



NOVEMBER 2016

What's New

New Secretary General appointed

The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) recently announced the appointment of Mr Ahmad Alhendawi as the next Secretary General of WOSM.

Mr Ahmad Alhendawi will start in March of 2017 after completing his term as the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. As the Secretary General of WOSM, Mr Alhendawi will be entrusted with the mandate of promoting and safeguarding the interests of the Scout Movement. As its Chief Executive Officer, he will also direct its Secretariat, the World Scout Bureau.

Mr Alhendawi began his involvement in Scouting at the age of 13 when he joined the movement in Jordan. He has maintained an interest and involvement in youth support, the Scouting movement, and non-formal education throughout his career.

His previous experience includes work as the Youth Policy Advisor in the League of Arab States, and Team Leader for a League of Arab States programme on institutional development to strengthen Arab youth policy and participation. Among other roles, he has also served as a Team Leader for the National Youth Policy Project in Iraq, a Youth Programme Associate at the Iraq office of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), Emergency Programme Officer at the non-governmental organization Save the Children.

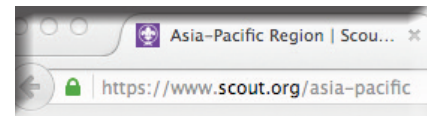
His recent engagement with Scouting includes making the closing speech at the World Jamboree in Japan 2015, as well as the keynote speech at the 12th World Scout Youth Forum in 2014. Scouts who have met Mr Alhendawi at various events have consistently appreciated his open manner, and his active and friendly engagement with Scouts. – *scout.org*

Visit to 5 NSOs in the South Pacific

A team from the APR Support Centre – Regional Director J. R.C. Pangilinan and the Director for Development Support and desk Director for Oceania Sub-Region, S. Prassanna Shrivastava, completed their chain of visits to five National Scout Organizations in the South Pacific namely Scouts Australia, Fiji Scouts Association, Kiribati Scouts Association, Scout Association of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands from 12 to 25 November 2016.



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2016 events

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

APR Workshop on Good Governance
Bangladesh

21st New Zealand Jamboree
29 December - 7 January 2017
New Zealand

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

The purpose of this long awaited visit was to meet with top leaders of these NSOs, address major challenges, and determine the nature and quality of support needed by each NSO.

Scouts Australia. For many years, Scouts Australia has supported several Scout associations in the South Pacific, technically and financially, especially in capacity building. The APR Team met with the Chief Commissioner Chris Bates, International Commissioner Andrew Cooper, and Chief Scout Executive Martin Thomas. They discussed Scouts Australia's support in the governance and building capacity of associations in the South Pacific, and to inch them closer to the desired standards set by the Global Support Assessment Tool (GSAT). Taking this opportunity, the team also reviewed the progress of Scouts Australia on the GSAT recommendations, and their continued collaboration with APR Support Centre.

Fiji. The President of Fiji Scout Association (FSA) Abhay Nand coordinated the visit and meetings with Fiji Scouts Association. Together with Abhay Nand and Dy. Chief Commissioner Dr. Brij Lal, the APR team had an audience with Chief Scout and President of the Republic of Fiji, George Konrote. The Chief Scout, who was a Scout when he was young, is very supportive to Scouting since he assumed office. Major challenges of Fiji Scouts including the need for resources were discussed with him for which he responded positively.

A road map was designed in the meeting with FSA executives to address resources development, youth program implementation, training of leaders and membership growth. Fiji's Messengers of Peace Team welcomed the APR Team in Nadi and shared their achievements and the impact they created in rejuvenating Scouting in the islands.

Kiribati. The next NSO visited was Kiribati Scout Association (KSA) where the KSA President Martin Tofinga and Chief Commissioner Elect Amon Timan are reorganizing and inviting new leaders to support Scouting. The team met with the Vice President of the Island Republic H.E. Kourabi Nenem who represented the Chief Scout, the President. In a series of meetings with the leaders, a road map was designed to achieve the minimum growth rate of 3% annually and to address issues on governance, resources and leadership challenges.

Solomon Islands. Scout Association of Solomon Islands (SISA) is a potential WOSM member in the South Pacific. Primary purpose of the visit was to meet the key leadership and government officials and support them in building capacity, which eventually would lead to meeting the requirements for WOSM membership possibly within the triennium.

Chief Commissioner Joe Billy Oge and his team, with guidance from the APR team, drafted the road map in achieving specific goals. Meetings were arranged with the Permanent Secretary of Education Dr. Franco Rodie and Women, Youth and Children Ms. Ethel Sigimanu who both offered their support to SISA. SISA will host the next Council of South Pacific Scout Associations Forum scheduled in 2017. An initial meeting was held with the Deputy High Commissioner of Britain and the Mayor of Honiara City where this forum will be held on 3-6 July 2017.

Papua New Guinea. Last lap of this mission was in Papua New Guinea. APR Chairman Paul Parkinson joined the team for discussion with the PNG leaders headed by Chairman Daniel Linoge and Acting Chief Commissioner Noel Pinda.

They rendered a report on their progress since the last APR visit, and the changes are remarkable. The government of PNG had also offered financial support to the Scout association. A road map was mutually agreed to strengthen the organization's governance with a target of 30% membership growth annually.

As a result of this visit, APR Team expects a substantial change in NSOs in the South Pacific with sustained support and focus on both sides to achieve the purpose of this mission.

Solidarity with other World Scout Bureau offices

To express solidarity with other regions, Regional Director JR Pangilinan attended the 26th Interamerican Regional Scout Conference on 26-29 in Houston, Texas and the 28th Arab Scout Conference in Oman. Both these gatherings were organised successfully with the goal of expanding inter-regional cooperation. It has further given each region the opportunity to learn best practices in organizing and conducting conferences.

This month of November, we welcomed two colleagues who are serving their internship at the Kuala Lumpur office. They are Luis Aguaya from Mexico who is supporting the digital engagement and also a youth adviser to the World Scout Committee. Luis had sessions with the APR communications team and a short briefing with the program and communications units of Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The other intern is Linda Rainbow from Canada who is supporting Organizational Development. Linda is having a series of discussions with executives in the areas of institutional development, I.e. Conference Resolutions, strategy development, and overview of the entire operations of AP Support Centre.

A few days from now, AP Support Centre will receive two colleagues from the Africa Support Centre – Mary Waweru, Director of Operations and Jonathan Omondi, Unit Manager of Youth Program – who are spending two weeks at the Makati office on what is called "experiential job learning", an exchange of ways of working with their APR counterparts and to collaborate on regional projects.

We look forward to welcoming the newly appointed Global Director for Communications & External Relations to visit the APR office in December, Mr Dong Wook Lee, who has always been a friend and part of the APR family since his younger years as an active young adult member and a Rover Leader.

New Leadership of Sri Lanka Scout Association

The International Commissioner of Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) Janaprith Fernando assumed duties as the newly appointed Deputy Chief Commissioner at a distinguished gathering held at the National Scout Headquarters in the presence of the Chief Commissioner, Professor Nimal de Silva, and key leaders of SLSA.

Janaprith Fernando is currently a member of the Asia Pacific Region Scout Committee and chairman of Scout Global Support Committee of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

Congratulations Janaprith and big thanks and best wishes to Shiraz Salih, outgoing Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Over 7,000 Scouts join Philippine Regional Jamboree

Known as the 5th One Southern Luzon Regional Jamboree, over 7,000 flocked to the Ilian Hills of Iriga City in the Philippines for a weeklong Jamboree that also celebrates the 25th anniversary of Iriga City Council.

Five challenging modules were prepared for Scouts to conquer: Module 1 on Emergency Preparedness, Module 2 on Global Development Village, Module 3 on World Scout Environment Programme, Module 4 on Challenge Valley, and Module 5 on Back to Basics.

The Jamboree became a reunion of Eagle Scouts Conclave and Woodbadge. Thian Hiong represented the APR Support Centre to this event.

Scout Build 2017

As a continuation of the partnership between the Asia-Pacific Support Centre and Habitat for Humanity International, the Scout Build 2017 is projected to involve Scouting units in the Philippines, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the USA on 18 February 2017 and/or 25 February 2017 to celebrate Founder's Day (Feb 22) – the birthday of Baden-Powell. The 2015 Scout Build was attended by 2,152 Scouts from Hong Kong, Nepal, Singapore and the Philippines.

NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region are invited to send representative either on 18 February 2016 or on 25 February 2017. Your representatives may have the option to attend one or both dates, if they wish to.

Furthermore, please contact Mr. Rick Hathaway, Area Vice President of Habitat for Humanity, Asia-Pacific Office via - RHathaway@habitat.org, who can connect your National Scout Organization with the Habitat office in your country and if you need further details on the event. – *APR Circular No. 18/2016*

15th APR Scout Photo Contest 2017 is now open

The 15th APR Scout Photo Contest for 2017 is now open. This contest is a chance to display Scout members' photography skills and contribute to the theme "Community Scouting".

Community Scouting highlights the importance of extending Scout membership beyond schools, and brings Scouting closer to the community that contributes to nation-building. Scouts have active roles and are highly visible in community development and social service. National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region are encouraged to help promote this contest among Scouts and leaders.

Deadline of submission of entries to the Asia-Pacific Regional office is on **28th February 2017**.

At the end of the competition, six winners will be announced: One Gold, two Silvers, and three Bronzes. Awards will be presented at the 9th APR Scout Leaders Summit in April 2017 and the winning photos will be featured in the regional publications including the 2018 Asia-Pacific Support Centre Calendar and Photo Contest posters. – *APR Circular No. 17/2016*

World Scout Educational Congress, 2017

The 2nd World Scout Education Congress will take place at Kandersteg International Scout Centre, Switzerland, from 11-15 May 2017. Delegates of the Congress will comprise Youth Programme Commissioners and Adult Resources Commissioners, and may also include International Commissioners, Chief Commissioners and other key NSO decision-makers. Preferably, the two delegates should have roles in their NSOs that will allow them to take action on the outcomes arising from the Congress.

The first round of registration will end in January 2017. At this time, an assessment will be made, and additional delegates (beyond the initial maximum of two) will be considered. Additional delegates who register under the same NSO during the first round of registration will be put on a waiting list, and will be notified in February 2017 of the status of their registration.

The Congress will look to:

- Raise awareness and improve understanding of world policies (World Scout Youth Programme Policy, World Scout Youth Involvement Policy and World Adults in Scouting Policy) among NSOs so that they can use them effectively
- Deliver high quality, informative and provocative sessions, designed to stimulate further exchange, debate and action, before, during and after the event
- Advocate for the improved integration of our Better World programmes within the Youth Programmes of NSOs
- Encourage discussion between NSOs on thematic issues and identify the key challenges in the field of non-formal education to be addressed between 2017 and 2020
- Strengthen NSO cooperation so that development of youth programmes and adult training is self-reinforcing
- Consider global, regional and other external trends affecting young people and how they might impact NSOs
- Explore opportunities in which NSOs can build partnerships with other educational movements/ organisations, civil society and the private sector to deliver Vision 2023

Here are the information channels of the Congress:

- Web: scout.org/congress
- Facebook: [facebook.com/scoutcongress](https://www.facebook.com/scoutcongress)
- Twitter: @ScoutCongress
- Hashtag: #ScoutCongress
- Email: congress@scout.org

Diversity & Inclusion – Definitions and request for resources

Through WSB Circular No. 48/2016, definitions are outlined on understanding Diversity and Inclusion to be used as a starting point for developing and implementing procedures, projects and practices that will help NSOs increase diversity in their membership. The expectation is that these definitions reinforce the need to be inclusive for all members and encourage NSOs to recognise and celebrate diversity of membership.

More initiatives and activities will be rolled out in the months to come and one of the main goals is to map and share NSOs' best practices regarding Diversity and Inclusion. In order to do that, NSOs are requested to share their programmes, projects, videos, photos and any other type of resources that strongly show efforts in promoting Diversity and Inclusion.

Please send feedback and resources no later than 31 December 2016, to José Figueira, Director of Adult Resources and Volunteer Development, World Scout Bureau, at jfigueira@scout.org.

World Adults in Scouting Policy Draft – Open consultation

Ref: Circular N° 49/2016

The recent revision of the World Scout Youth Programme Policy and the development of the World Scout Youth Involvement Policy generate the momentum for a first review of the World Adults

in Scouting Policy. While maintaining the philosophy underpinning the Adults in Scouting model, this review will strengthen the implementation of the World Adults in Scouting Policy and ensure greater consistency with other WOSM key policies and guidelines.

The focus of the proposed review is to:

- Review and upgrade the conceptual and theoretical framework of the World Adults in Scouting Policy, to ensure synergy with the most recent developments proposed by the World Scout Youth Programme Policy and World Scout Youth Involvement Policy.
- Strengthen the connection between Adults in Scouting and Youth Programme and clarify the position of Adults in Scouting as one of the three strategic areas (together with Youth Programme and Organisational Development) that form the cornerstone of an effective National Scout Organization.
- Highlight the values and key principles that underpin the World Adults in Scouting Policy and its different components, ensuring minimum content upgrades where necessary.
- Further enhance some of the policy components in accordance with standard policy frameworks and other World Scout policies and guidelines.
- Provide an up-to-date “look and feel” to the policy publication in order to ensure a wider promotion.

Please send feedback no later than the 31 December 2016 to José Figueira, Director of Adult Resources and Volunteer Development, World Scout Bureau, at jfigueira@scout.org.

What's Upcoming

World Scout Jamboree 2019 issues First Bulletin

“New World News” is the official bulletin of the 24th World Scout Jamboree in North America.

Here are extracts from the bulletin:

Date: The 2019 World Scout Jamboree begins with arrivals on Monday, July 22, 2019. The jamboree ends with departures on Friday, August 2, 2019.

Where: The WS Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, a 10,000-acre/4,047-hectare facility located in West Virginia, USA.

Theme: The theme for the 24th World Scout Jamboree, “Unlock a New World,” was developed by a youth bid team, known as the Dream Team. This theme speaks to the new adventures, cultures, and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from around the world during the 12-day event.

Concepts: 24th World Scout Jamboree unites the world’s young people to promote peace, mutual understanding, and respect. It also includes a wide variety of outdoor adventure activities and places a great emphasis on everyday life and social interaction among different cultures that are experienced through the Scouting campsite.

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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

Circular No. 17, series of 2016

15th APR Scout Photo Contest-2017: Community Scouting

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