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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 invitation in Circular No. 5, of 8 August 2007, and as provided in Article 9 of the Regional Constitution for the nomination of candidates to election as members of the Interamerican Scout Committee, within the deadline established the Interamerican Scout Office received the nomination of the persons presented below in alphabetical order of surnames:

1. Michael Bradshaw (Trinidad & Tobago)
2. Fernando Brodeschi (Brazil)
3. Fabián Martinenco (Argentina)
4. Gilberto Mendoza (Venezuela)
5. Oswaldo Navas T. (Ecuador)
6. Diego D. Ospina D. (Colombia)

For each of them we received the nomination letter submitted by the respective national scout organization, a letter from the candidate accepting the nomination, a life résumé and a letter of secondment from at least one national scout association other than that of the candidate, thus fulfilling the requirements set in the Regional Constitution.

Tuesday 27 November afternoon, during the Fourth Plenary Session of the 23rd Interamerican Scout Conference, will be the time for the candidates to introduce themselves to the Conference, each having 3 minutes available to express their reasons to run for election as ISC member. Following individual introductions, the Conference shall elect by secret ballot 5 ISC members among the candidates. Each Member Organization may cast votes for up to 5 candidates but may not allocate more than one vote to any single candidate. Associations eligible to vote will be those registered at the Conference, and Associations not able to be present, which can vote by proxy entrusted to another member organisation. Each member organisation may accept one proxy only. Organisations may vote in either of these two ways providing they have no arrears of annual registration fees with the World Organization of the Scout Movement or annual fees with the Interamerican Scout Organization. (Article 6 of the Regional Constitution, paragraphs f. and h.)

Please find below a brief life résumé for each one of the candidates, as well as the information on the associations that have seconded each candidature.

Yours in Scouting,

Alberto Del Brutto
Regional Director, WSB-IAR

Michael Bradshaw

From Trinidad & Tobago, 48 years of age, married, has three children. Michael is a Master of Education, upgrade to PhD, specialized in Educational Administration and Curriculum & Education Policy Development. He is currently Director, Accreditation & Quality Enhancement, at the Accreditation Council of Trinidad & Tobago, dealing with accreditation processes of higher education institutions. He has performed functions in education, management, research and development with the Government of Trinidad & Tobago in the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, Ministry of Education, National Training Agency and other bodies, in addition to diverse consultancies in his area of specialization. He is co-author of several books destined to teaching and author of diverse research papers on education. He speaks English as mother tongue and has a fair knowledge of Spanish and Caribbean Creole.

He joined Scouting as a boy in 1966 and was then youth leader since 1977. As from 1981 he has served at District level and at national level of his Association. He has been Headquarters Commissioner for Scouts, National Training Commissioner, Deputy Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner and he is currently Chief Commissioner since 2002. He represented Trinidad in Interamerican and World Conferences, several World and Caribbean Jamborees, Commissioners' Meetings and other activities, in addition to have performed as a Trainer in different places in the Caribbean. During his tenure as Chief Commissioner the Association has attained financial stability, restarted increase in membership, developed better public relations, promoted youth involvement in institutional leadership, hosted three Caribbean events, supported training in other associations of the area, and sent the largest contingent ever to a World Scout Jamboree. He has received awards from his Scout Association and from the Ministry of Youth.

Nominated by the Scout Association of Trinidad & Tobago, and seconded by the Scout Association of Grenada.

Fernando Brodeschi

From Brazil, 27 years of age, not married. He is a Civil Engineer graduated in 2002 with post-graduate qualification in Business Planning and Administration in 2005. He has worked for a company of Distance Education and Teaching Systems from 2003 to 2007. Fernando is currently a consultant in such area of activities. He speaks Portuguese as mother tongue, is fluent in Spanish and English, and has knowledge of French and Hebrew.

He joined Scouting as a boy in 1987 and attained the highest progress award in each of the programme sections. As a radio amateur he was a member of the National Radio Scouting Team from 1996 to 2000 and was also President of the National Scout Youth Forum in 1999. After becoming a leader he was a member of the National Educational Programme Commission in 2001, the year when he received the Wood Badge. He was Vice-Chairman of the World Scout Youth Forum in 2002 and Coordinator of the Youth Network in the Interamerican Region from 2002 to 2006. Fernando has kept being active at the Scout Group level and was Chairman of the Santos Dumont Group in 2005-2006. He has also been Deputy International Commissioner of his Association from 2003 to 2007 and is currently the International Commissioner, in addition to Coordinator of the Portuguese-speaking Scout Community, Vice-Chairman of the Parana Scout Region, and member of the National Council of the Scout Organization of Brazil. He has represented Brazil in Interamerican and World Conferences, in several World and Panamerican Jamborees, Youth Forums and other activities. As Coordinator of the Youth Network he has also attended several meetings of the Interamerican Scout Committee.

Nominated by the União dos Escoteiros do Brasil (the Scout Organization of Brazil), and seconded by the Asociación de Scouts de México, A.C.

Fabián Martinenco

From Argentina, 49 years of age, married, has four children. Fabián is a Pharmaceutical Chemist, graduated at the National University of La Plata in 1981. He has worked in his area of specialization and currently manages his own pharmacy/chemist's shop.

He joined Scouting as a boy in 1965 and participated in all sections of the youth educational programme. As from 1977 he has performed functions as a leader of young people in the Scout Section at the Scout Group level and in 1981 he started to serve as District Director in La Plata city. Fabián has been a Trainer since 1986 and was Training Commissioner for his Zone in the then Catholic Scouts Organization of Argentina along six years. He participated in the merging process of the Scouting Movement that led to the creation of Scouts de Argentina in 1996 and as from such year he became Zone Director in the area of La Plata. From the latter position he developed intense work on the Jamborees on the Internet. In 2001 he became a member of the National Council of his Association and was re-elected for another term in 2004. Since 2002 to date he has been the National Treasurer. Fabián has represented Argentina in the Interamerican Conference (2001), the Panamerican Jamboree (2001) and the World Jamboree (2004) when he was contingent leader. As Treasurer, he has also been a member of the directing team of the Panamerican Jamboree of 2005 in Argentina.

Nominated by Scouts de Argentina, and seconded by the Asociación de Scouts de México, A.C.

Gilberto Mendoza

From Venezuela, 64 years of age, married, has two children. He is a graduate in Industrial Science and a Master of Administration and of Educational Technology. He has Honorary Doctorates from the National University of Ukraine and from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education of Mongolia. Since 1966 he has worked in administration, management and advisory at diverse companies of the Palmar Corporation, including being General Manager and President of several branches of this group. He has also been instructor in diverse training courses and is author of publications related to corporate training.

He has chaired the Forest Fire-Fighters of Yaritagua, the Association of Industry and Trade of the State Aragua, the Boxing Commission of the State Aragua, and since 1982 is the President of the World Boxing Association. He has been Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the National Youth games (1987) and a member of many commissions, councils and boards of organizations dealing with business, industrial education and sports. Gilberto was Representative, Chair of the Permanent Anti-Drug Commission and Vice-Chair of the Finance Commission of the Legislative Assembly of the State Aragua, in addition to Director of the National Council of Economics. Since 2000 he is the Chair of the Foundation for the Promotion of Housing and Culture.

In Scouts of Venezuela he has been Commissioner and Chairman of the Regions Yaracuy and Aragua; organizer of the National General Meeting (1999) and of the National Jamboree (2000). He has also been a Director in the Association's National Council since 2001 and is the current President of the Scout Association of Venezuela since 2004. Gilberto has represented Venezuela in many international activities related to business, sports and Scouting. He received a number of recognitions and awards from the Republic of Venezuela, the Ministry of Labour, several States of Venezuela, diverse national and international organizations and from other countries, dealing with business, service to the community and sports, particularly due to his participation in the leadership of activities against the use of drugs in sports.

Nominated by the Asociación de Scouts de Venezuela, and seconded by the União dos Escoteiros do Brasil.

Oswaldo Navas T.

From Ecuador, 40 years of age, married, has two daughters. He is a Lawyer and Doctor of Law, also a Master of Economics Law and Master of University Teaching and Educational Research, with postgraduate studies in Administration of NGOs. He currently works as a Lawyer and university professor. His law firm represents several and important companies of national and foreign origin. He has been a lawyer of the pro bono legal offices of the Catholic University of Ecuador, founder and director of the pro bono legal office "Justice and Peace Marianista", lawyer of the Commission of Civic Control of Corruption and member of the Latin American Group for the International Mercantile Law.

He has also been involved in service institutions as Catechist, Chairman of the Provincial Committee of Chess, Director of Civil Defence, Director of the Foundation for Youth Radio News, Legal Adviser to the Red Cross of Cotopaxi, and member of the National Businessmen Association.

He joined Scouting as a boy and has been youth leader of Scouts and Rovers, as well as Scout Group Leader. He then served as District Secretary and Commissioner. Since 1994 he has served at national level in his Association as National Executive Secretary, Educational Methods Director, Member of the National Council along three terms and President of the Scout Association of Ecuador from 2003 to 2007. Oswaldo is a founding member of the Scout Foundation of Ecuador. During his tenure at national level the Association developed several cooperation partnerships, improved its national headquarters, set its Foundation, organised the Scout Shop and made progress in several areas. He has represented Ecuador in Interamerican and World Conferences, in World and Panamerican Jamborees, in the Interamerican Summit and other activities. He has also participated in many training courses of Scouting in several countries. Oswaldo has received several awards from the Scout Association. He is currently Chair of the Organising Commission of the Interamerican Scout Conference.

Nominated by the Asociación de Scouts del Ecuador, and seconded by the Asociación de Scouts de México, A.C.

Diego D. Ospina D.

From Colombia, 48 years of age, married, has three children. He is a Civil Engineer with postgraduate studies in City Planning and Building followed in Paris. He speaks Spanish as mother tongue and also English and French. Diego has worked as manager of companies devoted to building, paving ways and roads and prefabricated concrete. He is currently general manager of a company that builds urban development projects, aqueducts, sewage systems, electric networks, ways and roads, warehouses for business, industrial facilities and sport centres. Diego is also a member of the board of the La Nación news (in Neiva, Huila), of the Chamber of Commerce of Neiva, of the Chamber of Construction of Colombia in Huila and at national level, and of the Botanical Park & Garden of Neiva. He has received many awards from state bodies of Colombia, the Foundation for the Development of Huila and of the Chamber of Construction of Colombia.

He joined Scouting as a boy in 1971 and since 1977 he has been youth leader at the Scout Section, then Deputy Group Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader until 1984. Diego has also served as Local Commissioner and then Regional Commissioner in Bogotá since 1980. He is a member of the National Council since 2004 and also of the Regional Council of Huila since 2005. He has represented Colombia in the World Conference (2005) and the World Jamboree (2007) and is an active participant in the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI). Diego has reached advanced training (Wood Badge) in the Scouts and Rovers sections and has received several awards from Scouting. He is currently the Vice-President of the National Council of the Scout Association of Colombia.

Nominated by the Asociación Scouts de Colombia, and seconded by the Asociación Nacional de Scouts de Panamá.