



DECEMBER 2015

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Regional Chairman visits APR Support Centre

Regional Chairman Paul Parkinson visited the APR Support Centre for two days to meet the APR executives.

"My goal is to advance this region which has a great potential to meet the WOSM membership goal. I look forward to working with you and report the progress, achievements and successes of the region three years from now", he said.

APR Support Centre executives individually met with the Chairman to talk about organizational development and structures, communications, regional strategy, youth programme, adults in Scouting, management and finance, potential NSOs and special projects.

The Chairman stayed until the weekend to celebrate the Christmas "get together" with staff members and their families.

APR fully supports BSP Strategy 2025

To pave the roadmap of Boy Scouts of the Philippines for 2025, key executives of APR Support Centre provided updates, perspectives and insights on the visioning process of Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The six-month intensive visioning kicked off in September 2015 with the introduction of WOSM Vision 2023 and APR Vision 2020 for national executives and regional directors who designed the roadmap for 2025, that now includes a new BSP Vision and five strategic priorities.

The second workshop involved 136 Council Scout Executives and key staff members to flesh out the strategy roadmap. BSP Director Roger Villa, project-in-charge, also invited resource persons from the Office of the President of the Philippines and relevant government offices to reinforce the strategy. Taking off the 4-day exercise were topics on image management from the perspective of governance and social impact (Luz Taray), Youth Programme and Adult Support (Syd Castillo and Thian Hiong Boon), and Volunteers and Professional Relationship (Paul Parkinson). The strategy will be presented to the BSP National Council at its annual conference in February 2016 for adoption.

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2016 events

as of 21 December 2015

MoP Training

Maharashtra,

02-06 January, India

National Strategic Planning Workshop

24-29 January, Myanmar

Global Support Assess- ment Tool

30-31 January, New
Zealand

Youth Programme Work- shop

31 January – 5 February,
Myanmar

Regional Scout Commit- tee Members' Orientation

8 April, Indonesia

Regional Scout Commit- tee Meeting

9-10 April, Indonesia

APR Sub-Committees Orientation

11 April, Indonesia

APR Sub-Committees meeting

12 April, Indonesia

APR Workshop on Telling Scouting's Story through Multi-Media

13-16 April, Indonesia

Oath of Office of Regional Members

APR Support Centre sent the following documents to all members of the Regional Scout Committee and Sub-Committees for their reference. The signed Oath of Office is expected to be sent back to APR office by individual members latest 31 December 2015.

- Certificate of Appointment
- Oath of Office
- Roles and Responsibilities (Terms of Reference)
- Performance Report
- Members Contact List

The APR Plan 2015-2018 e-copy will be sent out in January, together with name patch for all RSC and Sub-Committee members, Consultants, and YAMG.

New Publications

Guidelines. Two new publications, produced by the APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee 2012-2015, were launched at the 25th APR Scout Conference in Korea last November. These are 1) Marketing Principles: A Guide to Understanding the Basics of Marketing and Marketing Planning for Growth and 2) Media Guide to Create Impact for Scouting Events. The printed version of Marketing Principles is available.

APR Directory. Soft copy of the latest APR Directory is available, and contact lists were sent to all regional members, containing the latest composition of the Regional Scout Committee, Regional Sub-Committees, Consultants, APR staff and NSOs.

MoP Bulletin 12. The last issue of MoP Bulletin for 2015 has been circulated giving a summary of MoP projects that were completed, ongoing and upcoming.

Conference Website Closed. The official website of the 25th APR Scout Conference closed on 18 December. Please contact the APR Support Centre for any requests related to the conference.

Survey on Uniforms and Badges. Regional Circular no. 29 was issued in October 2015. NSOs are kindly reminded to send the name and contact address of their survey coordinators latest by 8 January 2016. The following countries have appointed their coordinators: Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, and Singapore. The survey will start in January 2016.

India strengthens Messengers of Peace Team

The Bharat Scouts & Guides India, in its effort to strengthen its Messengers of Peace Team, is bringing the initiative to the local level by holding four MoP Local Coordinators Gatherings -- first in the series was held on 2-6 December 2015 at the Solan-Himachal Pradesh where 34 Scouts and Guides from 11 districts, (out of the 12 districts) of Himachal Pradesh, attended.

Next three steps will be in Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra to take place from mid December 2015 to early January 2016.

APR Staff summer outing

1-3 May

World Scout Seminar on Environment Education

18-21 May, Czech Republic

Senior Management Team meeting

29 May - 4 June, Hawaii

APR Management meeting

15-17 June

APR Staff Development Workshop

18-20 June

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

October

World Scout Education Congress

18-20 November

OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2016

(worldwide and all regions)

24th Australian Jamboree (AJ2016)

3-13 January 2016, Australia

Founder's Day

22 February, Worldwide

Africa Day

13 March

World Scout Seminar on Environment Education

18-21 May 2016, Czech Republic

22nd European Scout Conference

17-21 June 2016, Norway

8th General Assembly of World Scout Parliamentary Union

3-5 August 2016, Sweden

Disaster training series for Scouts reach the final leg

Concluding the series of disaster and risk reduction training that started in 2014, APR office in collaboration with Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) wrapped up its final leg in southern Philippines with 30 Scouts and 29 Scout leaders from different provinces in Mindanao. The project is under the sponsorship of the World Scout Foundation.

Course Leader Broderick G. Train, with 18 years experience in disaster management, encouraged participants that learning the skills largely depends on creativity, analytical knowledge, and experience.

The two courses (for Scouts and Leaders) simultaneously happened at the BSP Camp Malagos, from 1-5 December 2015. Scouts and leaders had exercises on collapse structure search and rescue, vehicle extrication, sweep water rescue, basic life support and incident command system. The initiative is BSP's response to the Republic Act related to Disaster Risk Reduction and Management that introduces the principles of the Scout Emergency Service at home, school, neighbourhood and community.

WOSM INITIATIVES

New Articulation for the WSB Offices

WSB Circular No. 32/2015

At its March 2015 meeting in Kuala Lumpur, the WSC approved the new articulation for the WSB Offices as part of the move that reflects the true vision of "One WSB" and contributes to the successful delivery of the functions of the WSB as directed in Article XIX of the Constitution of WOSM. The Constitutional and legal name of each office remains unchanged. However, for the purpose of all non-legal communication, the new articulation is to be used on all digital and physical assets.

In summary:

- The two offices currently offering support at the global level to "World" initiatives:
 - World Scout Bureau - Kuala Lumpur Office -- where a majority of the operations, including the Secretary General's Office, were shifted from the former WSB Central Office in Geneva
 - World Scout Bureau - Geneva Office -- which was opened to retain WOSM's legal seat in Geneva, and hosts a number of staff functions, following the closure of the former WSB Central Office in Rue du Pré-Jerôme (Geneva) will be called:
World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre, Kuala Lumpur
World Scout Bureau Global Support Centre, Geneva and
- The WSB offices in the Regions will be called:
World Scout Bureau Africa Support Centre, Nairobi
World Scout Bureau Arab Support Centre, Cairo
World Scout Bureau Asia-Pacific Support Centre, Makati City
World Scout Bureau Europe (1) Support Centre, Geneva
World Scout Bureau Europe (2) Support Centre, Brussels
World Scout Bureau Eurasia Support Centre, Kiev
World Scout Bureau Interamerica Support Centre, Panama City

5th World Scout Interreligious Symposium
September

International Day of Peace
21 September,
Worldwide

3rd Eurasia Scout Youth Forum
4-5 October 2016,
Armenia

6th Eurasia Scout Conference
6-8 October 2016,
Armenia

-59th Jamboree on the Air
-20th Jamboree on the Internet
15-16 October 2016,
Worldwide

5th Interamerican Scout Youth Forum
24-25 October 2016,
United States

26th Interamerican Regional Scout Conference
26-29 October 2016,
United States

3rd Arab Scout Youth Forum
1-5 November 2016,
Oman

28th Arab Scout Conference
5-10 November 2016,
Oman

II Interamerican Scout Camporee & XV Interamerican Scout Jamboree
27 December 2016
- 2 January 2017,
Ecuador

21st New Zealand Jamboree
29 December 2016 –
7 January 2017
New Zealand

World Adults in Scouting Policy - Global Survey 2016

Circular N° 33/2015

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and National Scout Associations (NSA) have dedicated effort and resources towards promoting and supporting the implementation of the World Adults in Scouting Policy (WAISP). An urge for continuing that process has been made clear in different contexts.

This survey on Adults in Scouting aims at assessing the level of implementation of the WAISP, providing the basis for better supporting its implementation and further identifying specific areas suitable for improvement. The evidence acquired through the survey results will provide a basis for supporting the debate on the overall policy and/ or its specific dimensions, making projections and setting an action plan for the upcoming years.

This is a focused survey targeting National Scout Organizations and should be directly sent to the person in charge of the strategic implementation of the WAISP at the national level (i.e. Adults in Scouting/Adult Resources Commissioner/ Educational Methods Commissioner/ Training Commissioner). Only one submission per NSO is requested.

For reference, the survey document can be consulted at English version: scout.org/AISSurvey2016_e French version: scout.org/AISSurvey2016_f

The survey will be available from 1st of January of 2016 in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The deadline for completing the survey is the 1st of March of 2016. Please contact José Figueira, Director Adult Resources and Volunteer Development at jfigueira@scout.org, for any questions you may have.

World Scout Movement commits 1 billion hours of community service

Scott Teare, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), announced on behalf of the 40 million Scouts worldwide that the Movement will intensify its efforts in making the world a better place during the COP21 event on 9 December 2015, in Paris, France.

"I am proud to announce that 40 million Scouts across 223 countries and territories are committing a further 1 billion hours of community service as a contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals – inspiring their communities, taking responsibility for shaping a better world. This is our Scout Promise," the Secretary General said.

Since 2012, Scouts around the world have already contributed more than 639 million service hours covering over six million community projects through activities and initiatives in the Better World framework, namely Messengers of Peace, World Scout Environment Programme and Scouts of the World Award. About 40% of the over 639 million service hours were coming out of environmental projects.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) issued a joint statement on 4 December calling on all parties to include young people in defining the solutions to the climate change issue given that they are the generation which will be affected. Both WOSM and WAGGGS are present and contributing to the COP21 debates in Paris.

During the COP21 event hosted by Corinne Lepage, in charge of a Mission for French President François Hollande on the Rights of Humanity, four Scouts representing the 40 million Scouts were given a "Youth Leadership Award for the Environment" recognising their contribution towards environmental and humanitarian relief efforts. In a video message, President Hollande congratulated the Scouts representatives for their leadership in environmental protection.

Scouts New Zealand change of International Commissioner

After 30 years in the role as Scouts New Zealand International Commissioner George Fairbairn has retired. Over this time George has represented New Zealand Scouting on the world stage attending numerous Asia-Pacific Region and world conferences as head of the New Zealand delegation. In his role as International Commissioner, George has formed partnership and friends for life.

Stepping into the role as the new International Commissioner is John Saunders who has been involved in Scouting as a leader for 40 years in the Wellington area. John is ideally suited for the role as he is currently working as Director of Communications at Asia New Zealand Foundation, a not for profit organization and New Zealand's non-government authority on Asia.

- *Wayne Philip, APR Correspondent, Scouts New Zealand*

INVITATION

Scouts of China: 2016 National Rover Conference

The 2016 National Rover Conference on 29th January – 3rd February is an annual significant gathering for Rovers in Taiwan.

The event gives young people the avenue to enhance their skills in decision-making at the institutional level of Scouting, to provide opportunities for Rovers to take part in youth involvement, and to discuss and express their opinions in different issues.

2016 Australian Jamboree (AJ2016)

The 2016 Australian Jamboree is the 24th Australian Jamboree, where over 12,000 Scouts will converge on a location somewhere around Australia to camp for 2 glorious weeks of fun, fantastic adventure and friendship. For more details, visit <http://www.aj2016.com.au/>

9th National Scout Jamboree 2016

Sri Lanka Scout Association with a history of 103 years will be holding the 9th National Scout Jamboree in Jaffna from 20-26 February 2016, which also coincides with the centenary of Scouting in Jaffna.

Jamboree site is in the Jaffna Peninsula which the historical fort is within the campsite. The palmyrah tree signifies the Northern Province with a host of palmyrah products being made available. It is located 400 kilometers from the capital city of Colombo and is accessible by road, rail and air.

CIRCULARS

- Circular 1-2015:** Revised Guidelines for the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum
- Circular 2-2015:** Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws, Rules of Procedure and Submission of New Resolutions
- Circular 3-2015:** Proposed Conference Agenda
- Circular 4-2015:** Nominations for the Regional Scout Committee Membership 2015-2021
- Circular 5-2015:** Call for Proposal to Host the 26th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference – 2018
- Circular 6-2015:** Call For Proposal To Host 32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree – 2021
- Circular 7-2015:** APR Workshop on Community-Based Scouting
- Circular 8-2015:** Youth Involvement
- Circular 9-2015:** APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting
- Circular 10-2015:** APR Workshop on Telling the Scouting Story through the use of Multimedia
- Circular 11-2015:** 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Award for Outstanding Scouts – 2015
- Circular 12-2015:** Call for nominations to the Young Adult Members Group for 2015 - 2018
- Circular 13-2015:** Appeal to help Nepal earthquake survivors
- Circular 14-2015:** APR Workshop on Partnership and Self-Reliance
- Circular 15-2015:** Nomination for APR Sub-Committees 2015-2018
- Circular 16-2015:** Candidates for APR Scout Committee 2015-2021
- Circular 17-2015:** Draft APR Plan 2015-2018
- Circular 18-2015:** 25th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Conference: Breakout Groups
- Circular 19-2015:** Final Conference Agenda
- Circular 20-2015:** 18th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange
- Circular 21-2015:** Nomination for APR Scout Foundation Management Committee (2015-2018)
- Circular 22-2015:** Cancellation of the APR Air/Internet Jamboree
- Circular 23-2015:** Displays and Scouting Mall for National Scout Organizations and External Partner Organizations
- Circular 24-2015:** 8th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum Documents
- Circular 25-2015:** Candidates for the Young Adult Members Group: 2015-2018
- Circular 26-2015:** APR Scout Foundation Fund Raising Dinner
- Circular 27-2015:** 16th National Scout Jamboree - Philippines
- Circular 28-2015:** APR Course for Leader Trainers (CLT) - Change of Course Venue
- Circular 29-2015:** Understanding Youth Member Needs and Attitudes to Scout Uniform
- Circular 30-2015:** Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee 2015-2021 and Asia-Pacific Regional Sub-Committees 2015-2018
- Circular 31-2015:** 25th APR Scout Conference Resolutions
- Circular 32-2015:** 14th APR Scout Photo Contest

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