



# OCTOBER 2016

## What's New

### Disaster Response Management for Scouts

A regional focus for this triennium is to build the capacity of Scout members in being prepared and in responding safely and responsibly during natural disasters. This was the primary purpose why the Asia-Pacific Support Centre organized the APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management hosted by the Scout Association of Japan (SAJ) on 5-9 October 2016 in Ibaraki, Japan.

With 31 participants from 14 National Scout Organizations, the workshop explained more clearly the role of Scouts in disaster response as practiced in several NSOs, with practical tips on how to develop a disaster response management unit at national and local levels.

SAJ gave all-out support to this event with a surprise visit by Her Imperial Highness The Princess Ashikino who took time to meet the participants and listen to the keynote speaker Mr Kensuke Onishi, CEO of Peace Winds Japan. Other SAJ top officials attended the ceremonies, namely International Commissioner Masato Mizuno, Chairperson of International Committee Mr Minoru Nishimura, and National Secretary Mr Koichi Kimura.

Ms Reiko Suzuki, Vice Chairman of APR Scout Committee, was the main organizer and workshop director with the support of APR Management Sub-Committee Chairman Dr Somboon Bunyasiri. Serving as facilitators were Regional Director J. Rizal C. Pangilinan, Boy Scouts of the Philippines Secretary General Roger Villa, PPMalaysia Commissioner Ramakrishnan Ramasamy and Asia-Pacific Support Centre Director Prassanna Shrivastava.

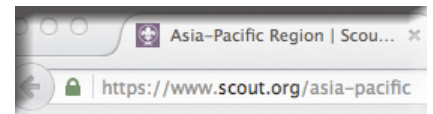
### Art of storytelling for Scouts

Telling stories of Scouting through various media channels was a key topic at the APR Workshop on Strengthening Internal and External Communications held in Bangkok on 11-15 October 2016, hosted by the National Scout Organization of Thailand.

For four days, participants from 17 countries learned about the new digital engagement of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) to be launched in a few weeks and an overview of internal and external communications at national, regional and world levels.



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## 2016 events

### APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management

5-9 October  
Japan

### APR Workshop on Strengthening Internal and External Communications

11-14 October  
Thailand

### World MoP Seminar

12-16 October  
Hungary

### GSAT Hong Kong

15-16 October  
Hong Kong

### RSC Meeting

15-16 October  
Thailand

### 13th Malaysia Scouts Jamboree 2016 KL International Scouts Jamboree

25 Nov-1 Dec

### Everything is Possible Jamboree

14-21 December  
Thailand

### Hong Kong Scout 105th Anniversary

23-27 December

Participants had exercises on scriptwriting and visual storytelling through photos, videos, design and imagery. These wrapped up with preparing quality content and sharing the stories through social media – and a mini competition on storytelling.

On the last day, Sri Lanka Scout Association shared its success story in building a Scout Media as well as engaging the broadcast and print media in promoting Scouting locally and internationally. Other National Scout Organizations shared their best practices in Communication Strategy and Media Relations in Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Regional Chairman Paul Parkinson addressed the participants with an inspiring message at the closing ceremony.

Before the workshop, 11 members of APR Scouting Profile Sub-Committee had its meeting to review its plans and activities for the triennium, headed by Brata Hardjosubroto and advisor Ahmed Ali Maniku of the Regional Scout Committee with thanks to Mr Ut Sangjit, workshop advisor and host.

### **APR Management Sub-Committee Meeting**

Eleven members of the APR Management Sub-Committee met at the Yellow Ribbon hotel in Bangkok, chaired by Dr Somboon Bunyasiri of Thailand with Regional Scout Committee member B.I. Nagarale as adviser.

The meeting started with a training on StrategyConnect, a web-based platform to monitor the region's regional plan, jointly facilitated by Ms Luz Taray and S Prassanna of the Asia-Pacific Support Centre. The meeting focused on the review of tasks by sub-committee members during the triennial period.

More time was devoted on major areas such as the Membership Growth Strategy with a projected membership for each NSO by 2023, the Guideline on Good Governance in NSOs, building capacity in Disaster Response Management, a more effective implementation of national strategic plans, and consultancy services to NSOs.

### **Regional Leaders meet in Bangkok**

Wrapping up the weeklong Asia-Pacific events in Bangkok, the National Scout Organization of Thailand hosted the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee meeting on 15-16 October 2016.

**Offer of deepest condolences for the passing away of Beloved King and Chief Scout.** In the evening of 15 October, Regional Committee members together with the participants of APR Communications Workshop – from a total of 18 countries – paid homage to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the King of Royal Kingdom of Thailand and Chief Scout, who passed away. The entire group sent their messages of deepest condolences to the people of Thailand.

**Launch of 60 year coffee table book and badge.** In commemoration of the 60 years of Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region, a coffee table book entitled "What is Great about Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region" was launched during the meeting together with the Diamond Jubilee Badge. Committee members and Sub-Committee chairmen affixed their signatures on the book as a memorabilia for the APR office and for everyone present.

**APR Workshop on Good Governance**  
Bangladesh

**21st New Zealand Jamboree**  
29 December - 7 January  
New Zealand

**OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2016**  
(worldwide and all regions)

**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

**Regional Scout Committee meeting.** Ten members of the APR Scout Committee, sub-committee chairmen and consultants, and the WSB Desk Officer were in full attendance in the two-day meeting presided over by Regional Chairman Paul Parkinson, supported by Regional Director J Rizal Pangilinan. Highlights of the meeting include the Sub-Committee and Task Force reports discussing in detail the achievements of regional priorities in Youth Programme, Adult Support, Management, Finance, and Scouting Profile. The Young Adult Members Group, Strategy, APR Scout Foundation and Awards also rendered their reports.

Overview of forthcoming regional events was presented such as the APR Scout Leaders Summit in April 2017 and the 26th APR Scout Conference in 2018. The meeting concluded with an exercise on the Regional Team Charter and a review of documents related to forthcoming World Scout Conference in 2017.

### **StrategyConnect Training for all Sub-Committees**

In October, the APR Monitoring Task Force completed the training of five regional sub-committees in using the StrategyConnect platform to individually and collectively monitor the milestones (objectives) and initiatives (action steps) of the five priority areas in the APR Plan 2015-2018.

Using the system's beta version, sub-committee members can now access the system and will be able

### **Child and Youth Protection - Position Paper** **WSB Circular N° 42/2016**

The success of Scouting has been based on the responsibility taken to provide a safe environment while supporting the development of children and young people. Child and youth protection in Scouting enables them to experience a safe passage through the Movement and develop their full potential.

With Vision 2023 on-sight, WOSM has an increased responsibility in ensuring a safe environment for children, young people and adults in Scouting, by supporting the development and adoption of policies and procedures at the national level.

To help NSOs in raising awareness and implementing policies and procedures, a Child and Youth Protection Position Paper was produced with the aim to:

- Strengthen the Resolution 2002-07 on Keeping Children Safe from Harm and act as a policy of WOSM.
- Provide an up-to-date position statement of WOSM on Child and Youth Protection.
- Support NSOs in implementing national policies and strategies on Child and Youth Protection. NSOs are invited to adopt the guidelines proposed in this document, focusing particularly on reviewing their position, policies and procedures to ensure a safe environment is provided to children, young people and adults in their Scouting activities.

For inquiries, please contact José Figueira, Director of Adult Resources and Volunteer Development, World Scout Bureau, at [jfigueira@scout.org](mailto:jfigueira@scout.org)

### **The Scout Donation Platform** **WSB Circular N° 41/2016**

WOSM, in cooperation with the World Scout Foundation, has started the development of The Scout Donation Platform, an online social funding platform for Scout projects. NSOs will benefit from this new online tool to fund their national and/or local projects by engaging the existing donor base as well as attract new donors globally.

After a period of careful preparations, the project is now in the early development stage, with a planned go-live date in February 2017. More information will be available on our dedicated web page [scout.org/donate](http://scout.org/donate) with a possibility to subscribe to the platform mailing list.

Thanks to the support from the WSF, all operational and transactional aspects related to donations made via the platform will be fully covered by the foundation. Which means that no costs will be imposed on the NSOs using the platform, thus allowing 100% of donations to go directly to the funded projects. Additionally, the projects will be actively promoted among the WSF's existing donor base (the World Baden-Powell Fellowship) and the NSO/NSAs will also receive assistance in terms of project management, quality assurance and best practices in order to help ensure the project success.

It is matter of utmost importance for the project success that there would be enough quality projects ready to present to potential donors at the platform launch. Therefore, NSOs are encouraged to start preparing projects well ahead. The project can be anything from response to a large-scale natural disaster to a group project with impact on the local community. The World Scout Bureau (WSB) will provide NSOs/NSAs with guidelines on project preparation and their quality assurance.

## **Farewell Message to Secretary General Scott Teare**

With respect and gratitude, we say farewell to Scott Teare, Secretary General of WOSM, who announced his retirement at the end of October 2016.

We deeply appreciate your persistent and willful leadership, as well as your humble and modest demeanor while serving as Secretary General.

Thank you. We will miss you. God bless you.

# **What's Upcoming**

## **Everything is Possible Jamboree**

Scouts Western Australia and the National Scout Organization of Thailand (NSOT), are organizing the Everything is Possible Jamboree to be held at Vajiravudh National Scout Camp in Chonburi, Thailand on 14-21 December 2016.

With the theme "Scouting Has No Borders", this 8-day event will feature exciting onsite activities such as Leave No Trace environmental training, Messengers of Peace project, Cartoon Network Water Park, Bangkok Discovery days, beach visits and more that Thailand can offer.

For more info, visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Everything-is-Possible-Jamboree-Thailand>

## **21st New Zealand Scout Jamboree**

Naumai Haere Mai

Date: 29 December 2016 - 7 January 2017

Venue: Renwick Sports and Events Centre, Renwick, close to the town of Blenheim in the Marlborough District (northern region of the South Island)

Eligibility: All Scouts attending must be an invested Scout, no younger than 10 years 6 months, and have not reached their 15th birthday as at 28 December.

Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and adult leaders will be eligible to apply to serve as a staff member, and as a member of the Youth Services Team.

Jamboree Fee: The Jamboree fee will not be set before December 2016, and will include all accommodation, melas, and main programme activities. The fee will vary for those attending as a member of the Youth Services Team.

Activities: A wide range of activities will take place everyday, mostly as a Jamboree Patrol, both on site and off-site venues, and including on the water within the Marlborough Sounds.

SCOUTS New Zealand is very hopeful that many Scouts from near and far will come to New Zealand for this important event, looked forward to every three years by our Scouts and leaders.

Jamboree website: [www.jamboree.scouts.org.nz](http://www.jamboree.scouts.org.nz)

## **2016 APR CIRCULARS**

### **Circular No. 1, series of 2016**

Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. and WOSM Partnership

### **Circular No. 2, series of 2016**

APR Plan 2015-2018

### **Circular No. 3, series of 2016**

Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Adults in Scouting Performance Efficiency

### **Circular No. 4, series of 2016**

APR Workshop on Revisiting the Scout Method

### **Circular No. 5, series of 2016**

APR Specialists Panel

### **Circular No. 6, series of 2016**

10th Indonesia National Scout Jamboree

### **Circular No. 7, series of 2016**

Appeal to help Tropical Cyclone Winston survivors in Fiji

### **Circular No. 8, series of 2016**

APR Forum on Risk Management

### **Circular No. 9, series of 2016**

APR Workshop on Environment Education in Scouting 2016

### **Circular No. 10, series of 2016**

Appeal to help Sri Lanka flooding and landslide survivors

### **Circular No. 11, series of 2016**

APR Workshop on Disaster Response Management

### **Circular No. 12, series of 2016**

Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Education Forum 2017

### **Circular No. 13, series of 2016**

YAMG Coordinator 2016 - 2018

### **Circular No. 14, series of 2016**

APR Workshop on Strengthening Internal and External Communications

### **Circular No. 15, series of 2016**

Celebrating International Day of Peace - 21st September 2016

### **Circular No. 16, series of 2016**

9th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Leaders Summit

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