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To: Chairpersons, Executive Directors, International Commissioners and members of National Councils of the National Scout Organizations in the Interamerican Region.

Panama City, Panama, August 28th, 2018.

27th Interamerican Scout Conference, 27 November to 1st December 2018, Panama. Approved Rules of Procedure, Theme, Provisional Agenda and Suggestion of Subjects for the Agenda.

Dear Friends in Scouting:

We are writing to you with several updates on preparations for the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference, scheduled to take place in Panama in November of this year.

27th Interamerican Scout Conference Rules of Procedure

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all National Scout Organizations (NSOs) who submitted their vote in the postal referendum of the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference Rules of Procedure. We are pleased to announce that the **Rules of Procedure have been approved by simple majority, a total of 18 NSOs voted, with 100% of them approving the new Rules of Procedure. It is great to see the support for the proposal to strengthen the decision-making process of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) in the Interamerican Scout Region. Comments shared by NSOs have been noted and will be reviewed.** The approved Conference Document 2 Rules of Procedure and related information can be found at www.scout.org/docsiarconference2018. These Rules of Procedure will now govern the processes for the Interamerican Scout Conference, including important institutional deadlines. The key deadlines to keep in mind are as follows:

28 September 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for NSOs to submit topic suggestions to be added to the Conference Agenda (for reference see this Circular)
- Deadline for NSOs to submit observations, counterproposals or amendments to the Constitutional Amendments

01 October 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for Regional Office to release Draft Resolutions from the Interamerican Scout Committee as Conference Document

19 October 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for NSOs to submit Draft Resolutions

28 October 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for Interamerican Scout Committee Members Nominations

2 November 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for Regional Office to release NSO Draft Resolutions as Conference Document

14 November 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time

- Deadline for Regional Office to release Interamerican Scout Committee candidate overviews as Conference Document

28 November 2018 at 15h00 at the Conference

- Deadline for submitting Emergency Resolutions
- Deadline for submitting Amendments to Draft Resolutions

Conference Theme

At its March 2018 meeting, the Interamerican Scout Committee (ISC) adopted “**Tracing the path together**” as the theme for the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference. It is inspired by the way that all the partners in the Region, NSOs, Regional Committee and Regional Office have been working together and want to trace the path for the upcoming triennium with the commitments from all.

Draft Conference Agenda (see enclosed)

According to Conference Resolution 10-02, **NSOs are now invited to suggest subjects for inclusion in the agenda** of the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference, no later than **27 September 2018 at 23h59 Panama Time**. A subject suggested by less than five NSOs will be taken into consideration by the ISC for potential addition in the agenda. Any subject proposed by five or more NSOs will be included in the Conference Agenda. Agenda suggestions can be emailed to Raúl Sánchez to rsanchez@scout.org

We also kindly remind you that, as stated in the Circular sent in May 2018 and in the RoP, any Constitutional Amendments proposal shall be made in accordance with Article 43 of the Regional Constitution.

Distribution of Advance Documentation and Regional Report 2016-2018


We wish to inform all NSOs of the methods that will be used to make the Conference documentation available:

- Numbered Conference Documents will be distributed via email. It is the responsibility of each NSO to ensure that their Conference delegation members receive the documents in advance of the Conference. We encourage all NSOs to consider their environmental responsibility and to avoid unnecessary printing, insofar as possible.
- Electronic copies of all numbered Conference Documents, the Regional Report 2016-2018 and other Conference briefing material will also be made available at www.scout.org/docsiarconference2018 and on the Conference mobile app (more details about the app will be provided closer to the Conference). NSO's Conference delegation members will need to ensure that they download all the documents on their device prior to coming to the Conference.
- Please note that the Conference will not be distributing any printed Conference Documents to be environmentally responsible.

If you have any questions concerning the 27th Interamerican Scout Conference, please do not hesitate to contact Alfredo Musse, at alfredo.musse@scout.org

We look forward to welcoming you in Panama in November.

Yours in Scouting,


Ricardo Stuber
Chairperson
Interamerican Scout Committee


Raúl Sánchez Vaca
WSB-IASC Regional Director

Enc. (approved RoP can be found at www.scout.org/docsiarconference2018
- 27th Interamerican Scout Conference Provisional Agenda

27th Interamerican Scout Conference
 "Tracing the Path Together"

		Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 1
			Meditation	Meditation	Meditation	Meditation
Early AM	Sub-Regional Meetings	Opening Session Report from ISC Chairperson & Regional Director on Period 2016-2018 Messages from WSC Chairperson and Secretary General Key Note Address	Growth Session	Key Note Speaker 3rd World Scout Educational Congress (Brazil, 2019) – progress report 24th World Scout Jamboree (North America, 2019) – progress report ILT Better World in IAR GSAT in IAR	Announcement of the new Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the RSC Honors and Awards Moot Argentina Progress Report Presentation of Candidates to Host the Conference and Forum (2021)	
<i>Coffee Break</i>						
Late AM	Sub-Regional Meetings	Progress Report of the 26th Interamerican Scout Conference resolutions, Houston 2016 Interamerican Scout Youth Forum (Panama, 2018) and Youth Advisors - report	Growth Session (Cont.)	Vote on invitations to host JamCam (2023) Interamerican Scout Moot (Peru, 2018) – report Thinking Outside the Box: "External Relations in the European Region"	Vote on invitations to host the Conference and Forum (2021) JamCam (Brazil, 2020) - progress report Announcement of Conference and Forum	
<i>Lunch</i>						

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Early PM	Breakout Sessions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WOSM’s Strategy for Communications and Strategic Engagements • GSAT, bring your NSO to world class standard • Strategic Planning, monitoring and Evaluation • More Adults in Scouting for growth • Creating a Better World: Scouting and SDGs • Gender Equality • WOSM and Regional Fees • WOSM Languages 	Presentation by candidates for election to the Interamerican Scout Committee 2018-2021	JamCam (Ecuador, 2017) - report WOSM Service Model Financial Report 2016-2018 Presentation of New Regional Plan 2018-2021	Conference Resolutions (plenary voting session)	Conference evaluation
<i>Coffee Break</i>					
Late PM	Break Out Sessions (CONT.)	Presentation by candidates to host the JamCam (2023) Interamerican Scout Foundation - report Refugees in the IAR – experiences of NSOs	Vote on the Interamerican Scout Committee Candidates Proposals for Constitutional Amendments <i>(plenary voting session)</i>	Conference Resolutions (plenary voting session cont.)	Closing session Outgoing RSC Farewell Address Investiture of new RSC Members Expressions of Gratitude
<i>Free Time</i>					
Evening	Opening Ceremony <i>Dinner as part of opening ceremony provided by IASF</i>	Free evening <i>Dinner not provided</i>	America’s Evening <i>Dinner as part of America`s Evening</i>	Free evening <i>Dinner not provided</i>	Closing Ceremony <i>Dinner as part of closing ceremony</i> New RSC Chairperson Address

Notes

- Key work undertaken during the 2016-2018 Period by the Interamerican Scout Committee, including Task Forces and Regional Networks, and the World Scout Bureau – Interamerican Support Centre, will be present during the Regional Report on Wednesday 28 November.
- Breakfast will be provided at your hotel. All lunches, dinners and coffee breaks from Tuesday 27 November to Saturday 01 December are included in your Conference fee, except for dinners on Wednesday 28 November and Friday 30 November, which is your own responsibility.
- Detailed information on all Regional Events candidates will be provided in a Conference Document.