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1. POLICY ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

At its meeting on 29-30 April 2006, the World Scout Committee carefully considered the situation of the 19 Member Organizations which still had registration fee arrears at the date of the meeting.

Following this examination, the World Scout Committee could only conclude that:

- in fairness to all NSOs which are paying their fees regularly (for some of them in very adverse internal conditions)...

- in fairness to other NSOs which had arrears in the past and to which the World Scout Committee has consistently applied the Policy on payment of registration fees since its adoption in 1996...

it had no alternative but to uphold the full Policy on payment of registration fees to these nineteen Member Organizations which are therefore provisionally suspended of membership with WOSM, with full application of the sanctions as from 30 April 2006.

This suspension will be automatically revoked as soon as the total payment of their respective arrears is received.

Bearing in mind that certain suspended Member Organizations may have been victim of circumstances beyond their control, which make it impossible for them to pay their fees, any Member Organization wishing to help one or several of the suspended Member Organizations to recover their full rights (through any possible scheme) is asked to contact the World Scout Bureau.

It is the sincere hope of all in World Scouting that those Member Organizations concerned will very soon have their full rights of WOSM reinstated.

To read Circular No 16 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0616Fees_e.pdf

2. COURSE WITH THE BOCCONI SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

The World Scout Bureau has teamed up with the Bocconi School of Management, Italy, to offer a short course designed to help young professionals recognise the treasure chest of skills they have developed as volunteers.

Participants are expected to have a university degree (or significant work experience), management experience at a junior level or be preparing for an executive role in their professional life, and significant voluntary experience.

This course will take place at Kandersteg, Switzerland, from 16-20 October 2006 and there will be two places sponsored for members of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement. If you know of a young person who fits the above profile and would benefit from this experience, please contact the World Scout Bureau for further information.

For more information on the course and enrolment details, please visit: <http://www.scout.org>

or the Bocconi School of Management:

<http://www.sdabocconi.it/corsi/dap/en/268612.html>

Please circulate this opportunity as widely as possible and especially to others who may be in a position to sponsor a young person to attend this event.

To read Circular No 17 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0617Bocconi_e.pdf

3. THE MARRAKECH CHARTER (BANGALORE REVISED EDITION)

World Scouting is pleased to announce the publication of the revised edition of the Marrakech Charter approved by the World Scout Committee at its meeting on 17 April 2005 in Rome in response to a need to improve the work in the field of partnerships in Scouting. Later it was adopted by the 37th World Scout Conference in Hammamet (Tunisia). The Seminar on Partnership in Bangalore was a response to the 36th World Scout Conference (Thessaloniki, Greece) resolution 15/02, which requested an evaluation of the work that has been done since Marrakech 10 years ago, in the area of partnership.

The new Charter considers and includes recommendations suggested during the seminar in Bangalore. It encourages the establishment of multilateral partnerships with other Scout

associations, especially those in the same geographical area, and calls for active cooperation with entities external to the Scout Movement.

NSOs are encouraged to use this document as a guideline for establishing and developing partnerships since it very clearly indicates the criteria for partnerships to be established between Scout Associations and other local, national or international governmental or non-governmental organisations.

For more information and to download the new Marrakech Charter (Bangalore Revised Edition) please visit: www.scout.org

To read Circular No 18 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0618Marrakech_e.pdf

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING KIT

A key factor in Scouting's ability to successfully achieve its mission will be its capacity to think and act strategically. This is part of Strategic Priority 6: An organization for the 21st Century.

A kit has been developed to help with the task of strategic thinking and planning which must be undertaken by each Scout association to ensure that it responds to the needs of young people in the society in which it functions.

The Kit in three parts:

- Part 1 provides information on the Strategy for Scouting and on the theoretical foundation of strategic plans.

- Part 2 provides support for training others in 'how to do strategic planning'.

- Part 3 contains supporting information in the form of handouts.

It is a useful tool for associations who are starting to develop a long-term strategy and the plan to implement it. If associations have already started on this process the kit will be useful in supporting the review process.

The Strategic Planning Kit is available in three formats in English – on paper, on a CD-ROM and on the web-pages of the WOSM web-site. It is also available in French on paper and on the web-site.

To read Circular No 19 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0619StratPlanKit_e.pdf

5. 2007 CENTENARY PROMOTIONAL DVD

The Centenary of Scouting promotional DVD has been released in our five working languages (Arabic, French, English, Russian and Spanish), and sent out to all NSOs in the latest Scoutpak.

This video is a tool for local and national leaders working to promote centennial activities to Scouts at all levels, for PR and Media Development Officers, and for those working on marketing and communications.

The video is available to download from our website:

<http://www.scout.org>

To read Circular No 20 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0620DVDCentenary_e.pdf

6. NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR WORLD SCOUT BUREAU AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE

In agreement with the Africa Regional Scout Committee, Dr Eduardo Missoni, Secretary General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, has appointed Mrs Rubina Marivonne Haroon, 44, from Seychelles as the new Regional Director for the World Scout Bureau - Africa Regional Office.

Holding a BA in International Relations, Rubina has worked in the Horn of Africa for the past 14 years. She comes to the World Scout Bureau from the UNDP Kenya country office where she has been the Senior Assistant Resident Representative and Head of the Strategic Outreach Unit since 2004. Prior to joining UNDP in Kenya, Rubina spent 12 years working in Somalia with both the UN and the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO).

Throughout her career, Rubina has developed and maintained a strong network both regionally and internationally focusing on resource mobilisation, human resource management, and programme/project development.

Rubina has that hard-to-find quality balancing an understanding of field conditions with programme management challenges based on practical experience. An effusive personality, Rubina is a value-driven person, which her 12 years humanitarian work and commitment to Somalia demonstrates. She definitely has the Scouting spirit. She will take up her new position on 1 September 2006.

To read Circular No 21 in full go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0621RegDirAfrica_e.pdf

7. SURVEY ON: NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO SCOUTING & THE INVOLVEMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT IN SCOUTING

As part of the tasks agreed upon by the World Scout Conference, Resolution 7/05 on WOSM Governance, a survey has been sent out in the latest Scoutpak to gain some information on national laws and regulations relating to Scouting and the involvement of Members of Parliament and Government in Scouting.

The survey is being undertaken jointly by the WSPU Secretariat and the World Scout Bureau.

The objectives are:

- to determine the existence of laws and regulations specifically recognising and/or promoting Scouting.

- to identify laws and regulations that hinder Scouting activities.

- to gather information about the involvement of Members of Parliament and the Executive in Scouting.

The results of the study will constitute the resource document for the 5th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU), in November 2006. This is the basis for the process that will, hopefully, eventually lead to the establishment of an international treaty recognising the social value

of Scouting and introducing specific provisions in support of its development in those countries that will ratify it.

To download the survey please visit:

<http://www.scout.org/>

Please send your completed survey by email or fax by the 15 September 2006 to

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To read Circular 22 in full and to download the survey go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0622Survey_e.pdf

8. SCOUT 2007 WATCH, A NEW PARTNERSHIP OF WORLD SCOUTING WITH THE CORPORATE SECTOR

There is new partnership agreement between the World Scout Bureau and the corporate sector for a project entitled "Scout2007watch".

World Scouting's partner Mr. Alain Silberstein, designer of "Alain Silberstein" watches produced by "La Fabrique de Besançon SA", is a very active Scout leader who, over many years, has been devoted to the development of our Movement at national and international levels. He wishes to be associated with World Scouting to contribute to the celebrations of the Centenary of our Movement in 2007 by creating a unique collection of Scout watches. Each watch sold will be the subject of a donation which will be paid to the World Scout Bureau. At the request of our partner, these donations will be allocated to financing the "Scouts of the World" programme.

This project is aimed primarily at the world market of watch collectors. However, in true Scout spirit, our partner has decided to reserve a six month exclusive period until the end of December 2006 during which priority will be given to WOSM National Scout Organisations – as well as to all their individual members – who are eager to acquire a watch carrying a preferential limited edition number.

As of 1 January 2007, the sales by subscription will be opened to the general public and in particular to collectors.

Because of their high cost, we are conscience that these watches are not within the range of everyone. Nevertheless, they represent a perfect occasion for a gift of prestige for any Organisations which may wish, in 2007, to honour their eminent leaders, Scouts or non-Scouts, who have contributed or continue to contribute to the development of our Movement or for individuals who would wish to acquire a "Scout" product of exceptional quality.

A visit to the website:

<http://www.scout2007watch.com>

will give you further information on the details of this project.

To read Circular No 23 in full go to

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0623Watch2007_e.pdf

9. BRONZE WOLF AWARDS

The World Scout Committee has announced the latest awards of the Bronze Wolf, the highest award in World Scouting. The medal has been awarded to:

- David Bull, International Commissioner of The Scout Association (United Kingdom) and former Chairman of the European Scout Committee

- Klaus Jacobs, former Chairman of the World Scout Foundation

- His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulayajej, Chief Scout of Thailand.

The Bronze Wolf is awarded by the World Scout Committee for outstanding services of the most exceptional character to the World Scout Movement.

A report on the recent presentation in Bangkok of the Bronze Wolf to H.M. King Bhumibol Adulayajej of Thailand, which was made by H.M. The King of Sweden, Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation and himself a Bronze Wolf holder, appears on the World Scouting website: <http://www.scout.org>

10. GOVERNANCE REVIEW TASK FORCE MEETS

The Governance Review task force, set up by the World Scout Committee in terms of Resolution 7/05 of the Tunisia World Scout Conference, met in Geneva from 15-16 July. This was the first meeting of the task force since its members were appointed by the World Scout Committee following an extensive process of consultation with National Scout Organizations and other stakeholders.

The task force is chaired by Johan Krabb (Sweden) and the other members of the "core group" of eight people appointed to lead the task are Melissa Casagrande (Brazil), Maggie Kigozi (Uganda), Wahid Labidi (Tunisia), Guillaume Legaut (French), Nicholas Tang (Singapore), Eberhard von Koerber (Switzerland) and Jerry Voros (USA).

The task force decided at its meeting how to carry out its mandate in keeping with its terms of reference. This will likely include the involvement of additional people from NSOs and beyond in various aspects of its work.

The task force will report regularly to the World Scout Committee, which has appointed Vice-Chairman Philippe Da Costa as liaison person. The World Scout Bureau acts as secretariat to the task force. NSOs will also be kept regularly informed of progress as the work of the task force proceeds.

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