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WFIS EUROLETTER

Seasons
Greetings



We wish you all a happy Christmas
and new year and look forward to a
good scouting year 2010!

WFIS-EU Steering Committee

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Barcelona Woodbeads Course

(Is spaghetti a religion?)

The woodbeads training course in Spain was a great success. Candidates from Spain, Italy and Germany took part. The course was for Scout and Cub leaders and from the Akela's point of view, the Cubs were the best!



There were some major problems though. The Spanish do not understand how to treat spaghetti. Antonio was almost in tears when reporting this sacrilege to the Court of Honour. "Spaghetti is a religion" was all poor Antonio could say. The reason for his distress was because his patrol just threw spaghetti in a pan of cold water, no oils, seasonings – nothing!!!

Meanwhile in the Cub camp Lewis was equally upset. His problem was a missing totem pole. Lewis was in charge of it and only left it for a minute, just long enough for an evil trainer to pick it up and put it in a safe place. In desperation Lewis went



to the top for help and asked Klaus if he had seen it. Now his problem was worse :- (Klaus spoke to Judith and Julie and this brought great shame on the Cubs. Judith told this to Lewis and said Klaus would now be very hard on the Cub leaders. Lewis was ready to fight for his Akelas and challenge Klaus' behaviour. The Akelas found it very hard not to laugh and poor Lewis was left to suffer until the following day, when M. (ex member of totem watch) magically produced the missing totem.

Apart from these major problems a good time was had by all and we thank the Spanish leaders for organising the camp site and the weather.





Taking inspection seriously!



The Woodbeads Course 2009 (Photo: M.)

Association of scouts “Rozvidnyk”

Association of scouts “Rozvidnyk” think of WFIS as being like a tree, with big and small branches which grow in all directions, with each association, large or small, making the overall tree complete. We like the fact that WFIS unites organizations from various countries in Europe and the world.



We are a scout association from Ukraine. Our organization was registered in 2002 in two regions of Ukraine, the Lvov and Volynsk areas. The purpose of our organization is to spread scouting among children and youth, by educating the children using traditional scout methods as laid down by our founder Baden - Powell

Our organization has a scout hut in the Ukrainian Carpathians and 0,5 hectares of land. It is used in all seasons, there we have camps, workshops, a joint fire.

There is surely nowhere better, than being with nature, it is high in the mountains; away from the city and it makes it possible to have adventures, hikes, and scout tests.

Association "Rozvidnyk" is rich with members that have different interests. We pass these interests and abilities to members of the patrols when we are on camps and workshops.



Recent activities organized by our association, include ecology, where we have improved woodland by restoration work, clearing and protecting trees. We have also looked at ways of improving summer camps for the children by including some work towards saving the environment.



We also take great pride in the historical and cultural values of our country and teach the children to be proud of the country that they live in.

Association "Rozvidnyk" is open to cooperation and friendship with other associations. We believe that Robert Baden-Powell's traditional scout technique is the future of scouts and WFIS.

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The members of ASL “Rozvidnyk”

Latvia training course

From Friday the 18th to Monday 21st September Julie and Marco visited the LKS-Latvijas Kristīgie Skauti Latvia (Christian Scouts of Latvia) in Latvia. They had been invited to attend an initial training course for people interested in becoming Scout leaders.



The site where the training took place was in the middle of a forest about 20km from Kuldīga. At first Julie and Marco were very concerned because their accommodation was a tent complete with logos from another well known scout organisation – this made everybody laugh.



The course was well organised with a good structure, giving the candidates a mix of theory and practical activities. Scouting was introduced, what it was, how it worked and the history of it in Latvia and elsewhere. The traditional camping methods were excellent with all cooking taking place over an open fire and everyone sleeping under canvas.



It is hoped that many of those attending will go on to start new troops or work in existing ones.



At various points throughout the weekend Julie and Marco were able to talk with the organisers about their work and their aims for the future. It was apparent that the Latvian Scouts had a good set of values in place and this, along with their determination and Scouting knowledge, will hopefully enable them to move forward in future.



WFIS Workshop

Linnets Clough Manchester England



A fantastic weekend, enjoyed by all. It was great to see so many of our overseas friends; we had leaders From Germany, Denmark, Spain, Czech Republic, Italy, Ireland and England.

Some of the workshops consisted of traditional rag rug making, weaving, beer making, making chutney, Christmas card designing, flags out of

safety pins and beads, woggles, archery and I think for the Italians it was the beer kegs (only had one fall off).



The weather wasn't wonderful, especially for those from Spain and Italy, but this didn't stop anyone from enthusiastically entering into everything.



A visit to Manchester and some of the museums and buildings was popular and this is where the GA will be in 2011, so please come back and see more.



Hope to see some of you in Switzerland at the GA in January, hope you all have a great Christmas.

Yours in Traditional Scouting

Norman

Good Turn – Project Aid for Ivory Coast

Dr. Ole Jacobsen – Association chief of the “Baden-Powell Scouts of Africa” / Ivory Coast, was surprised recently by Scouts from the WFIS.

WFIS Scouts in Europe and North America, over the last 6 months collected more than 350 Scout uniforms, around 150 Scout neckerchiefs and a couple of other Scout items for the Project “ Aid for Ivory Coast”. Scout Groups and Associations from Canada, England, Italy, Czech Republic, Switzerland and Germany participated in this Project.

It took the Scouts from the Heistenbach Scout Group Tecumseh around 10 weeks to put in order and sort, wash and sew the different uniforms and neckers.

The Scouts also organised a Thinking Day Penny Action and also with some other fundraising, they collected money to buy extra uniforms and items, as a Good Turn for the Scouts of the Ivory Coast.



During the Junior Scouts Groups meeting –all uniform and Scout items were handed over to Dr. Ole Jacobsen who was visiting the WFIS President, Klaus Tegeder. The Scouts showed Dr. Ole the different things and let him know from where or which Association they came from. A special “Thanks” will go to the “Rover Scout Association” from the UK which is not member of the WFIS.



Dr. Ole gave a big thank you to all Scouts and he will hand over a special "Thank you" to all Associations, Groups and Individuals who participated in this Project. Also he gave thanks for the volunteering job that all Scouts did and the engagement of the Scouts in Europe and Canada.



A presentation about the Ivory Coast and the Scout work in the country was shown afterwards and the German Scouts are more informed now, as to whom the items are for and where they are going.



Be Prepared – Troop Cheyenne/Scout Group Tecumseh

UK Scouts in Canada

"I had an amazing time and I made so many friends, I won't ever forget it!"

For days I had been wondering how to start this report on the Heart Lake Jamboree, hosted by our friends from BPSC Traditional Explorers in Canada. Then I spotted the thank you card from a Scout, and her words said it all.

I was going to write lots about activities, but that statement sums up true Scouting – we met old friends, we made new friends, we shared cultures and realised we had the same values – that's the world I want to live in.



So in July 2009, three Scout Troops from England with two guests from Denmark, flew nearly 5,000kms to rekindle friendships made during the centenary camp in England in 2007. Scouter Bob and Scouter Jim from 16th Brampton had the vision, and turned it in to reality and organised Timber Wolves, Scouts and Explorers from Ontario to be our generous hosts.

We met and learned about Iroquois first nation people and visited their longhouses, we played hockey and watched baseball,



we climbed the highest tower in the world and walked along the magnificent Niagara escarpment and got soaked by the rain, and by the spray from Niagara falls.



What will I remember for ever – the emotion at camp fire, the smiles in the pouring rain, and the tears when we had to leave.

Good Job Scouter Bob

Thanks from your friends in Europe – hope to see you at Eurocamp or in Mexico

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Ukraine visit



Margon, Marco and Julie visited Rozvidnyk Scouts in the Ukraine. Andre and Vera had prepared a busy itinerary and it was most interesting to see members of both their group, and another in the same area.

The Steering Committee was able to spend time discussing their Scouting, as well as meeting some younger members of the Association.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Carpathian Mountains, to see the Scout House, which belongs to Andre and Vera. They use it for camps throughout the year and it was obvious by the large number of photos, showing happy children, that it is very much enjoyed.



The Scout house



The views were spectacular and it is a super location for both summer and winter activities.

The leaders were keen to show us as much as possible and we were taken to a handicraft exhibition, where work had been made by school children, some of whom were members of Rozvidnyk. The work was to an exceptionally high standard and the SC found the tour of the school afterwards, most interesting.

Rozvidnyk are interested in working with younger children and asked questions as to how this worked in the Associations that the SC belong to. The SC also explained how the Wood Beads worked and hope to see Andriy and possibly some of the other leaders, at the course in Czech Republic next year.

Czech Leaders in UK

I wrote this article having just returned from England. It is about our wonderful week in England.

Our visit started in Manchester; the Baden-Powell Scouts' Association of the United Kingdom organised the WFIS workshop 2009 there.



The weekend from 30th October till 1st November we spent with Scouts from Italy, Germany, Ireland, Spain and Denmark at Linnet Clough Scout Camp site near Manchester. All the workshops were very impressive – the games, the handicrafts, the visit to the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester and the campfire.

Very quickly, there was an excellent Scout atmosphere, programme, food and accommodation. Some of the activities we knew, but we also found new ideas for activities with our Cubs and Scouts. Many thanks to all who helped to prepare this perfect weekend.

The next five days after the workshop we spent with our Scout friends Mike and Julie Bryceson in Wigton. Thanks to Mike and Julie we were able to see many interesting places in Cumbria, Lakeland, Northumberland and Scotland.

We participated at the Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings of the 1st Wigton Group of B-PSA. It was very impressive to see how the meetings are in another country.



The big surprise waited for us on Friday, just before we left England. We became the first Scouts from the Czech Republic to complete the B-P walk and we received a certificate, special badge and woggle.

The members of the Newcastle Gang Show Scout Fellowship (Red Scarf) care about this walk and one of them came with us and told us the history of this place.

The B-P walk starts at the former railway station Fourstones and after three miles (5 kilometres) it ends on the “council rock” very close to the campsite where the FIRST official Scout camp was held by Sir Robert Stevenson Smyth Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

About thirty participants were members of Scout Troops from across Great Britain and they camped at this site close to Hadrian's Wall, north of Hexham, Northumberland between August 22nd and September 4th, 1908.

No, it isn't a mistake. People very often think the camp in 1907 on Brownsea Island was the first. This camp was an “experimental” camp and the participants were not called Scouts, the Scout Law and Scout Promise were not present at that time.

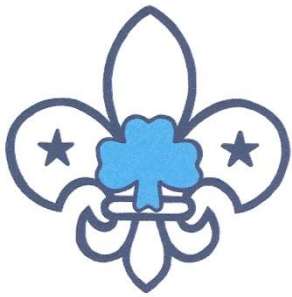


The first part of “Scouting for boys” was published in January 1908. The camp on Brownsea Island was several months before the Scout Movement started.



We came home with many impressions, new ideas for our work with Cubs and Scouts and with new energy for Scout work. I think this is why the meetings, exchange of experiences and ideas are always so very useful and helpful on each level, local or international. Many thanks to all for a wonderful week.

Hanka Končická, Skaut ABS, Czech Republic



FederScout - Italy

The FederScout has, as it's main aim, to offer traditional scouting. FederScout has one National and International representative for all members, for the Training of Leaders, the organization of national meetings and activities for boys and girls of all the ages.

FederScout is made up of local Groups with various traditions, united by the common aim and by the awareness to expand the contents of a great World Movement.

For FederScout Leader Training is an essential and overriding target. Training courses are organized for all the scout sections, from Beavers to Rovers, and also Adult training courses for Group Leaders.

The FederScout Training strictly follow the classical texts of Baden-Powell. A National Training Committee is responsible for all the Training system and it is managed by a L.T. (Leader Trainer), that works through the National Training School.

A National Committee for Scout Activities is responsible for all FederScout young peoples activities. Every year, in sequence, they organize activities for Rovers/Rangers (Rover Moot, RoverWay, etc.), for Scouts/Girl Guides/Girl Scouts (National Camps, International Camps, Scout Skills courses , Patrol Leaders courses etc.), for Cubs (Sixer Meetings, etc.), for Beavers (Colony holidays) and also for Leaders (INDABA).

To strengthen International Friendship, and to encourage meetings with other scouts, EuroCamps, World Jamboree, Workshops, International Camps, FederScout has applied to join WFIS, sure we have found a world of new friends and brothers.



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International Commissioner

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To

All Member Associations

24. Dezember 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

We would like to invite you to the Woodbeads Training - Part 3 / Practical Training in Czech Republic in 2010.

Date: 03. June Start time: 17.00 h End time: 08. June ca. 13.00 h

Fee: 50.- Euro to include all costs

Training place: Keeper House - Orlový, nearest Airport: Prague International Airport.

For the course you need the following items: Sleeping items, full uniform, personal stuff, walking shoes, pen and pencils, paper, musical instruments (optional), mug and plate etc.

Please send your registration form no later than the 1. April 2010 to the WFIS Training Department.

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Yours in Scouting

Klaus Tegeder

World Federation of Independent Scouts

- Training -

Registration form

Woodbeads training:

Please attach 2 pictures of yourself here

Beaver Section _____ *

Cub Scout Section _____ *

Boy Scout Section _____ *

Rover section _____ *

** Please tick your training section*

Personal details:

Name: _____ Surname: _____

Scout name: _____ Date of Birth *: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____ City _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Scout since: _____ Proficiency: _____

Name of Scout Group

Area: _____

Association: _____

Leader qualifications since: _____

Past Courses: _____

Vegetarian/ Special Diet: _____

Address, Date Sign: _____

General Assembly 2010

We look forward to seeing member Associations at the General Assembly in Switzerland. Please do not forget to complete the registration form and send it by 31st December.

Eurocamp 2010



It is now time to pre register for the Eurocamp in Germany next year, if you have not already done so. So far there are over 1250 registrations from Canada, England, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Russia and Denmark. This really will be an action packed international camp, so don't delay, register today.

As a reminder, the camp costs 150 Euros, including all fees and food and will run from 31st July – 7th August, full details on the WFIS website or e-mail: eurocamp@wfis-europe.org

World Federation of Independent Scouts World Council



WFIS-World Council, Klaus Tegeder, Angelstraße 15, 65558 Heistenbach

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24. Dezember 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,

Another year with a lot of scouting activities has almost passed.

Our Scouts and Guides, Wolf Cubs and Beavers, Otters, Explorers, Rovers and Raiders have participated in a lot of Activities – wonderful Camps, Training and Workshops everywhere our Scout Associations work with a lot of enthusiasm, following the traditional way of Scouting, given by our founder Lord Baden-Powell.

We can look back proudly on 2009: We helped our Scout Associations in different countries with their Scouting Activities; we took care of our Scout members who have to live with economical problems and reached out our helping hand to our youngest members in Africa, and tried to fulfill the Scout law to the very best of our ability.

New associations joined our Federation from Germany, Latvia, Czech Republic, Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Peru, Dominican Republic, Ivory Coast, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, China and South Korea and we welcome them one and all into our World Wide Scouting Family.

We have Chairpersons in the different Regional Councils who are new elected and we wish them a lot of enthusiastic spirit for their future work – here it is also time to say “Thank you” for helping and working in the World Federation of Independent Scouts.

Some Highlights of the coming Year will be the South American WFIS Jamboree in Chile, and the Eurocamp in Germany. We wish both Regions a lot of participants, a good scouting time and a lot of happy smiling faces.

It is time now to take care of our families and to remember the spirit of scouting.

Thank you for being part of our Scouting family.

In the name of the WFIS Council, we wish you and also your members

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours in Scouting

Klaus Tegeder – President WFIS World Council