessions which dealt with Global Issues, Transparency in Decision-Making, Duty to God and Human Rights
- 12 Candidates were elected to the World Scout Committee for the 2014-2017 triennium:
 - Karin Ahlbäck (Finland)
 - Abdullah Alfahad (Saudi Arabia)
 - Ledjou Marcel Blaguet (Côte d'Ivoire)
 - Peter Blatch (Australia)
 - Fernando Brodeschi (Brazil)
 - João Armando Gonçalves (Portugal)
 - Mari Nakano (Japan)
 - Jemima Nartey (Ghana)
 - Daniel Ownby (United States of America)
 - Lidija Pozaic (Croatia)
 - Craig Turpie (United Kingdom)
 - Bagrat Yesayan (Armenia)
- João Armando Gonçalves from Portugal became the new Chairperson of the World Scout Committee. João will be supported by two Vice-Chairpersons: Jemima Nartey from Ghana, and Daniel Ownby from the United States of America.
- Azerbaijan won the bid to host the 41st World Scout Conference in 2017. This will be the first time the Eurasia Region welcomes a World Scouting event.
- Day Four ended with a High Level Partners Event entitled "Scouting – a social force", with a keynote address from Corinne Woods, Director of the United Nations Millennium Campaign
- The event also marked the 10th anniversary of the Scouts of the World Award, the only award for youth granted by WOSM
- 40th Scout Conference closed with a new Vision 2023 and an ambitious 2014-2017 Triennial Plan.
- The Conference recognized three individuals, Mario Diaz Martinez, Derek Twine, and M. Georges El-Ghorayeb who received the Bronze Wolf Award for outstanding service to Scouting.
- In his closing statement, João Armando Gonçalves, Chairperson of the World Scout Committee, declared: "The implementation of the new Strategy for WOSM that you have just approved, is a golden opportunity, not only to increase our social impact, but also to strengthen our internal relations and reinforce the common values. Because we will all be working together in making Scouting the "world's leading educational youth movement."
- During the closing ceremony, Scott Teare, Secretary General of WOSM, said: "All of us came here with a positive spirit. We showed the world why Scouting is such a special Movement that cuts across cultures, age and boundaries." In his report to the World Conference, he stated that Scouting is a Movement of young people, supported by adults.

2nd Preparatory meeting for the 25th APR Scout Conference
28-29 March
Korea

APR MoP NSO Coordinators Gathering
3-7 April
Indonesia

23WSJ 1st Heads of Contingents Meeting
4-6 April
Japan

MoP Team Indonesia Gathering
9-13 April
Indonesia

Global Support (SGS) Meeting
22-23 April
Sri Lanka

Regional Scout Committee meeting
April 25
Sri Lanka

8th APR Scout Leaders Summit
26-29 April
Sri Lanka

APES Social Visit programme
26 Apr – 2 May
Sri Lanka/Maldives

APR Staff Summer Outing
1-4 May
Philippines

SMT Residential Meeting
12-17 May
United Kingdom

Basic Unit Leaders Training Course
17-23 May
Afghanistan

BSP Assessment (GSAT)
2-3 June
Philippines

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting
2-5 June
Australia

WSB KL Office Inauguration
18 June
Malaysia

4th International Patrol Jamboree

The 4th International Patrol Jamboree was held from 1 to 6 August, Sangju, Gyeongsangbuk-do. We had 8,000 scouts from 45 countries. There were more than 20 activities, such as paragliding, Ironman award, Sangju trekking, Orienteering, Hwarang award, Sinnari award, Horse-riding.

Besides, there was an International Youth Forum with 80 participants including oversea Scouts.

Hwarang award and Ironman award are the most popular programs of Korea Scout so many scouts joined to get those awards. Also, the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation put up an activity zone showing how to eat right food. The International Night & Sangju Night was crowded and enjoyed by all with Superstar J.

-- by *jieun Seo (Jessy)*

Dharmaraja Scouts create history with Guinness World Record

The 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group celebrated the Centenary of Scouting with establishing a Guinness World Record's by creating the world largest neckerchief measures 53.7m x 37.1 m (176 ft 2.4 inches x 125 ft 8.4 inches x 121 ft 8.4 inches) and the world largest woggle measures 1.03m (3 ft 4.55 inches) in diameter and 1m (3 ft 3.37 inches) in height.

This record was measured at the Dharmaraja College, Kandy in February 2014 by the official record adjudicators authorized to verify the authenticity of the setting and breaking of records employed by the Organization of Guinness World Records.

The aim of this event is to wave Dharmaraja colors in the most prestigious and worldwide selling book while celebrating 100th anniversary of 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group and organized by the Rover Crew of 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scouts.

The 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group's very first great achievement was winning of the "King's Flag" which they won for three consecutive years, 1917, 1918 and 1919. This flag was traditionally awarded to a troop in the British Colonies that had the largest number of King Scouts on September 30 in each year. In those years the number of colonies in the British Empire was quite a considerable number and no other troop in the colonies could emulate that achievement. The 1st Kandy Dharmaraja Scout Group was formed by late John Henry de Saram, the Ceylon's first native Chief Commissioner of Ceylon Scout Movement in 1913 with the assistance of late K. F. Billimoria, then principal of Dharmaraja College, Kandy.

In addition to the Guinness World Record, 1st Kandy Scouts were awarded the Sri Lanka's 'Best Scout Group Award' consecutively for three years from 2009 to 2011 at the Annual Awards Ceremony organized by the Sri Lanka Scout Association, last week at the Royal College, Colombo.

APR Management

Meeting

19-21 June
Philippines

Meeting with Scout Leaders

22-25 June
Papua New Guinea

Scouts of the World Award Workshop

23-25 June
Malaysia

APR Workshop on Adult Support

24-27 June
Cambodia

MoP Team Phase II

28 June – 2 July
India

Regional Workshop on Fundraising

5-8 July
Macau

APR Financial Resources Sub Committee Meeting

6 July
Macau

APR Staff Development Workshop

10-12 July
Philippines

Course for Leader Trainers

28 July - 1 August
Hong Kong

4th International Patrol Jamboree

1-6 August
Korea

Colombo Scout Centenary Jamboree

1-7 August
Sri Lanka

10th APR/Internet Jamboree

2-3 August
Malaysia

12th World Youth Forum

4-7 August
Slovenia

40th World Scout Conference

11-15 August
Slovenia

New Zealand Venturers go to the Cook Islands

South Taranaki Venturers went to the Cook Islands for their cultural exchange trip to promote Scouting on the island of Aitutaki and to promote Venturers to the local people. The photo shows NZ Venturers in traditional Cook Island dress.

A Team of 14 Venturers and 5 leaders went on this trip and they thoroughly enjoyed the activities planned which including ones that were planned by the locals. It would be great to have scouting on Aitutaki especially sea scouts.

The water activities were popular; the amazing race around the island was also fun. The local Cook Islanders took the male Venturers out on the boat to do some fishing; it was more swimming rather than catching a fish.

The females stayed behind and platted a Nikau plate to eat in, which was a great way for them to learn local weaving etc.

Camping style on the island was an experience. The Venturers were able to swim in the clear blue lagoon any time after their activities.

The Venturers were entertained by a local string band which also got the youth up to do the hula (island dance)- a lot of fun.

After 4 days they travelled back to the mainland, and were hosted by a local village. It is here were the youth went crab hunting. They all enjoyed the cooked crabs the next day.

The Venturer unit are planning another trip to Aituttaki to further promote Scouting on the island and in particular the establishment of a local Venturer Unit.

-- Wayne Philip, APR Correspondent, SCOUTS New Zealand

Hong Kong: A Legacy in Training

The refurbished Training Centre at BP International in Hong Kong as "A Legacy in Training" was inaugurated on 28 July 2014 in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the 3rd Course for Leader Trainers in Hong Kong.

Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Hong Kong (SAHK), Cheung Chi Sun said at the opening, "We must have effective and committed adults in order to develop good program for the young people. This can be achieved by quality training".

Supporting the SAHK Training Committee chaired by Prof Tam Man Kwan were seasoned leaders in Scouting – Dr Mak Wai Ming, International Commissioner Alex Wong, DCC Ng Ah-Ming and APR Adult Support Sub-Committee Chairman Rajalingam Ramasamy. Overseas trainers were Paul Parkinson (Australia), Francisco Chan (Macau), Thian Hong-Boon (APR office). Serving as staff were DCL Ivan Tam and Peter Lee with facilitators Herman Hui, Ophelia Chan and Stella Fung.

The CLT was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong with 19 participants comprised of 10 local and 8 overseas from Scouts of China, Philippines and Malaysia. The Hong Kong CLT was last organized in 1998.

MoP Team Bangladesh Gathering
21-25 August
Bangladesh

Consultancy Visit
27-31 August
Bangladesh

National Strategic Planning Review Workshop
30 September - 2 October
Maldives

APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee Meeting
25 September
Indonesia

APR Communications and Marketing Workshop
26-29 September
Indonesia

57th JOTA / 18th JOTI
18-19 October
Worldwide

APR Programme Sub Committee Meeting
21-22 October
Korea

Seminar on Scouts of the World Award
23-26 October
Korea

Youth Forum Planning Committee Meeting / 3rd Preparatory meeting for 25th APR Scout Conference
27-28 October
Korea

Regional Scout Committee Meeting
8-9 November
Mongolia

National Strategic Planning Review Workshop
13-17 November
Malaysia

World Scout Committee Meeting
14-16 November

National Strategic Planning Workshop
1-5 December
Pakistan

MoP Pakistan Team Gathering
7-11 December
Pakistan

2nd SAANSO / 14th National Scout Jamboree
16-23 December
Pakistan

Job Opportunities

Here's to reiterate the Job Opportunities available at the World Scout Bureau Kuala Lumpur Office, with an overview of the positions needed:

Digital Engagement Lead. The Digital Engagement Lead is responsible for the overall management of all global social media channels of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) and content of the website (scout.org).

He/She is responsible for monitoring, managing, maintaining and improving the performance of the digital channels of WOSM including the content of the website (scout.org) and global social media channels of WOSM, as well as the overall digital presence of WOSM. This includes building and maintaining close working relationships in digital engagements with WOSM's key stakeholders.

Editor & Lead Writer. The Editor & Lead Writer is the message and content custodian of all publications and editorial products of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM). He/She is responsible for developing and creating compelling ideas and stories that support and enhance the vision and profile of WOSM among stakeholders and the general public. He/She is responsible for setting the editorial and creative agenda of WOSM by providing the leadership and working closely with WOSM's key stakeholders including the Regional Offices (ROs) and National Scout Organizations (NSOs).

Social Media Manager. The Social Media Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the social media channels of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). He/She manages all social media activities of WOSM including creating content and responding to queries on social media. The Manager takes care of the implementation of the World Scout Bureau's Digital Engagement Guidelines across all social media channels of WOSM.

Webmaster & Web Development Lead. The Webmaster & Lead Web Developer is responsible for managing, maintaining and improving the technical performance, functionalities and security of the website (scout.org) of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM).

Director, Adults in Scouting. The Director, Adults in Scouting, is a member of the Scouting's Development team within the World Scout Bureau, reporting to the Global Director, Scouting's Development. The person filling this position is responsible for supporting the development of 'Volunteering' at Global and Regional levels, and in National Scout Organizations (NSOs), in line with the World Adult in Scouting Policy.

Director, World Events. The Director, World Events, is a member of the Scouting Development team within the World Scout Bureau, reporting to the Global Director, Scouting Development. His/her main mission is to lead the World Scout Bureau's actions in supporting the Host Committees of World Scout Events, as well as to support the World Scout Committee in exercising its Constitutional function to supervise the organisation of World Scout Events.

Details are available at www.scout.org

Circulars

Circular 1-2014: 12th APR Scout Photo Contest

Circular 2-2014:
APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting

Circular 3-2014:
APR Seminar on Value-Based Scouting

Circular 4-2014:
Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Adult Support

Circular 5-2014:
Terengganu International Scout Jamboree 2014 - Malaysia

Circular 6-2014:
APR Specialists Panel

Circular 7-2014: 2nd
APR Messenger of Peace NSO Coordinators Gathering

Circular 8-2014:
APR Seminar on Scouts of the World Award

Circular 9-2014:
APR Workshop on Fundraising

Circular 10-2014:
Educating young people on Human Rights

Circular 11-2014:
Workshop on Delivering Better Services to Stakeholders

Circular 12-2014:
10th Asia-Pacific Regional Air/Internet Jamboree

Circular 13-2014:
Scouting with children and young people with special needs

Circular 14-2014:
2014 APR Workshop on Communications and Marketing

Circular 15-2014:
25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference

To get a copy of the circulars, go to www.scout.org/asia-pacific

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