



FEBRUARY 2011

What's New

Highlights of World Scout Conference in Brazil

Every World Scout Conference leaves a historical mark in Scouting and this time with the remarkable presence of over 950 participants representing NSOs from 119 countries who gathered in Curitiba, Brazil on 10-14 January 2011. Here's a summary of events related to the region especially for those who could not attend the conference.

Centenary Diploma. The conference was a grand occasion to present the Centenary Diploma to 47 National Scout Organizations (NSOs) across the world as recognition of their hundred years of Scouting. Eight NSOs in the Asia-Pacific Region received the diploma: Scouts Australia, Scouts of China, The Bharat Scouts & Guides/India, The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia, Scouts New Zealand, The Singapore Scout Association, and the National Scout Organization of Thailand.

World Scout Committee Elections – Ms Mari Nakano of Japan was elected to the World Scout Committee and Mr Simon Rhee of Korea was voted Chairman of World Scout Committee.

WOSM Registration Fee System – The conference adopted the new registration fee system which basically freezes the current fee of member countries for the next nine years.

Strategy for Scouting – There were two parts related to the strategy. The first part provides the main findings of the evaluation of the Strategy which reveals the high level of awareness (95%) of NSOs on the strategy and its components, that the components are still relevant, and the NSOs have used the strategy in developing their own priorities. The second part was the proposal for a new approach to the strategy. The paper defines the Cause of Scouting which is *Education for Life*. It also presents a new strategic thrust which is *Be Prepared: Leadership for Life* while adopting the world strategy for Scouting bodies.

Adults in Scouting – The *Adults in Scouting Policy* was adopted replacing the *World Adult Resources Policy* that was adopted in 1993.

Seminars on Innovations in Scouting – Out of the seven major topics at the conference, APR/NSOs were co-presenters in some of them. In all, the seminars and discussion groups on Governance and Strategy were found to be very useful and most NSOs appreciated the sharing.

World Scout Youth Forum – In total there were 244 participants in all categories from 67 National Scout Organizations, of which 34 were from the Asia-Pacific Region. Twelve young candidates ran for the election of youth advisers (3 from Asia-Pacific), and six young

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

Strategic Planning Review Workshop

11-15 February
India

National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

18-21 February
Pakistan

National Course for Leader Trainers

23 February - 01 March
Pakistan

Consultancy visit

1-7 March
Pakistan

Committee NSO Visit

14-16 March
Cambodia

2nd Preparatory meeting

17 March
Bangladesh

SAARC Camp

21-26 March
Bhutan

World Scout Committee Meeting

25-27 March
Geneva

WSJ HOC meeting

1-3 April
Sweden

APR Management Sub-Committee Meeting

13-14 April
Taiwan

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

16-17 April
Philippines

people were elected. They are from Denmark, Lebanon, Norway, Brazil, Republic of Moldova and Jordan.

World Events Bidding Results

Here's the result of the bidding to host world events in the next eight years:

- 40th World Scout Conference and 12th World Scout Youth Forum in 2014 will take place in Slovenia.
- 15th World Scout Moot will take place in 2017 in Iceland
- 23rd World Scout Jamboree will take place in 2019 in North America, following a collective bid of USA, Mexico and Canada

Messengers of Peace Project to be introduced

The biggest project WOSM has ever undertaken with a total funding of about 2.3 million US dollars a year spread over 10 years and funded by Saudi Arabia was introduced at the World Scout Conference in Brazil. This project will cater to the capacity building needs of NSOs. Formal launch is in September this year in Saudi Arabia.

The World Scout Foundation is seeking the commitment of NSOs to begin the work towards the launch of this project.

As early as now the Asia-Pacific Regional Office reiterates the project to all NSOs with the possibility of funding projects up to US\$25,000 which will be approved at the regional level. Projects costing beyond US \$25,000 will be approved at world level.

Dr Kang eager to share experiences among youth members

A top team of Korea Scout Association (KSA), headed by its President Dr Kang Young Joong, had a brief stay at the World Organization of the Scout Movement, Asia-Pacific Regional Office in Makati City on 26 January 2011, and met with the staff where he watched the video presentation on *Scouting in the Asia-Pacific Region*. Dr Kang appreciated the presentation and said, "Scouting can be used as a tool to touch others like sports and culture, and there is a necessity to establish a channel between youth foundations and Scouting as they share a common vision".

The KSA team was visiting Manila to present the prestigious "Gold Mugunghwa Award" to Jejomar C Binay, Chairman of Asia Pacific Regional Scout Committee. The presentation was made at his new official residence as Philippine Vice-President, the Coconut Place, in the presence of the executive board members of Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

World Scout Committee Chairman Simon Rhee joined the delegation as KSA Vice-President. This is the first visit of Simon Rhee to a member-country after his election as WSC Chairman. Also in the KSA team were International Commissioner Dr Eugene Gui Kim and Secretary General Hong Seung-Soo.

Mugunghwa is South Korea's national flower and its symbolic significance stems from the Korean word *mugung*, meaning immortality. The award recognizes Chairman Binay's many years of involvement and active contributions to Scouting having served the local, national and international levels of the organization.

Committee NSO Visit

23-25 April
Nepal

Committee NSO Visit

28-30 April
Bhutan

Strategic Planning Workshop

30 Apr – 4 May
Fiji

Committee NSO Visit

5-7 May
Polynesia

Executive Directors Team Extended meeting

16-21 May

Committee NSO Visit

27-29 May
Singapore

APR Seminar on Environmental Education & Biodiversity

4-7 June
Indonesia

NSOT centenary Celebration

1 July
Thailand

28th APR Scout Jamboree

11-17 July
Taiwan

22nd World Scout Jamboree

27 July – 7 August
Sweden

APR Management Meeting

25-27 August
Manila

APR Workshop on Effective National Adult Resources Committee & National Training System

16-19 September
Japan

Fundraising & Partnerships Seminar

22-26 September
Korea

Over many years KSA and BSP have sustained partnership projects engaging Scouts from both countries in medical missions to depressed communities in the Philippines, cultural exchanges and community projects.

The team visited one of the Scout troops in Manila under the APR Ticket to Life Project where street children in the area are registered as Scouts. Dr Kang was delighted to see the young children. He said, "I see hope and aspiration in your faces". He told the children to keep working hard, that being rich or poor is not based on wealth but on the willingness to work hard and never giving up. The children demonstrated some of their Scouting skills like survival cooking, knotting, and bandaging. The team was welcomed by Father Dan O'Malley.

What followed was a stop over at the newly constructed 16-story building of Boy Scouts of the Philippines at the current headquarters premises in Manila. Earlier that day, Dr Kang and his team passed by the construction site at the center of Makati City where the BSP Convention Centre will rise, which will have a conference and exhibition hall with over 1,000 seating capacity and three residential towers.

Australian Rovers cycle over three continents

Two Rovers from Adelaide, Australia, are undertaking an adventure of epic proportions. Adam and Stephen are currently part way through their World Trike Expedition, which will see them ride from Adelaide, in South Australia, to Rinkaby, Sweden, in time for the start of the 22nd World Scout Jamboree on 27th July this year.

The pair started out on their journey on 30th October 2010 and travelled over 2800km on Australian soil before flying to South Africa to commence the next leg of their journey. From South Africa, they will continue through Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark and finally Sweden. In total, they will travel through 22 Scouting countries, covering around 22,000km in nine months.

Adam and Stephen are riding recumbent tricycles ("trikes") which are human-powered vehicles, with two wheels in front and one behind. Their journey is self-supported, so the trikes have been specially designed to carry all of their camping gear, food, water, tools and spare parts!

Scouts Australia is supporting this adventurous journey of Adam and Stephen who hope to inspire Scouts of all ages both in Australia and abroad. Their mission statement reads: "The express aim of this expedition is to inspire youth and promote Scouting and adventurous activities and their positive benefits amongst youth worldwide. We believe that Scouting and responsible risk-taking provide countless benefits to young people, especially in the modern-era where the 'cotton wooling' of kids is all too common. In order to achieve this aim, we will meet with as many youth (both members and non-members of Scouting) and young adults as possible on our journey, and gain media exposure where possible."

Launch of Messengers for Peace Global project

23 September
Saudi Arabia

World Scout Committee Meeting

30 Sept – 2 Oct

Ticket to Life workshop

11-14 October
Manila

Regional Scout Committee Meeting

15-16 October

JOTA/JOTI

15-16 October

Executive Directors' Team Meeting

28 November – 1
December
Geneva

For more info visit

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To follow their journey and to view some amazing photos, visit their website www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/worldtrike

New Zealand jamboree a great success

A tent city sprung up at the Mystery Creek Events Centre in Hamilton as over 4,000 Scouts and leaders moved in for the 19th New Zealand Scout Jamboree from 29 December 2010 to 6 January 2011.

Camp Chief Ross McKenzie said that organising the transport arrangements for Scouts from all over New Zealand has been a big logistical exercise. "They've come from one end of the country to the other. We've got something like 30 buses coming from Auckland alone."

Scouts and leaders from other countries who participated were Australia, Cook Islands, Hong Kong, New Caledonia, Samoa, United States and Cambodia.

Ross added that as Waikato was an excellent location for the jamboree, the organisers provided activities that accommodated 3,500 Scouts each day over the nine-day period. He said that at the Mystery Creek Events Centre there were plenty of locations around the region and were utilised for run activities. A major hit was the notorious but everyone's favorite Challenge Valley, a very muddy activity that most Scouts needed to throw away their clothes after.

Another major hit on off-site "bases" for activities was the Findlay Park, where 450 Scouts and leaders were offered a range of water sports and land-based activities each day. Other locations include an abseiling and caving activity at Te Akau and walking over Maungatautari Mountain. Great Race competition events were done each day at Cambridge and Te Awamutu.

Thousands attend 16th National Jamboree of the Bharat Scouts & Guides

A mini township spanning 350 acres and having the facilities of a well planned tent city was the site of the 16th National Jamboree that took place from 3rd to 9th January 2011 near Shankarapally in Andhra Pradesh, India. The area was massive enough to accommodate over 16,700 Scouts and Guides including overseas contingents from Nepal, Bangladesh and France. This was also a grand way of marking the 100 years of Guiding in India this 2011.

His Excellency Shri Rameshwar Thakur, Governor of Madhya Pradesh who is also the President of Bharat Scouts and Guides inaugurated the Jamboree, with H.E. Shri E.S.L.Narasimhan, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh as the Chief Guest. Shri L.M.Jain, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides accorded hearty welcome to the young people and dignitaries.

This Jamboree was a bit different from past Jamborees. It was planned on international Jamboree lines with the use of e-technology. New activities introduced were "Building India" which included community service by the Scouts and Guides in Shankarapally town. Participants found the "Trash" most interesting where they learnt how to turn waste material into useful products. Two days were exclusively earmarked for activities which included

fun, water and adventure.

Scouting activity in Vanuatu increases

Scouting activity is continuously increasing in different parts of Vanuatu with much help from Scouts Australia.

In mid August last year, the Scout Association of Vanuatu (SAV) welcomed the Australian Youth Ambassador for Development for the six-month volunteer program in Vanuatu. Since this time, the Association has strengthened communication between leaders of different Scout groups due to increased contact. Previously, each group was acting more or less independently, but now the groups are working together.

Determined to bring in Scouting at the community level, SAV got involved in many community activities in Port Vila including the Cruising Yacht Club, Big Blue Dive Centre, the Port Vila Fire Brigade and ProMedical, among others. In engaging more with what the community offers, there will be many more opportunities to partake in adventurous activities, which is what Scouting is all about.

Presently, SAV helps the young people here by teaching them life skills, adventurous skills and moral awareness through Scouting, but in the process, it also needing funding in order to operate effectively as they continue to spread Scouting throughout Vanuatu.

Street children in Karachi learn basic skills

Street children living in four towns in Karachi, Pakistan, are now receiving basic education in a child-friendly environment after joining Scout troops under the Asia-Pacific Region Ticket-to-Life Project.

Since mid-February last year, these Scout troops in Karachi have created a platform for Scout Leaders to reach out to street children and provide them with learning opportunities. They are taught to read and write. For these children to somewhat understand the role of Scouting in the community, photos of Scouts doing community work were printed and exhibited at the centres. Presently, Ticket to Life troops in the four towns have 128 street children.

Ticket to Life Project has now more than 1,000 Scouts in eight countries including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

APR supports six NSO projects

Six National Scout Organizations in the Asia-Pacific Region have benefitted from the small grants offered by the Asia Pacific Region in 2010. This small grant is designed to support the NSO's immediate needs in a variety of forms.

In Bhutan, the grant was used to equip the Scout association's office with a computer, printer, fax machine and office furniture enabling them to operate with more efficiency. Similarly in Fiji, the association acquired equipment and furniture to keep their office running.

In India, new camping and cooking equipment were added to the Ashok Nagar National Camping and Training Complex.

The Scout Association of Mongolia used the grant to develop a merit badge program.

Sri Lanka Scout Association now enjoys a new press printing facility at the headquarters with Scouts doing some printing work as part of their vocational training.

Five district headquarters of Nepal Scouts upgraded their administrative work with new computers and printers.

World ATAS members meet in Brazil

During the 39th World Scout Conference in Curitiba, Brazil, ATAS World Gathering was held on 11th January in a very social setting. Insignias were presented to new members, both from Brazil and from other countries.

A large number of ATAS members from many countries attended the event including most of ATAS Management Committee members: President Simon Hang Bock Rhee, Vice President Eric Khoo and Membership Director Alex Wong, Director of Programme Shree Ram, and webmaster Manabu Hiratsuka.

ATAS stands for *Association of Top Achiever Scouts*. It is a voluntary informal fraternity initiated at the Asia Pacific Region in 2004. It is open to all members of the Queen's, King's, Eagle, Tiger, National Flower, SAR, Honorary, Shaheen, Fuji, President, Garuda and Royal Scouts or its equivalent in member countries in the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) or in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

After it was formed in 2004, membership grew quickly within and outside the Asia-Pacific that it eventually became ATAS World in just a couple of years. Since then, ATAS has been an association for fraternity among the top achiever scouts of the world and membership remains free.

Today over 40 countries have ATAS Chapters or Co-ordinators with over 1,400 members. Many national chapters have been holding their own national gathering. ATAS gathering is usually held in conjunction with all regional and world events where ATAS members are mostly present. ATAS significant increase in membership over the last 6 years relies on the effort by President Simon Rhee who remains as the driving force behind the association's tremendous growth.

ATAS is both a member of the APR Scout Foundation and the World Scout Foundation. Just last year, one room at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland has been dedicated to ATAS, called the ATAS room, from donations from some of its members.

Leadership Change in Mongolia

The Scout Association of Mongolia elected its key members during the SAM General assembly of Mongolia held on 25-26 January in Ulaanbaatar. Ms Baigalmaa Lkhagvasuren is the new Chief Commissioner/President; Adiyabold Namkhai is International Commissioner and Bayarjargal Damdingagva is Secretary

General/Executive Director.

For this new responsibility, Baigalmaa says, " I look forward to the new challenges and opportunities for growth that this position will afford me".

APR Photo Contest 2011 is on!

To beat the deadline of 31st January, a significant number of over 100 photo entries have been received, vying for gold, silver and bronze prizes. This is the ninth consecutive year of this annual contest, with the generous sponsorship of the Scout Association of Japan. Entries were received from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and Singapore. This year's photo contest theme is "volunteering".

Sharing of Regional Calendars

One of the feedback from the Customer Satisfaction Survey within WOSM from the Asia-Pacific Region was the need for inter regional link and opportunities for NSOs to participate in events organized by other regions. Along that line, the APR office started the ball rolling by sharing a list of regional events with other regional office.

Now we received an interesting list from the **Arab Regional Office** on what is forthcoming in 2011 for which interested NSOs can apply:

- International Course on Strategic Planning and Project Management in cooperation with the American University in Cairo, Egypt, 16–28 February
- Inauguration of the Arab scouts centenary celebrations, Lebanon, 21–23 March
- Arab Scout Regional Seminar for the Executives responsible of Adult Resources Policy in Arab NSOs, Lebanon, 20–27 March
- 8th Arab and 1st International Scout Gathering for the Executives responsible of the Young People with Special Needs, Kuwait, 1–8 April
- 2nd Regional Gathering for Arab Scouts Webmasters, Egypt, 16–21 April
- Regional Gathering for the Role of Scouting in combating Health and Environment Problems, Sudan, 1-7 June
- Arab Scout Seminar for Trainers' Skills Development (Trainer of Trainers and Assistant Trainer of Trainers), Syria, 19–26 June
- Arab Regional Special Sea Scout Course for Senior Leaders., Alexandria – Egypt, 1–7 July
- 14th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange, Egypt, 9–19 July
- 4th Diploma in Media, Communication and Scout Marketing, Egypt, 16 September – October
- Education, Youth Programme and Scout Commissioning Diploma, Kuwait, 14–25 October

The **European Office** shares the summary of events taking place in different parts of Europe in 2011. All of these events are open to participants from other regions.

- Volunteering in Youth NGOs: Citizens in Action, Istanbul, Turkey, 24-29 March
- Chief Volunteers event, London, United Kingdom, 1-3

April

- Agora - Youth consultation event, Kandersteg, Switzerland, 14-17

April

- Overtures (diversity) network meeting, Helsinki, Finland, 13-15
- May
- Roverway 2012 Heads of Contingent meeting - Helsinki and Evo National Campsite, Finland, 27-29
- May
- Pick 'n Mix training event on key topics, Banska Stiavnica, Slovakia, 2-5
- June
- Centre Managers' Conference, Chateau Jambville, France, 19-23
- October
- The Academy, multi disciplinary and faceted training, Paris, France, 28 Oct -1 Nov (To be confirmed)
- Training Commissioners' network meeting, Malta, 6-7
- November
- Network meeting, representatives on Nat Youth Councils +other platforms, Rome, Italy, 2-4
- December

If you are interested in any of the events in Europe, please contact europe@scout.org.

What's Ongoing

Strategic Planning Review Workshop

Who National and Sub-National Leaders
When 11-15 February
Where India

National Workshop on Building Management Capabilities

Who National and Sub-National Leaders
When 18-21 February
Where Pakistan

National Course for Leader Trainers

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What's Upcoming

Committee NSO Visit

Who Key leaders of National Scout Organization, Regional Scout Committee
When 14-16 March
Where Cambodia

2nd Preparatory meeting

Who Host Organizing Committee, Regional Scout Committee
When 17 March
Where Dhaka, Bangladesh

SAARC Camp

Who Rovers, male and female, from South Asian Nations
When 21-26 March
Where Thimpu, Bhutan

Be Prepared**Environment and Bio-diversity workshop**

Who Volunteers and key leaders who are involved in environmental protection
When 4-7 June 2011
Where Indonesia

28th Asia Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree

Who Young people both male and female aged 12 to 17 years old.
International Service Team should be above 18 years old and ideally not above 45 years old
When 11-17 July 2011
Where Chengcing Lake, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ROC