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## **CIRCULAR N°5**

To: Chairpersons, Executive Directors, and  
International Commissioners of the Scout  
Associations of the Interamerican Region.

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### **Election of members of the Interamerican Scout Committee.**

Dear friends,

According to the Regional Constitution, new members are to be elected to the Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC) on the occasion of the forthcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from 24 to 28 November 2007.

The following ISC members reach the end of their term in office at this Conference: Jin Matsumoto (United States), Oscar Palmquist (Brazil), John Neysmith (Canada), Germán Rocha (Bolivia) and Elena Ojeda de Ruiz-Díaz (Paraguay). The first four of this list may not be voted onto the Committee again, but this prohibition does not apply to Mrs. Ojeda, since Article 10 of the Regional Constitution provides that the restriction on immediate reelection "shall not apply to those members who have been appointed by the Committee or elected by the Conference to fill a vacancy", which describes the position of Mrs. Elena Ojeda de Ruiz-Díaz.

The following ISC members are to continue their term in office for a further two years: Ronald Castro (El Salvador), Luis Sabater (Dominican Republic), Omar Lugo (Mexico), Nigel Taylor (Barbados) and Jorge Katín (Nicaragua). Under Article 9, paragraph e. of the Regional Constitution, which provides that no association may have more than one member serving on the Interamerican Scout Committee concurrently, the associations belonging to the five countries named above may not present candidates on this occasion.

All the other member associations of the Region are therefore cordially invited to exercise their right to present candidates for the ISC. Candidatures must be submitted in writing to the Regional Office, by e-mail <[interamerica@scout.org](mailto:interamerica@scout.org)>, by fax (56 2-225.6551) or by postal mail, up to 30 days before the start of the forthcoming Conference, according to the provisions of Article 9, paragraph a. **In accordance with this provision, the reception of candidatures will close on 23 October 2007, at 24:00 hours (Santiago, Chile time).**

As provided in Article 9, once "the deadline has passed, the Regional Executive shall notify all the member organizations of the list of candidates".

The five seats on the Committee that are to be filled by election in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Interamerican Scout Conference will each carry a term of five years (2007-2012). The reduction of one year in the indicated mandate is because the next Regional Conference after Quito has to be held in 2009 (two but not three years after this one), to make the necessary adjustment so that as from the following one the regional conferences be done during the year immediately following to the World Scout Conference, according to the resolution made in Tunisia (2005). The Regional Conference in Quito will be the last one organized in the previous year to the World Conference (Korea 2008).

For the information of the associations, there follows a list of the main rules governing this election:

1. The members elected must consider the interests of Scouting at large and may not view themselves or be viewed as representatives of any member organization.
2. Member organizations must choose their candidates "from among their most outstanding leaders".
3. Candidatures must be supported by one other full member organization, as described in paragraph a. of Article 2 of the Regional Constitution.
4. The term in office of ISC members will automatically terminate should they cease to belong to their member association.
5. In keeping with the practice at former Conferences, each association may vote for as many candidates as there are positions to fill.
6. Written candidatures should be signed by the competent association authorities and be accompanied by the following documents: a) written acceptance of the individual who is being put forward; b) written support extended by another Conference member association; c) curriculum vitae of the candidate.
7. In accordance with the resolution of the Interamerican Scout Committee adopted in January 2006, it will be proposed to the Conference that the election returns be done publicly and in plenary.

We would be grateful if you would disseminate this information as widely as possible.

With kind regards, yours in Scouting,

  
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