

HOMENETMEN'S TIMELINE 1910 – 1919

In February of 1911, well known athlete and Coach Shavarsh Krissian publishes his first Marmnamarz magazine, where he establishes the concept of an Armenian Olympics. Krissian also visions the organization of all Armenian athletic clubs and teams under one umbrella organization. The organization of an Armenian Olympic games happens immediately however, the organization of an umbrella organization does come to fruition until 1919, after Krissian's death. Armenian Olympic games are organized in the following years:

- The 1st Olympic Games occur on May 1, 1911.
- The 2nd Olympic Games occur on May 20 1912.
- The 3rd Olympic Games occur on June 16 1913. Gomidas Vartabed presides over the games.
- The 4th Olympic Games are cut short in August of 1914 due to World War I.

In 1912 in Alexandria, Egypt with the support of Shavarsh Krissian the "MGamk" athletic club is established, which would eventually incorporate into Homenetmen.

In 1914 in Cairo, Egypt the "Ararat" athletic club is established, which also eventually is incorporated into Homenetmen.

On the eve of April 24, 1915 among hundreds of other Armenian intellectuals, Shavarsh Krissian is transferred to the Ayachi prison in Bosphorus where he eventually died.

On November 16, 1918 in order to reunify educated Armenians, seven Armenian individuals convened a meeting in Constantinople and decided to unite all Armenian athletic groups under the name of "Homenetmen (Armenian General Athletic Union and Scouts).

Participants of Homenetmen Constituent Meeting were:

- **Grigor Hagopian**
- **Tikran Khoian**
- **Levon Hagopian**
- **Karlo Shahinian**
- **Haig Jizmejjan**
- **Vahram Papazian**
- **Jirair Khorasanjian**

On August 31, 1919 the 5th Armenian Olympics is organized in Constantinople and is presided over by Archbishop Zaven.

1920 – 1929

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1920: Paris, France;
- 1921: Plovdiv, Bulgaria; New York, U.S.A.;
- 1922: Sofia, Bulgaria; Bucharest, Romania; Silistre, Romania; Kostantsa, Romania; Bazarjek, Romania; Philadelphia, U.S.A.; Boston, U.S.A.
- 1923: Sliven, Bulgaria; Providence, U.S.A.
- 1924: Beirut, Lebanon; Fiks Greece; Kognia, Greece; Lipasma, Greece; Tatar Bazarjek, Bulgaria; Stara Jakora, Bulgaria; Leon, France; Marseille, France;
- 1925: Aleppo, Syria; Damascus, Syria; Shoumen, Bulgaria; Khaskovo, Bulgaria; Galats, Romania; Strounga, Romania; Gerla, Romania; Kishnev, Romania; Valance, France; Brussels, Belgium; Vienna, Austria; Mexico City, Mexico
- 1926: Latakia, Syria;
- 1927: Zahle, Lebanon; Larnaka, Cyprus; Midili Sjhede, Greece; Dede Aghaj, Greece; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay;
- 1928: Tsolanik, Greece;
- 1929: Kavalara, Greece; Tripoli, Lebanon.

On April 18 1920, Homenetmen for the first time celebrates Armenian Scouting Days in Independent Armenia.

On September 5, 1920 the 6th Armenian Olympics are organized in Constantinople this time presided over by Mr. Tahtajian, the representative of Republic of Armenia.

On November 2, 1921 the 7th and the last Armenian Olympic Games take place.

In 1929, elected representatives from Lebanon and Syria meet in their First General Assembly meeting held in Beirut.

1930 - 1939

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1930: Baalbak, Lebanon; Homs, Syria; Aitos, Bulgaria;
- 1931: Gamishly, Syria; Amarous, Greece; Tambouria, Greece; Irakelioni, Greece;
- 1932: Tel Abiad, Syria;
- 1934: Hasiche, Syria; Jarablouss; Syria; Azez, Syria;
- 1935: Arab-Bounar, Syria; Bourj Hamoud, Lebanon; Raiiak, Lebanon;
- 1936: Derbassie, Syria;
- 1937: Aain Duar, Syria; Der Zor, Syria; Ras El Am, Syria; Jerusalem, Palestine; Haifa, Palestine; Yaffa, Palestine; Amman, Jordan;
- 1938: Derik, Syria.

In 1931 elected representatives from Lebanon and Syria meet in their Second General Assembly meeting held in Beirut.

1940 — 1949

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1941: Eshtora, Lebanon;
- 1945: Tel Brak, Syria;
- 1947: Am Arouss, Syria;
- 1948: Kessab, Syria; Ainjar, Lebanon;
- 1949: Hadet, Lebanon; Baghdad, Iraq.

Due to the effects of World War II upon the world's economic and political atmosphere, Homenetmen chapters previously established in Western Europe and the Americas become weak and somewhat inactive. Moreover, due to the Communist takeover in Eastern Europe, 19 chapters in both Romania and Bulgaria close their doors.

1950 — 1959

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1950: Rakka, Syria; Junni, Lebanon; Nea Zmirni, Greece; Athens, Greece; Karea-Kessariani, Greece;
- 1958: Montreal, Canada

In 1950 permits allowing Homenetmen chapters in Iran (Tehran, Tbariz and Rashd) to exist were not renewed by the Ministry of Education. These three chapters also had to close their doors. However, later on in the decade, the Ministry granted permission for the creation of the Ararat Armenian Cultural Organization.

1960 — 1969

Due to political situation in the Middle East, a large number of Armenians migrate to Australia, Canada, and the United States. Not only do they reestablish their lives and their families, but they also begin the expansion of Homenetmen chapters to new areas.

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1965: Sidney, Australia;
- 1966: Melbourne, Australia;
- 1968: Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- 1969: Hamilton, Canada; Toronto, Canada.

In 1969 in Montreal, Canada, the local Homenetmen chapter integrates with Gamk, a local athletic organization. The new combined organization is renamed Homenetmen Gamk.

1970 — 1979

In February, 1973, Homenetmen's Middle East 20th General Assembly meeting was convened, the last one in this format. The Assembly with its 60 delegates formulated the formation of Homenetmen World Committee.

In December of 1974, Homenetmen's 1st General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Beirut, Lebanon, The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen 1st World Committee as follows:

- Vartkes Der Garabedian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Vartkes Allahaydoian, Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
- Dickran Vosgouni, Lebanon, Secretary
- Puzant Torigian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Nshan Tyuzouzian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Hovhaness Baitarian, Lebanon, Accountant
- Taniel Tanielian, Canada, Advisor
- Armen Deirmenjian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Barkev Barsamian, Argentine, Advisor

In August, 1978 (August 1-13), the 1st Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Kalamos, Greece; with 12 Regions and 226 scouts participating.

In April of 1979, Homenetmen's 2nd General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Nicosia Cyprus. The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 2nd World Committee as follows:

- Vartkes Der Garabedian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Dr. Harootoon Kazanjian, Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
- PuzantTorigian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Varoojan Mooradian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Nshan Tyuzouzian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Hovhaness Baitarian, Lebanon, Accountant
- Barkev Barsamian, Argentine, Advisor
- Varoujan Seropian, Canada, Advisor
- Armen Deirmenjian, U.S.A., Advisor

Due to the increase in the number of established chapters, the decade saw the establishment of four new regions. They are as follows:

- 1973 Australia;
- 1974: Western United States;
- 1975: Canada;
- 1977: Eastern United States

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1970: San Francisco) Western U.S.A.; Antilias, Lebanon;
- 1971: Washington D.C., Eastern U.S.A.;
- 1973: Fresno, Western U.S.A.; Boston, Eastern U.S.A.; Western Sydney, Australia;
- 1974: Montebello, Western U.S. A.; Ejdeidi, Lebanon;
- 1975: New York, New Jersey, & Chicago, Eastern U.S.A.;

- 1976: Detroit, Eastern U.S.A.;
- 1977: Cambridge, Canada; Pasadena, Western U.S.A.
- 1978: Glendale B. Orange County, Western U.S.A.; Philadelphia, Eastern U.S.A.; Kuwait, Kuwait;
- 1979: San Fernando Valley, Western U.S.A.; Cordoba, Argentina; London, England.

Complimenting the addition of the aforementioned new chapters, in 1974 Egypt's Alexandria "Gamk and Cairo Ararat, as well as in 1977, France's Paris chapters re-join the Homenetmen family

1980-1989

In 1980 in Beirut, Lebanon, Homenetmen World Committee's "MarzigM monthly magazine publication begins.

In July, 1980 (July 14-26), the 2nd Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Clamart, France; with 12 Regions and 291 scouts participating.

In June, 1981 (June 26 or July 5), the 1st Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Toronto and Montreal, Canada. Teams competed in men's basketball.

In February, 1982 (February 18-21), the 1st Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Leadership Seminar was held in Athens, Greece; with 42 scout leaders and scout council members from 53

chapters participating.

In April, 1983, Homenetmen's 3rd General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Nicosia Cyprus, The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 3rd World

Committee as follows:

- Vartkes Der Garabedian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Dr. Haroutun Kazanjian, Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
- Varoojan Mooradian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Yervant Demirjian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Puzant Torigian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Garo Tutunjian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Mihran Shimshirian, Lebanon, Accountant
- Vartkes Allahaydoian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Varoujan Seropian, Canada, Advisor

Note: Yegh. Vartkes Der Garabedian became a victim of the Lebanese Civil War. Yegh. PuzantTorigian replaced him as Chairman.

In July, 1985 (July 2-7), the 2nd Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Los Angeles, California. Teams competed in men's soccer (football).

In August, 1986, (August 10-20), the 3rd Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Chalphont Heights, England; with 11 Regions and 269 scouts participating.

In April, 1987, Homenetmen's 4th General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Athens, Greece. The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 4th World

Committee as follows:

- Dr. Misak Arzoomanian, Lebanon, Chairperson

- Yervant Demirjian, Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
- Hovhaness Der Haroutoonian, Lebanon, 1st Secretary
- Garo Tutunjian, Lebanon, 2nd Secretary
- Mihran Shimshirian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Badrig Goulbengian, Lebanon, Accountant
- Ara Hagopian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Siamanto Garabedian, England, Advisor
- Varoujan Seropian, Canada, Advisor
- Jirair Boyadjian, U.S.A., Advisor
- George Daghlian, Argentina, Advisor

In June, 1988 (June 26-July 5), the 2nd Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Leadership Seminar was organized in Los Angeles, California; with 32 scout leaders from 62 chapters participating.

On December 2, 1989 Homenetmen inaugurates its activities in Armenia with the establishment of the Yerevan chapter.

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade:

- 1981: Providence, Eastern U.S.A.; Florida, Eastern U.S.A.; Eastern Sydney, Australia;
- 1983: San Diego, Western U.S.A.; Milan, Italy (since dissolved); Houston, Western U.S.A. (since dissolved);
- 1985: Vienna, Austria;
- 1986: Albany, Eastern U.S.A.; Saint Catharines, Canada;
- 1987: Batroun, Lebanon (since dissolved);
- 1989: Sydney Ararat, Australia; Yerevan, Armenia.

Complementing the new chapters, the chapters in Valance, France (1983) as well as in Montevideo, Uruguay (1997) are re-established.

1990-1999

In April, 1990 (April 12-16), the 3rd Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Valance, France. Teams competed in men's basketball.

In August, 1990 (August 2 1-31), the 4th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Aya Marina, Greece; with 14 Regions and 484 scouts participating.

In April, 1991, Homenetmen's 5th General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Athens, Greece. Participating for the first time ever at this meeting was the contingent from Homenetmen Armenia. The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 5th World Committee as follows:

- Dr. Misak Arzoomanian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Varoujan Seropian, Canada, Vice Chairperson
- Hovhaness Der Haroutoonian, Lebanon, 1st Secretary
- Garo Tutunjian, Lebanon, 2nd Secretary
- Mihran Shimshirian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Badrig Goulbengian, Lebanon, Accountant

- Ara Hagopian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Vartan Bakhshian*, Armenia, Advisor
- Dr. Haroutoun Kazanjian, France, Advisor
- Jirair Boyajian**, U.S.A., Advisor
- Yeghishe Khosdeghian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Arturo Hovhanessian, Argentina, Advisor
- Sooren Nazarian, Syria, Advisor

Notes:

* - Yeghpayr Armen Aghayan replaced Yeghpayr Vartan Bakhshian due to his untimely death during the Artsakh Independence war.

** - Yegh. Hamlet Cherakhjian replaced Yeghpayr Jirair Boyajian due to his untimely death.

In July, 1993 (July 9-18), the 4th Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were organized in Toronto and Montreal, Canada; Teams competed in both men's soccer (football) as well as in track a field events.

In July, 1994 (July 27-August 21), the 5th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was organized in Bouragan, Armenia; with 14 Regions and 432 scouts participating.

In April, 1995, Homenetmen's 6th General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Beirut, Lebanon. The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 6th World Committee as follows:

- Dr. Misak Arzoomanian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Varoujan Seropian, Canada, Vice Chairperson
- Garo Tutunjian, Lebanon, 1st Secretary
- Mihran Shimshirian, Lebanon, 2nd Secretary & PR
- Antranig Beoukian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Badrig Goulbengian, Lebanon, Accountant
- Jirair Sarkissian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Manuel Hallajian, Syria, Advisor
- Sarkis Stepanian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Hratch Sisserian, France, Advisor
- Koko Balian, U.S.A., Advisor

In 1995, by the decision of the 6th General Assembly meeting, and in order to comply with the qualifications of the World Scout Movement (WOSM), Homenetmen Armenia's operation was renamed as the National Scout Movement of Armenia (HASK).

On April 17, 1997, HASK was officially recognized by WOSM as the Republic of Armenia's representative to the organization.

In July, 1997 (July 31 — August 10), the 5th Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Washington D.C. and New Jersey, U.S.A. Teams competed in men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

In December, 1996 (December 14-23), the 3rd Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Leadership Seminar was held in Sidney, Australia; with 24 scout leaders from 55 chapters participating.

In July, 1998 (July 12-21), the 6th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Aghavnadzor, Armenia; with 19 Regions and 715 scouts participating. Also, 24 scouts from Tehran's Ararat and Sipan organizations participated as guests at the 6th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree.

In March of 1999, Homenetmen's 7th General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Beirut, Lebanon, The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 7th World Committee as follows:

- Puzant Torigian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Jirair Sarkissian, U.S.A., Vice Chairperson
- Harout Checkijian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Stepan Der Bedrossian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Bedig Sabounjian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Karnig Megerdichian, Lebanon, Advisor
- Hratch Der Sarkissian, Canada, Advisor
- Sarkis Der Bedrossian, Australia, Advisor
- Koko Balian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Moorad Manoogian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Manuel Hallajian, Syria, Advisor
- Hratch Sisserian, France, Advisor
- Apraham Aharonian, Argentina, Advisor

The following Homenetmen chapters were established in this decade

- 1990: Charentsavan, Abovian, Sissian, all in Armenia
- 1991: Hrazdan, Ejmiadzin, Vartan Pakhshian, Ararad, Akhtala, Lori, all in Armenia; Stockholm, Sweden (since dissolved); Santa Clara & Salt Lake City, Western U.S.A.;
- 1992: South Bay, Western U.S.A.;
- 1993: Crescenta Valley, Western U.S.A.
- 1995: Burbank, Western U.S.A.;
- 1996: Almelo, Netherlands; Las Vegas, Western U.S.A.;
- 1998: Phoenix, Western U.S.A.; Baousherie, Lebanon.

Complementing these new chapters, the following chapters were re-established:

- 1991: Plovdiv, Sofia, Varna, Roussa, all in Bulgaria;
- 1994: Kessab, Syria;
- 1997: Shoumen, Bulgaria
- 1999: Bourgas, Bulgaria.

2000 — Present

In August, 2001 (August 11-15), the 5th Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Beirut Lebanon. Teams competed in men's soccer (football), as well as in men's and women's table tennis and track and field events.

In July, 2002 (July 27-August 4), the 7th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree was held in Bouragan, Armenia; with 17 Regions and 510 scouts participating. Also, 31 scouts from Tehran's Ararat, Sipan, and Nayiri organizations participated as guests at the 7th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Jamboree.

In June, 2003, Homenetmen's 8th General Assembly meeting (Badgamavoragan Jhoghov) was convened in Dzaghgadzor, Armenia. Participating for the first time ever at this meeting was the contingent from Homenetmen Javakhk. The meeting in turn elected Homenetmen's 8th World Committee as follows:

- Karnig Megerdichian, Lebanon, Chairperson
- Stepan Der Bedrossian, Lebanon, Vice Chairperson
- Garo Tutunjian, Lebanon, Secretary
- Badrig Gulbengian, Lebanon, Treasurer
- Kevork Der Garabedian, Syria, Advisor
- Harout Haroutounian, Armenia, Advisor
- Levon Baghdassarian, France, Advisor
- Hratch Der Sarkissian, Canada, Advisor
- Sarkis Der Bedrossian, Australia, Advisor
- Manuel Marselian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Mher Tavidian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Vahram Tanielian, U.S.A., Advisor
- Aprham Aharonian, Argentina, Advisor

In August, 2004, (August 9-14), in Dzaghgadzor, Armenia the 4th Pan-Homenetmen Scouting Leadership Seminar was held with 30 scout leaders from 13 regions, as well as the Individual (Megoussi) Chapters and Tehran 'AraratTM Organization scout leaders participating.

To date in this decade, the following Homenetmen chapters have been established:

- 2005: Marseille, France; Hungary;

In July, 2005 (July 24 -30), the 7th Pan-Homenetmen Athletic Games were held in Athens, Greece. Teams competed in men's and women's basketball, volleyball, and swimming.