

# WORLDINFO

News for Key Leaders in *Scouting*

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## 1. Governance Review Task Force - Report to World Scout Committee

The Governance Review Task Force (GRTF), chaired by David Bull, has been working diligently to accomplish the challenging task assigned to it, and has now completed its report to the World Scout Committee (WSC).

The report will be considered by the WSC at its next meeting, which will take place at the end of February 2008. The WSC will need to decide, at that meeting, how to deal with the recommendations that are included in the report. Some of these contain proposals for amendments to the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), which would need to be brought to the World Scout Conference for consideration.

The Steering Committee of the WSC, which prepares WSC meetings, has agreed that the report should now be circulated to all National Scout Organizations (NSOs), to enable NSOs to comment on it so that the WSC can have the benefit of this feedback prior to its meeting. The recently-announced gathering of NSOs at Jambville, near Paris, in mid-February will be one occasion when such feedback can be provided. But not all NSOs are able to attend that gathering, and so a copy of the report has been mailed in the recent Scoutpak with an invitation to send comments in writing to the World Scout Bureau. The report is also available for download from

[http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/10414/86874/file/GRTFReport\\_e.pdf](http://www.scout.org/en/content/download/10414/86874/file/GRTFReport_e.pdf)

If possible, your comments should be received before the mid-February meeting in

Jambville. If this is not possible, however, please do try to submit these in time for the WSC to consider them at its meeting at the end of February. While no standard "format" for feedback is being provided, it would be helpful if you would keep your comments as brief as possible and organise them under main sections of the report as follows:

- Legitimacy (including Recommendation 1)
- Unity of the Movement (including Recommendation 2)
- Accountability and Transparency (including Recommendations 3-5)
- Integrity and Democracy (including Recommendations 6-9)
- Conclusion (including Recommendation 10)

This Circular is available in full at

[http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular\\_n\\_01\\_january\\_2008](http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular_n_01_january_2008)

## 2. Changes to the Programme and Agenda of the 38th World Scout Conference, Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 14-18 July 2008

Resolution 12/05, adopted at the World Scout Conference in Tunisia (2005), recommended that the WSC seeks ways of working at the World Scout Conference that are more active.

The Planning Team for the Conference has planned the programme and agenda taking these recommendations into consideration, and there are a number of changes to the Conference Programme and Agenda that are listed below.

Opportunities shall also be given to the Conference to consider the recommendations that the WSC may put forward as a result of the Governance Review Task Force report.

The Changes in brief.

1. Support to new Conference participants
2. Increased use of workshops/small groups and more discussion/debate
  - a. Text of key speeches – will be distributed in written format before the Conference.

- b. Workshop programme during the Conference
  - c. Opportunity for greater discussion and debate on draft Conference Resolutions
  - d. Opportunity to meet informally with the Treasurer
  - e. Opportunity to network with others in similar roles in Scouting
3. The Mission and Strategy to be allotted a greater share of time
  4. Opportunities for discussion with candidates to the World Scout Committee
  5. Give more time to the Regions

You can read these changes in detail by downloading Circular No 2/2008 at

[http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular\\_n\\_02\\_january\\_2008](http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular_n_02_january_2008)

It is hoped that the changes will make the Conference more interactive and dynamic. There will be the usual sessions and inputs and the details are provided in Conference Document 1: Provisional Agenda, which can be found on [scout.org](http://www.scout.org) in the 38th World Scout Conference pages at

[http://www.scout.org/en/information\\_events/events/world\\_events/world\\_conference/38th\\_world\\_scout\\_conference](http://www.scout.org/en/information_events/events/world_events/world_conference/38th_world_scout_conference)

In addition to the formal programme, the World Scout Bureau has been working with its colleagues from the Korea Scout Association to provide an exciting social programme around the Conference venue so that all those attending will have an excellent Conference experience.

### 3. Information on Programme Workshops immediately before the World Scout Conference

The Educational Methods Committee of the World Scout Committee has been working during this triennium in five priority areas which arise from the Strategy for Scouting and Resolutions passed at the last World Scout Conference in Tunisia (2005).

Significant progress has been made in each of the areas which will be reported at the Conference in Korea, in July 2008.

The Educational Methods Committee has decided to offer three workshops in advance of the Conference so that some of the work can be shared more fully with representatives from NSOs which will also enable more detailed discussions on the specific topics. The workshop will take place on Sunday 13 July in the Conference Centre from 14.00 – 17.00. The workshop topics will be:

1. The Rover Scout Programme and the Scouts of the World Award.
2. Education for All – Reaching out to young people who are not involved in Scouting.
3. Environment Education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge.

Each of the workshops will be led by the Chairman of the Task Team and supported by the member of the World Scout Bureau staff responsible for the area of work. The working language for the workshops will be English and informal translation support in other languages may be available.

Further details of the content of the workshops and the target audience can be found by downloading Circular No 3/2008 in full at

[http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular\\_n\\_03\\_january\\_2008](http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular_n_03_january_2008)

It is hoped that at least one member of each delegation will be able to participate in these important workshops related to the Youth Programme for young people. Participants should complete the Application Form which is attached to the Circular and return it to the World Scout Bureau by 1 June 2008.

### 4. ANNUAL REPORT 2008 - Census and Address list forms

As per Chapter III, Article V, paragraph 3 (h) of the WOSM Constitution, membership of a NSO in the World Organization of the Scout Movement requires, amongst other obligations/duties, the "submission of an annual report to the World Scout Bureau".

The 2008 Annual Report forms have been mailed in the recent Scoutpak, to report census information as at 31 December 2007, and includes a page for any changes in contact people in the Scout Association.

This year's census form is not only for statistical purposes; the information provided will be used to calculate each Organization's annual fee for fiscal years 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. You are therefore requested to provide the World Scout Bureau with the most accurate information available.

Please complete these forms and return them as soon as possible to the World Scout Bureau, and in no case later than 31 March 2008. The World Scout Bureau will share the information you provide with your Regional Office.

The forms may also be downloaded from

[http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular\\_n\\_04\\_january\\_2008](http://www.scout.org/circulars2008/circular_n_04_january_2008)

and, if you wish, be e-mailed to

[worldbureau@scout.org](mailto:worldbureau@scout.org)

In accordance with the Constitution of WOSM, please also send to the World Scout Bureau a copy of your Association's annual report and financial statements.

National Scout Organizations which are Federations comprising several Associations are requested to ensure that all their constituent Associations complete the form and to return all forms (including, where applicable, the Federation's own form showing, for example, the federation's office bearers) as indicated above.

## 5. "Education in Love in Place of Fear"

The document on "Education in Love in Place of Fear", which is the original document containing our Founder's speech that he gave at the 3rd International Congress on Moral Education, held in 1922 in Geneva, has been mailed in the recent Scoutpak. This pamphlet was produced for the World Scientific Congress "Education and the World Scout Movement: Experiences and Challenges", held in Geneva in November 2007, as a conclusion to the Centenary.

The whole historical interest of this document, as described in the introduction, lies in that the themes discussed by the Founder are modern ones, and that this speech was given in a scientific framework, right after WOSM's constitutional conference.

If you are interested in adapting this document and publishing it in your country, please contact:

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World Scouting wishes you a fruitful discovery of the document and would like to suggest that you share it on Founder's Day, on 22 February. It is available on scout.org in .pdf format.

## 6. News from the World Scout Committee

The World Scout Committee has recently made two significant decisions which are of interest to National Scout Organizations.

The first is to abandon for the foreseeable future the idea of developing a new World Scout Headquarters building in Geneva. This proposal had initially been discussed at the WSC meeting in September 2007, when it was agreed to conduct a feasibility study on the project, but the World Committee has now decided to defer indefinitely any further work on this.

The second decision concerns the International Scout Centre at Picarquín in Chile. The WSC has decided that the feasibility study on this project, which was also agreed upon in September 2007, should focus exclusively on developing an exit strategy. It is expected that a proposal in this direction will be ready for the next WSC meeting which will take place in Geneva at the end of February 2008.

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