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1. SUMMARY OF WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 2006

The World Scout Committee (WSC) met in Geneva from 28-30 April 2006. All 12 elected members of the WSC attended the meeting, together with the Africa, Asia-Pacific and European Regional Chairmen and two Youth Advisors to the WSC. The meeting was also attended by various guests, whose presence was related to specific items on the agenda.

The meeting began with a preliminary working session on setting targets and measuring the impact of the Strategy for Scouting, and to discuss the branding and communication of Scouting.

This way of working allows a free exchange of views and ideas in a less formal setting than the regular WSC meeting.

The WSC agenda was divided into four main sections:

- Secretary General: including Secretary General's Report, Triennial Plan 2005-2008, World Scout Centres and WOSM Accredited International Scout Centres, and Use of Open Standards and Open Source Software in the WSB.
- Governance: including World Scout Committee, WSB Inc., Regional Support Team, Youth Advisors, Governance Review Task Force, and Evaluation of the Secretary General and of the WSC.
- The Strategy for Scouting: including Strategy Task Force, Educational Methods Committee, Branding Process & Communication Task Force, and Membership Development Task Force.

- Institutional Matters: including Constitutional matters, Financial matters, Relationship matters, 37th World Scout Conference in Tunisia, and Future Events.

To read the detailed summary please go to:
http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0624WSC_e.pdf

2. WORLD SCOUT PARLIAMENTARY UNION (WSPU) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 5th General Assembly of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) will take place from 27-30 November 2006, in Dakar, Senegal. Invitations have been sent to the Parliament of each of WOSM's member countries on behalf of the WSPU Office in Warsaw.

All NSOs which have not already done so are asked to contact their respective Scout Parliamentarians without delay, in order to take the necessary steps to ensure that their country will be represented at the meeting. Although it is not a statutory meeting of WOSM, this event will nevertheless be very important for the Movement, particularly in preparation for 2007.

For further information on WSPU please go to:
www.wspu.net or http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0625WSPU_e.pdf

3. WORLD SCOUTING REPORT GLOBAL LAUNCH

World Scouting is very excited to announce the launch of the very first World Scouting Report and take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their input and support in its development.

This 100-page publication focuses on youth and development, in particular expressing World Scouting's response to the situation of youth today and their needs for the future.

The World Scouting Report will have its media launch in Geneva on Thursday the 28th September 2006. The date for this Press Conference has been chosen to coincide with the launch of the new brand design and global website, which will be unveiled on the 1st October. In addition, press conferences will be organised in all WOSM regions. The Report itself will be shipped to all NSOs in late September to be received in conjunction with the launch of the new brand design. It is being printed in French and English and will be made available in PDF format. For more information on the Report go to [scout.org](http://www.scout.org) or to download the detailed media plan click on:
http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0626WSRlaunch_e.pdf

4. SCOUT AND GUIDE SPIRIT FLAME

The project called "Scout & Guide Spirit Flame" has been endorsed by the WAGGGS/WOSM Consultative Committee upon a proposal by the International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF). The main idea of the project is to carry a flame by means of an overland or sea journey from the graves of Robert and Olave Baden-Powell in Nyeri, Kenya, to Brownsea Island, in the time span between Thinking Day/Founder's Day 2007 and the eve of "Scouting's Sunrise" (22 February - 31 July 2007). During its journey the Flame will call at Moisson (65 km from Paris), where, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Jamboree of Peace, it will light the "Fire of Fires" made up of pieces of wood coming from all the Scout and Guide historical grounds.

It is a great and unprecedented venture, an image-building symbol for the whole Movement and a very welcome complement to the Centenary celebration. We want the Spirit to be spread all over the world, representing the founding of the Movement. For his reason we are encouraging your NSO to give the project every possible assistance and support, by publicizing it in your national press.

For more information about the Spirit Flame and its proposed journey go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0627FireofFires_e.pdf

5. JOTA/JOTI 2006

The 49th Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) / Jamboree-On-The-Internet (JOTI) will be held over the weekend of 21st and 22nd October 2006.

What is the Jamboree-On-The-Air?

The JOTA is an annual event in which about 500,000 Scouts and Guides all over the world make contacts with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. It's the sheer excitement of having a live conversation with a fellow Scout or Guide in some other place in the world that attracts so many youngsters to this event. JOTA is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared. It's a unique opportunity for each individual Scout to get the real feeling of belonging to a worldwide movement.

What is the Jamboree-On-The-Internet?

Similarly to the JOTA, the Jamboree-On-The-Internet connects Scouts using Internet techniques. The JOTI is held on the same weekend as the Jamboree-On-the-Air. Units can choose to take part in either one event or both.

Worldwide

The JOTA and JOTI are worldwide events. During the weekend, units may participate for 48 hours or any part thereof, from Saturday 00:00hrs until Sunday 24:00hrs local time. Both JOTA and JOTI are WOSM events in which members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) are kindly invited to take part and enjoy the international atmosphere together with the Scouts.

For detailed information on this year's JOTA/JOTI and how you and your NSO can participate, please go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0628JotaJoti_e.pdf and www.joti.org

6. REGIONAL COMMUNICATION FORUMS

Following the announcement in the "Communication Package" distributed last year at the World Conference in Tunisia, World Scouting is pleased to confirm the organisation of the Regional Communication Forums. The first initiative of its kind, a Communications Forum will be held in each of the regions of WOSM between November 2006 and February 2007.

In order to synchronise the communication of the Movement at global level in 2007, the forums have been organised in partnership with the regional offices, supported by the World Scout Bureau Media and Communication teams, and will involve the additional support of The Scout Association of the UK.

Participants will complete the three-day programme, fitting one of the three profiles of representatives: Communications Commissioner, Media Manager or Young spokesperson.

The details regarding the registration of participants will be included in the next Scoutpak. However, NSOs can already inform their regional office of the representatives they may wish to send.

For further information and to see the proposed programme, please go to:

http://www.scout.org/front/docs/2006/C0629ComForum_e.pdf

7. CALL FOR CANDIDATURES FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WORLD SCOUT BUREAU, CENTRAL OFFICE, GENEVA

Dominique Bénard, presently Executive Director, Education, Research and Development Department of the World Scout Bureau, Central Office, Geneva, will leave his position on 30th September 2006.

Dominique will, from 1st October 2006, be the coordinator of Special Projects and the Executive Director of Open Minds Global, a very important project that we are launching in partnership with WAGGGS and Carpe Vitam, a Swedish Foundation.

Time has therefore come to start the process that will lead to the designation of his successor whom we would like to appoint before the end of October 2006.

The position of Executive Director of the Education, Research and Development (ERD) Department is one of the key staff positions in the World Scout Bureau. The holder of this position, who reports directly to the Secretary General, leads and co-ordinates the work of the World Scout Bureau (Central Office and Regional Offices) in the fields of Youth Programmes and Adult Resources and contributes to the development and assessment of the Strategy for Scouting. He/she has also to co-ordinate the preparation of World Scout

Youth Events (Jamborees, Moots) and to support the work of the World Educational Methods Committee recently created by the World Scout Committee.

The letter calling for candidatures for the position of Executive Director, Education, Research and Development Department of the World Scout Bureau, Central Office, and the job description can be downloaded from:

<http://www.scout.org/front/jobs.shtml>

It will also be circulated in this coming Scoutpak.

Kindly make sure that this information is widely circulated throughout your National Scout Organisation/Association.

Candidates should send their curriculum vitae indicating present salary conditions and social benefits, with the names of two referees, a photograph and a letter of motivation at the latest by Monday 9 October preferably by e-mail at: emissoni@worldnet.scout.org

or alternatively by regular mail marked "Personal and Confidential" to:

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Switzerland

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in mid-October by the Secretary General. Ideally the new Executive Director, Education, Research and Development should be operational as soon as possible but no later than 1st January 2007.

In accordance with the policy of the World Scout Bureau, preference will be given to a female candidate when candidates are of equal competence and experience.

8. PROMISING PRACTICE UK – ONLINE PROGRAMME PLANNING TOOL

As part of its support to volunteer leaders in The Scout Association, an on-line programme planning tool has been developed. This tool is specifically aimed at leaders working directly with young people and it is designed to make programme planning easier and quicker and increase the quality and understanding of programme planning. Read more about this development in the Promising Practice 'Programmes Online - Programme planning for the future' at: www.scout.org

9. THE WORLD SCOUT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

The report celebrates the work carried out by Scouts in communities the world over to build peace and understanding. "Donors can be proud that through their support these amazing young people are making a real difference in the world!", says Rick Cronk, Chairman of the WSF.

Printed copies are available from:

worldfoundation@world.scout.org, or click:

<http://www.scout.org/wsf/docs/wsfireport2005.pdf> to download it directly.

10. "STAND UP AGAINST POVERTY"

In cooperation with the Memorandum of Understanding that World Scouting has with the Millennium Campaign, we are proud to support "STAND UP" - an innovative and exciting challenge to set an official Guinness World Record of the greatest number of people ever to STAND UP Against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals. This will take place on October 15-16 2006. Within a 24-hour period, as many people as possible must physically and symbolically "STAND UP" to communicate their desire to fight poverty and to hold their governments and leaders accountable for promises to end poverty by 2015. The purpose of this action is to raise awareness of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to publicly demonstrate to policy makers the growing global support for the achievement of the MDGs and for the strengthening of development policies in both Northern and Southern countries.

To find out more and to learn how you can participate go to:

<http://www.millenniumcampaign.org>

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