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## Visit to Eastern Europe Scout Associations

The ICCS Secretary General, Baldur Hermans, made a trip, during summer-time, in Eastern Europe. He went to the Balkans, visiting Slovakia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Romania and Hungary.

He met the Associations and sometimes the Bishops with the target of taking contacts: for solving different problems still pending, for speaking about possible membership in ICCS and to study the singular cases of different realities.

It was a successful trip with the hope of growing activities and programs for the people involved in Scouting.

The policy for Eastern Europe should be to follow better these countries and to involve them more in ICCS.

## ICCS Africa Regional Meeting Mauritius 04 -05 /09/2004

The ICCS organized in Mauritius a Regional Meeting, just before the 12<sup>th</sup> WOSM Africa Scout Conference (06-10/09). The Mauritius Association supported ICCS in the realization of this Meeting and it was a big success of affluence.

Many Associations are ready to work actively in ICCS and in this occasion a new ICCS Workshop in Africa was planned, foreseen for 2005 in Tanzania, and a possible next one for 2006 in a Lusophone country. A possible new team of leaders should be composed with Francophone, Anglophone and Lusophone people, for building new work for Africa.

During the Meeting the ICCS delegates, Baldur Hermans (General Secretary), José Antonio Warletta (ICCS Publications) Victor Eusébe Adjangbo (Ecclesiastical Assistant Africa Region) and Léopold Coly (Co-ordinator Africa Region) met people from different countries all of them very interested to participate at ICCS.

Soon the Conference will work on the basic points of the next Workshop and will prepare a provisional program.

## Brotherhood of Saint George

During the trip to Eastern Europe Baldur Hermans went to Hungary for a Seminar and in that occasion he seized the opportunity for giving the Medal and Sign of Honor of Brotherhood Saint George to Mrs. Sarolta Gresz and Mr. Ferenc Orosz (records n. 5 and 6 /2004) for their commitment and work in Scouting and in ICCS.

## Secretariat Meeting Beirut 24 - 26/09/ 2004

The ICCS Secretariat met in Beirut (Lebanon) on September 24-26/09/2004. The Meeting was attended by Baldur Hermans, ICCS Secretary General; Mons. Robert Guglielmo, World Ecclesiastical Assistant; Fausto Piola Caselli, General Treasurer; Alvaro Soares, Deputy Secretary General; Rodolphe Jabbour, Deputy Secretary General; José Antonio Warletta, ICCS Publications.

Mr. Georges El Ghorayeb, President of Les Scouts du Liban and Msg. Iskandar, Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Association, attended the Meeting.

The first argument of the Meeting was the trip of Baldur Hermans in Eastern Europe and all the development of the Europe/Medit. Region. It was decided to have a Meeting with the ICCS European Committee, in the occasion of the next Seminar Council in Berlin. This could be a good opportunity for discussing together about all the necessities and duties requested by ICCS to the Region and working together for a good strategy. In particular it will be asked a better presence of the Region in Eastern Europe with Seminars, Meetings and contacts with the Church.

Then it was done a brief report about the development of the other Regions and a special discussion was dedicated to Africa and to the organization of the next Workshops after Lomé (Togo). It was planned to hold the next one in Tanzania for 2005 and another one in 2006 for the Portuguese-speaking countries.

A peculiar attention was given to the Inter-America Region. Most of the countries in this Region are members of ICCS

but there are many not yet members and very interested in ICCS membership. Three new countries presented the request for Membership: Costa Rica, Colombia, El Salvador and in the next Steering Committee they will be presented as new candidatures.

Another point touched during the Meeting was the next World Council 2005. It was decided that the venue will be Tunis and soon a delegation of people from ICCS will take contacts with the Tunisian Scout Association and the local Church, in the person of Msg. Tawal (Bishop of Tunis). They will go in December to Tunis for the first contacts and for searching the place for the Seminar.

It was decided the subject of the Seminar: "Contribution of ICCS in the Inter religious Dialogue". Baldur underlined the importance of the contribution from the Associations for the new ICCS Charter that will be realized during the Council. The Letter of Thessaloniki should be used as a basic text for the new Charter. Each Region in their own Regional Meetings should study and work on it, sending the results to Rome before the end of the year 2004.

A special discussion was dedicated to the Jubilee 2007. It was planned to realize with the support of AGESCI (the Italian Association) a big event in Assisi about Peace and Justice. A preparatory Meeting will take place in Bologna (Italy) for the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2004 in which ICCS will meet the Presidents of the Italian Association, asking for working together on the logistic and the contents. Mario Diaz Martinez will be the responsible for organizing this ICCS event with AGESCI. During the Meeting the ICCS Secretariat had different chances of encounter with the host Association "Les Scouts du Liban" which prepared a wonderful welcome with a very good organization in the beautiful frame of Beirut and the landscapes of Lebanon.

## Meeting with AGESCI Bologna 16/10/ 2004

Mr. Baldur Hermans and Mr. Mario Diaz Martinez, responsible of the organization of the Peace Event foreseen in Assisi in 2007, met in Bologna the Presidents of

AGESCI, Mr. Lino Lacagnina, Mrs. Chiara Sapigni and the responsible of the Organization Mr. Marco Zanolo. The ICCS presented the basis ideas for this event and it was discussed a general plan of action for starting to organize the first contacts and to check the possibilities of AGESCI to support ICCS. AGESCI took the commitment of supporting this event and will work with Mario Diaz in its realization. The discussion touched all the different levels of the organization, from the logistic to the contents of the Meeting. It was decided the period of the year (beginning of September), the Motto with the idea of Peace and Justice and the realization of a scout Camp in Assisi, after a moving camp in the significant places of Saint Francis. Some invitations should be done for people who could come as key speakers. AGESCI will work on these first information and will prepare soon a strategy for starting the planning of this big event. In December/January will start the first meetings and contacts.

### **New Regional Secretary Europe- Mediterranean**

The ICCS Europe/Medit. organized the Seminar Council in Berlin (11-14/11) for the European Region. In that occasion it was nominated the new Regional Secretary of ICCS-EM: Mr. Jaume Bosch from MSC (Spain). After three years of duty Mr. Andrea Biondi finished his mandate and we thanks him for his cooperation and support, wishing him well for the future. We warmly welcome Mr. Jaume Bosch, former Treasurer of ICCS-EM, and wish him a good work and every success in his important new role, which will take effect from now, for three years.

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<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b><u>2004</u></b>	
05 –09/12	<b>Chomburi (Thailand) 6<sup>th</sup> Ratanakosin Scout Jamboree</b>
06 –11/12	<b>Brunei Darussalam 21<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Scout Conference (WOSM)</b>
17 –20/12	<b>Cairo (Egypt) World Scout Inter- religious Forum (WOSM)</b>
26 – 30/12	<b>Trento (Italy) Camp of Living Stones (ICCS-EM + CICG)</b>
<b><u>2005</u></b>	
08 –16/01	<b>San Rafael, Mendoza (Argentina) 12<sup>th</sup> Pan-American Scout Jamboree (ICCS Inter- America)</b>
08 –03/02	<b>Lisbon (Portugal) New Horizons – A way Forward (ICCS-EM)</b>
18/02	<b>Paris (France) FICS Meeting</b>
11 –13/02	<b>Rome (Italy) ICCS Secretariat Meeting</b>