

27th International Scout and Guide Fellowship World Conference 10th to 14th October — Sydney, Australia 2014

Highlights:

- ✓ The Maldives accepted as a full member on 11-Oct-2014.
- ✓ The most important tasks that the ISGF perform are: (from Key Note Speaker)
 - Communication
 - Networking
 - Awards
- ✓ Toys for Smiles Project – 16,721 toys sent to Jordan – 23-Dec-2013.
- ✓ Argentina accepted as an associate member on 13-Oct-2014.
- ✓ Fees for 2015 increased from €2.04 to €2.17 per member. Approx. AUD\$2.47 (@ 88 cents).

Saturday 11-Oct-2014

Opening Remarks

- The 60th Anniversary year is now at an end.
- Communication is always much easier once you have met the other person in real life.
- There is the beginning of the Western Hemisphere Region
- The next ISGF World Conference will be in 2017
- Vision 2020 is the current action plan.

World Committee Candidates were presented.

Australia - Action Presentation

Further Opening Comments

- Ivory Coast is not a full member and so can't vote at World Level on Membership matters.
- Triennial Report was presented for the World Committee (by Mida R.).
- 2011 - 23,500 members lost due to Trefoil UK and Trefoil Netherlands withdrawing. Canada Trefoil Guild almost left at the same time.
- Membership Growth has been slow.
- WOSM - there has been a long silence; poor communications between WOSM & ISGF. This has now improved.
- Component Organisations from all nations are down in numbers.
- Finances need to be improved.
- The relationship with WOSM and WAGGGS needs to further improve.
- The World Committee visited 5 regions - including Western Hemisphere, which is not yet an official region.
- The World Committee also attended all European Regional and Sub-Regional Gatherings.
- Some members do not realise that the World Committee exists.
- Members need to inform the World Committee of all matters pertaining to their guild to keep World informed.
- Cecile Bellet became the General Secretary in 2009.
- World Committee is a central repository for information.
- In 2013 there was a restructure of the World Committee and one officer per region was appointed.
- Request to all regions to report activities and send annual reports.
- We are all ISGF. We all strive for a better world for all.
- Fellowship is important. All details are shown on the web page. When you meet people at conferences, it makes it easier to e-mail and Skype them as you know who you are talking to.
- Sharing activities helps to give ideas to other countries.
- Central Branch - they will help to strengthen regions. The World Bureau is in contact with regions which have over 60 branches.
- ISGF brochures have been translated into:
 - English - red cover

- French - blue cover
- Arabic - green cover
- Spanish - yellow cover
- Regions are Africa, European, Arab, Asia Pacific, Western Hemisphere (north and South America).
- Hong Kong held a world conference and Mida R. attended.
- The World Committee provide grants for small projects such as for Computer Training and Leadership Training.
- Mida & Muftah from the ISGF World Committee attended the Geneva WOSM meeting and presented the ISGF. **The ISGF is not here to intrude on scouting and guiding. It is to support those organisations without direct participation with the children (that is for the children's leaders to do). ISGF is to support leaders.**
- WAGGGS has a new chairperson from the United Kingdom. Mida R. met with her in Hong Kong.
- The Haiti Guide Fees were paid for from ISGF Merchandise Sales.
- Project 1 - 60th Anniversary Skype Project
- Project 2 - Toy Project for the High Commission for Refugees.

- Finance:
 - * Shop - Merchandise Sales
 - * Sponsors - WCOM & Friends
- New Project - a database of Volunteers, listing their skills. Some tasks, such as translation, can be performed remotely.
- BP said "Leave the world better than you found it".
- A vote of thanks was made to General Secretary - Cecile B.
- ***** **The Maldives accepted as a full member on 11-Oct-2014.**

Zambia – Actions Presented

- Supported Chi Konga Community School (near Lusaka). Lusaka has a population of about 1500 is 32 kilometres from the capital.
- In 2006, a new school building was built as the old school is 5 kilometres away.
- Funds were needed for recurring costs. This includes school supplies and renovations to the school. A vegetable garden was also planted to provide food. The Government was lobbied to provide a school teacher. Two are working there now.
- 32 Students were initially enrolled. There are presently 375 students from Prep to grade 4.
- USD\$380 was donated to the school for maize. An orchard was started and 26 people were educated in
- Mud brick making was done to provide materials to extend the school. Built an ablution block.
- In 2010 the 3rd African Gathering was held in Zambia.

Finances of the ISGF

- In 2004 a new laptop was purchased.
- Stock of €9,653 on hand.
- Debtors of €59,869
- Bad / Doubtful Debts of €45,529 (76% of Debtors)
- Insurance and Travel €2,000
- Travel to Australia €13,500. This is more than normal due to the distance of course.
- 60th Anniversary costs €5,457
- Donations received of €6,500
- Expenses €8,500 (approx. €1,700 saved)
- WCOM attendance expenses €5,800.
- 2012 to 2014 - the Office staff were Fosiah (21 hours per week) & Cecile (15 hours per week). Due to illness of Fosiah, there was an initial saving. When she left there was a payout of leave and severance pay. Cecile B. now works 21 hours per week. Total cost (including Superannuation, Payroll Tax) is €42,000 for General Secretary.
- Rental costs are €9,600 per period.
- Savings are being made from the use of e-mail and Skype.
- The office has a new smaller photocopier. This is less expensive to run.
- 2011 had the Como, Italy ISGF World Conference costs for the committee.
- Question about Bad Debts provisions. Answer: UK paid €20,000 in 2011 (€30,000 invoiced). In 2012, €10,000 (€20,000 invoiced). Other members have not paid for a number of years.
- For 2013 - UK will pay €61,000 and therefore there should be no impact.

DEBTORS - Presented by Aziz from Morocco (on the World Committee).

- Not all fees have been paid for 2013, but most have been. Only €13,000 outstanding.
- €59,000 was owing and €14,000 has been received. €45,000 outstanding. A country has no voting rights if fees are not paid.
- Encouraged to sell at the World Market stalls during this World Conference and find Sponsors. Funds will go to the World Development Fund.
- "God helps those that help themselves".
- Angela Stoeter from Germany offered to be an Auditor - accepted. She is with the German Association of Old Scouts and Guides and works for a bank. She can travel to Brussels, Belgium in about 3 hours.
www.VDAPG.DE
- Funds went to build a playground.
- Funds also used to help rebuild a Children's Home in Japan. It was destroyed in the 2011 tsunami.

Liechtenstein & Italy & Germany – Actions Presented

- Working in Niandywa, West Kenya where around 13,000 people live.
- Mostly farming and limited water available.
- Training undertaken to teach the farmers.
- Teacher dormitory accommodation was built.
- A Sports Centre was also built.

Sunday 12-Oct-2014

WAGGGS

- Presented by Melanie Bennett from Auckland, New Zealand. Head Office is in the UK.
www.WAGGGS.ORG
- Principal is to teach that girls are valued and are empowered to take action to change the world. The aim is to enable the full potential of girls.
- WAGGGS has 10 million members. Working to make the world a better place.
- 45% of girls think it is more difficult for girls
- 6 out of 10 girls do not like their appearance (2010 stats.).
- 6 out of 10 experience violence and feel unequal.
- The aim, with the help of Dove Soap and Zonta International, is to build self-esteem. 68% to 73% experience improvements with the program. 53% get along better with their family.
- WAGGGS have a learning and development program.
- * HIV / AIDS training packs
- * Voices Against Violence on Thinking Day / Founders Day. This was launched in Edinburgh.
- * 15 to 44 Year Olds are the main demographic for domestic violence. This includes rape and genital mutilation.
- Girls are the solution. Education is the key. Empower to Understand their rights and exercise their rights.
- Members told us the issues that girls and women need to deal with.
 - We must
 - We can
 - No one else is dealing with these issues
- The program is unique in the world.
- Over 200 Trainers will be added in 2014 to 2015.
- The program was presented in Hong Kong in July 2014. 106 voted to accept the proposal.
- WAGGGS is now a CIO - Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- Asia Pacific has 3.8 million members in 26 member organisations, including Myanmar and Mongolia.
- Funding from ISGF paid for Train the Trainer in Fiji, Thailand and Malaysia.
- There are members in Bhutan, Laos, Vanuatu, Vietnam and the Pacific Islands. In 2015 to 2017 Kiribati and Tonga are targeted to join WAGGGS.

WOSM

- Presented by Abdul Rasheed
- www.scout.org
- Joao Armando – current Chairperson
- New York is home to the new committee
- WOSM World Conference was held in Slovenia from 11th to 15th August
- The new WOSM Bureau Office will be in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia commencing 18-Jun-2014. The

Geneva, Switzerland office will remain open with 2 or 3 staff. There will be 8 world offices in 6 regions in all.

- Vision 2023 is to be the leading educational youth movement in the world, and to make a positive change. 100 Million people are the target. Scouting should be active in communities and have shared values.
- There are 40 million WOSM members worldwide, plus most likely some unregistered members in remote areas.
- A new Triennial plan will be formulated by January 2015.
- The WOSM website will have an ISGF website link.
- Muftah Ajaj attended the Geneva WOSM World Conference (with Mida R.).
- WOSM will be meeting in November 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- WOSM and the ISGF had some issues over the issue of ISGF not being directly involved in youth training. This is for the Scout Leaders. ISGF is to support the leaders and support the Scout and Guide movements, but not to be directly involved in youth training.
- 23rd World Scout Jamboree will be held in Japan in 2015

Spain – Actions Presented

- Cervantes Project. Proposal for the ISGF to adopt. Translate ISGF documents into Spanish.
- Mexico, Panama and about 10 other ISGF countries speak in Spanish.
- In 5 years the reach of the Spanish language is set to expand. In 2014 6.5% of the world's population speaks Spanish (compared to 1.1% which speak French & German).
- Plan would be to have Translators, a library of Spanish documents and a Spanish version of the ISGF website (www.isgf.org).
- Miscommunication is presently a real risk.

John Price A.M. – Key Note Speaker

- Acknowledges Guides as part of ISGF, but has a scouting background himself.
- Try a Trade was a great success with kids at a recent scout event.
- ISGF is to assist leaders.
- Lots of work planting and helping Special Needs children. Canned food was collected to help street kids.
- 21 million people in Australia vs. 360 million people in the USA. We need to publicise Scouting and Guiding.
- As a structured organisation, **the most important roles are leadership and citizenship.**
- ISGF should include both socialising and service projects.
- Cataract Park is in a water catchment area and special access has been granted for use as a campsite.
- **The most important tasks that the ISGF perform are**
 - o Communication
 - o Networking
 - o Awards
- As an International Organisation, it is important for the ISGF to forward invitations to World Events and for ISGF to be represented at world events.
- Membership of ISGF is in decline due to a lack of younger people wanting to join. This is partly due to the number of sports available as alternatives, new technology that engrosses young people today and the cost.
- Leaders typically stay less than 6 years and the intense training takes a lot of personal time to complete.
- It is important to target Rovers (and Rangers) about to leave those sections.
- Cultural and Environmental tours should be part of ISGF conferences.
- Business Sponsors assist greatly with funding.

28th ISGF World Conference 2017 Presentations

Option A – Kumasi, Ghana Proposal

- Second largest city – Kumasi, Ghana in the Ashanti Region.

Option B – Bali, Indonesia

- Dr Haryono S. invited us all to meet “Samong” the mascot. www.hipprada.id
- Indonesia is mainly Hindu – “land of 1000 temples”.
 1. Harmony. Bali is very friendly and harmonious and is welcoming.

2. Venue – Sanur Paradise Plaza Hotel. 500 guests can be accommodated in the one hotel, which is right on the beach. <http://sanurparadise.com>
3. Day tour will be organised.
4. Facilities for a Gala Dinner.
5. Fee – target is USD\$550 (including airport transfers and tour). Accommodation is generally USD\$75 to USD\$199 per night.
6. The Government is supporting this event (video message of support sent).



India – Actions Presented

- India has been an ISGF members since 1959.
- India has the largest WOSM and WAGGGS meeting each year.
- Books collected for disadvantaged children. A to Z services centre set up for Scouts and Guides. Everything from shoe cleaning to threading a needle. Care for the children of prisoners, to set a good example. Hospital visits. Support for an orphanage. Eye testing and medical health testing funded. Food for railway children each weekend. Immunisation program support. Pure Water project. Disaster Relief (including Himalayan Disaster Relief).
- 60 Guilds started.
- “The message of peace starts with me”.
- 12th to 17th ??? 201? - ISGF (India) National Gathering in Bangalore, India. “Stretching Roads and Widening Paths”.

International ISGF Ambassador’s Guild

- Started in 1997
- 140 members worldwide
- Until 2007, used interest earned on money held to support.

- In 2012, “Green Days” were held for around 2000 children. This was in inter-ethnic project.
- Supported Malawi Girl Guides for their 2013 Thinking Day (Founders Day).
- Cypress Girl Girls (along with France, the Ivory Coast) worked to refurbish a Girl Guides Training Camps. The camps are used for girls affected by the Global Financial Crisis (GFC). There were camps in the mountains and by the seaside and some of the attendees become guides.
- Theme is “Old Thoughts – New Visions”. The concepts still hold true, but need to be for the modern world.
- - To join the Ambassadors, it is €100 per year (or €1,000 for life membership).
- A special Pin is given to Ambassadors.
- Meetings are at Gatherings and Conferences.
- Baden-Powell said to his Senior Scouts “Don’t let Scouts go down. Support the youth. Help your country, help your neighbour and do your service to God”.

UNHCR Project

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The UN refugee agency.
- In 2008 an agreement was signed with ISGF for 3 years.
- In 2012 an agreement was signed with ISGF for 6 years. The ISGF proposes projects to the UNHCR.
- Toys were sent to Jordan on 23-Dec- 2013 for Syrian Refugees. 2800 Toys was the target. To date, 16,721 toys have been shipped to Jordan in the “Toys for Smiles” program.
- France and Portugal sent 1000 backpacks, containing stationary materials and dolls, to Burkina Faso refugee camp for the Mali refugees.
- Bangladesh sent toys to the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.
- What will be the next project? Perhaps Blankets?
- There are around 60 million refugees under 12 years of age.

Workshops of 2014 – 2017 Action Plan Ideas (discussion groups)

Volunteer Database

- A central database of people’s details of skills and experience that you could offer for Aid Projects, UNHCR or Project Management. Single / Individual volunteers are welcome. People can work remotely from anywhere in the world (i.e. an Online Volunteer Pool). This could also be set up as a regional team, rather than a global team (such as in India or New Zealand).
- Travel would be at your own cost.
- Fundraising to support the volunteer’s costs.
- Gather at Forums, Conference and Workshops to discuss.
- Finance to be managed by the ISGF resourcing team.
- Membership Team – Look into translating materials and perhaps consider a discount card scheme for ISGF members?

Twinning

- Ms Leny Dolhman – Go to www.isgf.org if you are interested.
- She also co-ordinated the Central Branch membership.

Nordic & Baltic Sub-Region – Actions Presented

- Their Badge is the flags of all flags in the region, including Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Lithuania, Finland and Norway.
- Building of Children’s playground.

Monday 13-Oct-2014

General

- Profit from the sale of items at the world market stall (in the foyer) go to the ISGF International Development Fund.
- Request was made to add 2 Tellers (vote counters) as all existing tellers were Australian and there was a Australian candidate. Carried.
- Argentina admitted as an ISGF member (as a letter of recognition from their Scout movement was no longer required. 176 votes in favour (more than 2/3rds majority).

Curaçao – Actions Presented

- Guild established in 2011.
- The 2nd ISGF Caribbean Gathering was held over 5 days. Members from Holland, Haiti, USA, Italy, Arabia and Chile attended. (The 1st ISGF Caribbean Gathering was held in 2010).
- The next ISGF Caribbean Gathering will be held in Surinam.



- Activities include visits to the elderly, visits to disabled people, baby items for young mothers, helping to reorganise a kindergarten, technology for young people. Also a big Plam Sunday celebration was held.
- Visits to Cartagena (?) and Baru.
- Funds are raised by having BBQs, cake sales and running a flea market stall.

ISGF Action Plan for 2014 – 2017 : Development

- Update the ISGF Constitution.
- Set up the Volunteer Database.
- Work on Financing (Sponsorship / Fund Raising).
- Improve the ISGF Brand Image.
- Continue Community Projects.
- Get Online – You Tube and Facebook, Instagram & websites.
- Develop Public Relations Policy
- Continue the Newsletter (via e-mail where possible)
- Support UNHCR / WAGGGS / WOSM / Other Non-Government Organisations
- "Motivation & Life Long Education".

New World Committee

- All votes were valid
- Policy not to disclose the total number of votes for candidates.
- Term is for 2014 to 2020 (6 years). This gives continuity for 3 years overlap.
- In alphabetical order:
 1. Mr Alf Ronar BAKKE - Norway
 2. Mr Wahid LABIDI - Africa
 3. Mr Mathius LUKWAGO -
 4. Mr Mohammad Abdul KHALEQUE - Bangladesh



(Retiring: Aziz – Morocco, Saeed, Harold, - Libiya)

Finance 2015 - 2017

FINANCIAL PLAN/PLAN FINANCIER 2015-2017			
Accounts expressed in Euros/Comptes exprimés en Euros			
Income/Revenus	2015	2016	2017
Fee/Cotisations	92 000,00	92 000,00	92 000,00
Bank interests/Intérêts bancaires	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Miscellaneous/Divers	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Total Income/	94 000,00	94 000,00	94 000,00
Salaries and social charges/Salaires et charges sociales	46 000,00	47 000,00	48 000,00
World bureau expenses - Frais bureau Mondial	15 500,00	16 000,00	16 500,00
Provision for Equipment / Provision pour équipement	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Fixed costs World Bureau/Coûts fixes bureau mondial	62 500,00	64 000,00	65 500,00
World Committee/Comité mondial	10 000,00	10 000,00	10 000,00
World conference / Conférence Mondiale	5 000,00	5 000,00	5 000,00
Chairman / Présidence	1 000,00	1 000,00	1 000,00
Other travels and accommodation/Autres déplacements et frais de séjour	3 000,00	4 000,00	2 000,00
Other Costs / Autres charges	19 000,00	20 000,00	18 000,00
Total costs/Total des charges	81 500,00	84 000,00	83 500,00
Result / Résultat	12 500,00	10 000,00	10 500,00
Transfer to International Development Fund / Transfert au Fonds de développement International	-5 000,00	-5 000,00	-5 000,00
Transfer to Membership development budget / Transfert au Budget de Développement des Membres	-5 000,00	-5 000,00	-5 000,00
Final Result / Résultat Final	2 500,00	0,00	500,00

- All in €
- Travel could be higher depending where Conferences are held and World Committee travel costs.
- 2014 finance are in progress and were not presented.
- Fees for 2015 increased from €2.04 to €2.17 per member. Approx. AUD\$2.47. (@ 88 cents). 6.58% increase. Will commence from 01-Jan-2015.
- Auditors – Serge Deveaux & Annette Beckman (retiring). Angela Stoeter (Germany) volunteered. She works for a bank in Germany and can travel to Belgium in a 3 hours. She is a Guildmaster and has volunteered with an NGO for handicapped people for the past 10 years.

United Kingdom – Actions Presented

- In the UK the guild has a National Joint Council (NJC) of the Fellowship and the Baden-Powell Guild.
- An Internet Café is run as a service activity.
- Support group assistance.
- A HUGE Toy appeal. Run with assistance from museums (collecting toys from kids) and air transport donated by AWB – Aviators Without Borders.

Asia Pacific – Actions Presented

- Formed in Bangladesh in 2012. Met in New Delhi India in 2013 & Manila Philippines in 2014.
- Membership – Engaging closest neighbours.
- Financing – A fixed modest annual fee – regardless of size.
- A regional Badge has been designed which has all flags in the Asia Pacific region.
- Working on a Regional Constitution to align with ISG principles.
- Once a Scout or Guide, Always a Scout or Guide !

Tunisia – Actions Presented

- 14th May to 31st May 2015 – Gathering in Tunisia
- Discussing environmental issues.
- Donated School books.
- Planting sessions.

Malaysia – Actions Presented

- Volunteering in a mental hospital.
- Volunteering with kids with cancer.
- Nature walks for blind children (to hear and smell the forest & hug a tree)
- Translate documents into braille.
- Planting and measuring year to year growth.

France – Actions Presented

- Working for the common good – earth & air
- Working for clean water access for all in Africa since 2013 – Year of co-operation with NGOs. Millennium Development goal – 20 litres per day to drink, wash & cook with. “Water is essential to the world as blood is for our body” – Leonardo DaVinci.

Uganda – Actions Presented

- Planting trees to provide fruit and stop erosion.
- Working with the Red Cross in Schools and Prisons.
- Rain water harvesting.
- Expanding refugee support.

Argentina – Actions Presented

- Working for Child Protection since 2012. Current focus is in Cordoba.

ISGF Committee

- ISGF Kit - A practical guide for Visibility, Information, Development and Training. Will be on the web in French, English, Spanish and Arabic. It will be the Scout and Guide Law for adults.
- UNHCR work continues – There is a booklet with information.
- Environmental work is in progress.
- Fund Raising – Ideas requested.
- Projects – Needs a contact person and a concept. E-Mail for other guilds to assist you.
- ISGF Documents – Rules, Procedures and Central Branch documents.
- 4 Sub- Regional Gatherings – Africa, Western Hemisphere, Arab, Europe (then 2017 Bali Indonesia).
- Ambassadors Guild – raising money to pay for the kit, so that funds are not from the ISGF budget. Seeking sponsors for printing books and for pins. €1500 donated for vintage pins to sell for funds for the kit.

Vote to accept joint WOSM/WAGGS agreement. 150 yes / 8 abstain. Passed.

Tuesday 14-October-2014

Open Discussion

- Documents should be in PDF online.
- Arab countries have requested documents in Arabic (WOSM have this). Decision to be made at next conference.
- ISGF and WOSM/WAGGGS relationship started in 1980s. Need to strengthen it. The WAGGGS agreement is still in force.
- UK comment – Budget is very modest. Translate into your currency and review it.

France – 9th European ISGF Conference

- 12-Sep to 15-Sep 2016 – 9th ISGF European Conference – Loire Valley near city of Tours
- €650 3 days includes Tour, Hotel and meals. (AUD\$740 approx.). Can arrive from 11-Sep. Day tours for 1 day start 17-Sep. Venue is Le Vinci. 350 person hall (also a 700 person hall available). Train is on opposite side of the square. From Charles De Gaul airport an easy 1.5 hour train trip to the city of Tours. Gala Dinner at Grange de Meslay built in 1250. National dress to be worn. Good tourist area (Hot Air Ballooning available).

Morocco – Actions Presented

- 15th Mediterranean ISGF Conference – October 2015 City of Marrakesh. Population 40 million. A constitutional monarchy. Islam is the religion. Located north of Africa (14 kilometers from Spain). Languages – French, English & Spanish. 5 star hotel. Hot meals (breakfast and dinner included). No price as yet. 4 Days + 1 day tour. Renewable energy tour. Little Hollywood tour. Sunrise over sand dunes. Morocco Imperial City tour.
- The South sub-regional meeting will be in Marrakesh Morocco at the same time.

Discussion

- Tunisia indicated that WOSM and WAGGGS have the chairman from each region on their World Committee, but ISGF does not do this. They suggest this be considered in the future.
- Suggestions that presentations be in random order – not alphabetical.
- Swiss suggested two screens side by side for conference displays – English & French at the same time.
- [New Africa region from January 2014 – Zambia, Senegal, Uganda, Nigeria.](#)
- This will compliment the west, South and Central sub-regions.
- 3 Year Plan should include West gathering in May, Central gathering in August and South gathering in November.
- 2016 – April – Conference on the Ivory Coast.
- Market Day at World Conference raised €581 Fees income + €326 Other Country income. €808 will be given by ISGF for the International Development Fund

Resolution – New Associate member Argentina.

Europe – Actions Presented

- 5th European Regional Workshop was held in March 2013. 48 People represented 15 countries. Aim was personal development and to understand functions at the Regional and World Levels. Visibility is very important. Theme “Old Thoughts – New Visions”. During the workshop they learnt, made friends, shared ideas and shared experiences.
- Next Workshop is 16-20 March 2016 in Hungary. It will be held at a 996 A.D. Monastery called “Arch Abbey of Panno Homma”. The topic will be “how to attract new members”. 50 people is the maximum for this event.

Norway – Actions Presented

- Norway ran a “Hotelt” (Tent Hotel – includes bed, tent and meals) at the 2005 National Jamboree in Norway. This helped to improve visibility and relations. 2 to 5 people per tent. Inexpensive. Lots of tents were used and there was a reception tent and a meals tent. A hammock was put up too. Guest could self-cook on the BBQ with food provided. A “grill party”. This gave the staff an opportunity to socialise with the guests.

60th ISGF Anniversary

- 24 hours of Skyping and lighting candles and enjoying International Fellowship.
- Western Region – USA, Canada and South America – keen to find membership for ISGF in this region.

USA – Curçao – Actions Presented

- Held 2nd Gathering for Western Region in Sept 2013.
- Working with Deaf Children and Children in an orphanage.
- Supporting Scout & Guide groups.
- Girl Guides 70th Anniversary in Hati
- Gave Computer classes and cooking lessons.
- Participated in the Toy drive.

Belgium – Actions Presented

- Scouting and Guiding Fellowship is the cure for war.

Indonesia – Actions Presented

- Morning Smile Project.
- Community work

Italy – Actions Presented

- Electronic is the future of scouting and guiding.
- In 2006 Health, Education, Literacy, Employment & Sport were the focus of the Burkino Faso Project. In 2009, helped to build houses for earthquake victims. Helped 1534 children. Started a Handicapped Womens Workshop in a shipping container and taught them to make jewellery.
- In Burumdi, helped with Health Services (5000 people affected) and assisted with womens literacy and disabled women.
- Helped the Batwa orphans.
- Supported a University Student who was elected to parliament in 2nd year.

Bangladesh – Actions Presented

- Held the 13th ISGF ASPAC Gathering.
- Donated sewing machines and first kits.
- Donated cloth.
- Helped with recovery at the Rana Plaza building collapse.

Chairperson's Address

- Ms M Rodrigues
- **Share** Projects and ideas.
- Develop ISGF through the regions.
- Continue contact between members.
- Participate in events – Local & Regional especially.
- Thank-you to Aziz and Leny who retire this meeting. (Numerous gift presentations from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, 2 from Malaysia and Lebanon).

Summary of Upcoming Events

- 12th to 17th Sep 2015 – 14th Asia Pacific ISGF National Gathering in Bangalore, India. Stretching Roads – Widening Paths.
- Mar-2015 – WOSM Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 2015 - 15th Mediterranean ISGF Conference – October
- 2015 – 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan
- 2016 – April – Conference on the Ivory Coast
- 12-Sep to 15-Sep 2016 – 9th ISGF European Conference – Loire Valley near city of Tours
- 2017 - 28th ISGF World Conference – Bali, Indonesia

Acronyms

- ❖ CB – Central Branch. Countries with one to a handful of members join CB.
- ❖ ISGF - International Scout and Guide Fellowship
- ❖ NGO – Non-Government Organisation – usually a large charity
- ❖ WAGGGS - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
- ❖ WOSM - World Organisation of the Scouting Movement

Document: 27th ISGF World Conference - Sydney 2014 - Delegates Report.doc