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Executive Directors and members of the
National Councils of the Scout Associations of
the Interamerican Region.

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Social Development Projects Fair and Fair of Nations at the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference.

Dear friends,

You are cordially invited to take part in the **Social Development Projects Fair** and the **Fair of Nations**, which will be held on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 November respectively, during the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference in the city of Quito, Ecuador.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FAIR

*Monday 26 November, 14:30 to 18:00 hrs.
Salon Shyris, Hilton Colon Hotel.*

This fair represents an opportunity to demonstrate to the Interamerican Scouting community and to other international education and youth organizations the capacities and scope of the Scout Programme in the form of projects that Scout children and young people carry out jointly with the community. The fair will be a display of the Movement's successful experiences in its work with young people in your country's national, regional or local community.

The associations are invited to submit their requests to include projects in the Fair. To this end, they will need to send to the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Region a brief description of the project and an account of how they propose to exhibit it.

In coordination with the Conference Organizing Commission in Ecuador, it has been decided that the deadline for the reception of requests to include projects in the Fair is **15 October 2007**. Projects can be sent to Gabriel Oldenburg <goldenburg@scout.org>. WSB-IAR will report back to the Scout associations on the projects approved to be included in the Fair by 31 October, so that each national contingent can coordinate the exhibition mounting details directly with the Conference Organizing Commission.

The criteria to select national projects submitted by the associations in the Fair are as follows:

1. The content of the project must fall within the framework of any aspect of social development: health, education, employment, social integration, peace, and so forth. The objectives of the project must benefit a particular community and both association and community members must participate jointly in the preparation and implementation of the project.
2. The projects submitted must refer to experiences that have led to successful outcomes. Projects may have been carried out in the last three years or still be ongoing, if they have achieved satisfactory interim results.
3. In the framework of the Centenary of Scouting, this is a good opportunity for the national associations to show their "Gifts for Peace" projects.

4. The exhibition or presentation of the project must be dynamic and interactive. Displays of photos or leaflets are therefore not enough – visitors to the exhibition must be given the opportunity to learn about the project in the most participatory way possible.
5. Submissions designed to show institutional features or aspects of the internal development of the association will not be considered, neither will projects promoting national or local events or showing aspects of tourist interest (craft, folklore, etc.).
6. Requests by the associations to exhibit projects must include a simple and precise description of the project, its results and an account of how it meets these criteria.
7. Projects submitted for the Fair must respect the conditions of space, time and format offered by the Conference Organizing Commission. Each association must therefore coordinate directly with the Ecuador Scout Association regarding details of the mounting of their exhibition. You may contact Oswaldo Navas <onavas@interactive.net.ec>.
8. All projects submitted must have a person responsible for acting as liaison with the Conference Organizing Commission and the respective association will be responsible for mounting and dismantling the project at the Fair.
9. Costs and operations of mounting and dismantling a project are the responsibility of the presenting association. Individuals staffing the project exhibition form part of the corresponding contingent and must cover their costs of participation and accommodation at the Conference.

The Conference Organizing Commission will offer the following facilities to set the exhibition displays:

- Each delegation may use a stand of 2 x 3 meters to exhibit their projects.
- Additionally, each delegation will have available a table (1,80 x 0,70 mt), 2 chairs and 2 panels to exhibit the material.
- Audiovisual equipment as TV and video player VHS will be available only if the contingent request it by 9 November through e-mail onavas@interactive.net.ec.
- Any other equipment as projectors, screen, portable computers, etc., will be available only if it is requested by 9 November and it will have a rental fee.
- Audio equipment will be available at the Salon Shyris for contingents who wish to play music or records related to the projects. Please kindly coordinate its use with the organisers.

FAIR OF NATIONS

*Tuesday 27 November, 19:00 hrs.
Salon Isabel La Católica, Hilton Colón Hotel.*

The programme of the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference in Quito includes the Fair of Nations, an activity prepared by the Organizing Commission with the aim that every country present may display a wide variety of the cultural and tourism issues that are characteristic of their nation.

The national scout associations may exhibit interesting displays of folklore, handicrafts, music, typical meals and tourism information. Moreover, the Salon Isabel La Católica will recreate the main features and the atmosphere of a typical Ecuadorian village, and we will enjoy traditional games and contests plus other surprising activities that our Ecuadorian friends have prepared.

Projects submitted for the Fair must respect the conditions of space, time and format offered by the Conference Organizing Commission. Each association must therefore coordinate directly with the Ecuador Scout Association regarding details of the mounting of their exhibition. You may contact Oswaldo Navas, Chairman of the Organizing Commission <onavas@interactive.net.ec>.

The Conference Organizing Commission will offer the following facilities to set the exhibition displays:

- Each contingent may use a stand of 2 x 3 meters to display their exhibition.
- Additionally, each contingent will have available a table (1,80 x 0,70 mt), 2 chairs and 2 panels to exhibit printed material.

- Audiovisual equipment as TV and video player VHS will be available only if the contingent request it by 9 November through e-mail onavas@interactive.net.ec.
- Any other equipment as projectors, screen, portable computers, etc., will be available only if it is requested by 9 November and it will have a rental fee.
- Audio equipment will be available at the salon for contingents who wish to play music or records related to the exhibitions. Please kindly coordinate its use with the organisers.
- Hilton Colon Hotel will offer refrigeration system to keep food items. On the Fair's day, the Hotel will also offer to the contingents that need it a place and basic equipment for cooking.
- The Hotel may also acquire some ingredients as requested by contingents for the samples of typical food they may wish to offer. These needs must be informed by 9 November to the Conference Organizing Commission. Any costs for these items will be charged to the relevant contingent.

Yours in Scouting,



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