

UK ASA NEWS

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Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance



25th ISGF WORLD CONFERENCE 21st –26th August 2008 Austria

Five members of the UK Adult Scout Alliance were amongst nearly 500 ISGF members from 48 countries at the World Conference in Vienna.

The opening ceremony for the conference was held in the auditorium of the historic University of Vienna. Following the parade of the Flags of participating countries and welcome to all participants we were treated to Viennese music played by a ladies orchestra and dancing of traditional Viennese waltzes. Inspired by the lovely music couples from the audience danced up and down the aisles and thus the Conference had begun.

Following coffee the business side of the Conference started and continued over the next few days. There were debates on constitutional matters, votes by delegates on amendments, presentations by member countries, workshops, Regional and national meetings etc.

A World market was held under the arcades surrounding the charming University quadrangle where counties displayed and sold local produce and gave a flavour of how they lived.

On Sunday afternoon all could partake in organised excursions – some to locations away from Vienna and some of us went on guided tours around the streets of beautiful Vienna and learnt some of its history. That evening we visited a typical small village Inn sampling the local wine. Following the last business session on Monday we were taken by coach to the outskirts of Vienna and we could look down on the city from on high.

Every day we were treated to lovely meals – all eating together for lunches in the cellar rooms under the Town Hall. The main room of the Town Hall with its carvings, gold and chandeliers was the setting for the civic reception and buffet meal given by the Lord Mayor and the city. Then there was an Austrian Dinner Show and a farewell dinner where the entertainment was by a local Scout Group.

The Conference sessions were long but quite well attended. The Austrians did so well to get all this organised in a short time. We had free travel passes for the whole time we were there which gave us a chance to explore the city, and the weather was warm and sunny.

Congratulations to Brett Grant – Australia- now World Chairman.

Next World Conference 2011 will be in Cernobbio, on Lake Garda, Italy.

Beryl Aldridge

Six members of the World Committee retired at this Conference: Martine Levy, Bjorg Walstad, Nejib Gharb, Leny Doelman, Suresh Lalwani and Abdeslam Benmoussa – they were all thanked for their efforts.

In line with the decision to reduce the number of members of the World Committee, Four new members were elected: **Mr Mohamed Ajah Muftah** (Libya), **Mr Bensaid Abdelaziz** (Morocco) **Mr Paul Lokossou** (Benin) **Mr Harald Kesselheim** (Germany)

Web Sites

If you have access to the internet – your local library will have terminals and help at hand if you need it - please do have a look at some of the following:

The new ISGF web site: www.isgf.org is now up and running, it is very clearly laid out and easy to navigate.

The UK ASA web site : www.ukasa.org.uk this has been updated, but more news and photos are required. Please let the Chairman or Secretary have any contributions.

The UK Trefoil Guild also have a web site: www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk this is well worth a visit and has lots of information and ideas.

WORLD GAZETTE – DISCONTINUED

ALTHOUGH THE NEW ISGF WEB SITE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING NO DIGITAL NEWSLETTER HAS YET BEEN PRODUCED.

SCOUT & GUIDE SPIRIT FLAME

The official DVD for this project is now available through 'SCORE' the World Scout Shop. Copies can be ordered by post or online @ www.worldscoutshop.org

UK ASA AGM

and

B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)

AGM – Sat. 28th March 2009 – BO'NESS

including

Central Group Meeting

To be held at the Leapark Hotel, Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth from 11am to 5pm on 28th March 09.

PROGRAMME:

11am Central Group Meeting

12 noon Registration

12.30 pm Lunch

2 pm B-P Guild (Scotland) AGM

3 pm Coffee

3.15 pm UK ASA AGM

to be followed by a Speaker

4.45pm Close of Conference

COST: £18 per person, including lunch and coffee

ACCOMODATION: £69 per night per double room including breakfast

£50 per night per single room including breakfast.

(Those wishing to book must contact hotel direct quoting "scout" price) LEAPARK 01324 486733 or visit website

www.leapark.com

Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain

AGM – Sat 4th April 2009 – Malvern, Worcs.

Malvern Branch will be hosting the 2009 AGM to be held in the Methodist Church Hall, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern. The day will start with Registration and coffee at 11am, there will be a presentation of the Flame project DVD and photos, this will be followed by a buffet lunch and at 2pm Jane Wardropper will speak about the ISGF Europe Region. The AGM will commence at 2.45. This will be followed by an Open Forum for members to ask questions and engage in discussion on Guild matters. A hot meal to be served at 5.30pm will complete the day's events.

ISGF EVENTS - 2009

GROSSARL FORUM – 2009

10th – 17th January

The 41st European Forum at Grossarl takes place on the above dates. Full details are available on their web site: www.forumgrossarl.at or from our International Secretary. You can register online at the web site. Closing date for Registrations is the 15th November. As at 1st October 48 participants have registered to attend this event, including 4 from the UK. The theme for 2009 is *"The new migration of the Nations – Islam in Europe"*

There will be the usual range of activities plus the opportunity of meeting fellow ISGF members in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

ALSO IN 2009

June 10-14 Nordic/Baltic Gathering - Aland

July 16-19 ASPAC Gathering – Kuala Lumpur

Aug 18-22 Western European Gathering – Dundee



Provost's Reception on the opening evening
Excursions into the Scottish countryside
A Scottish Ceilidh
Activities ranging from

Scottish crafts to Scouting today

Transport arranged from Edinburgh Airport or Dundee Train Station.

Forms available at end of Nov 2008 on ISGF and UKTG websites or from your International Adviser.

Cost of residential event £400.

Gatherings are also due during 2009 in:

Southern Europe: Libya

Central Europe: Romania

EUROPE REGION CHALLENGE - Part 1

More details are available from the International Secretary, National Secretary or your Co-ordinator.

1. In your own country find out about another Guild and share programme ideas and if possible visit the Guild or contact the Guild by telephone, text, letters or emails.
2. Find out what service projects to support Scouting or Guiding the Guild, you have contacted, is planning during the next twelve months – your Guild may be able to help in providing ideas, resources or even "manpower".
3. Record what you have done in a log book

Details of Part 2 will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – subscriptions for 2009 are due on 1st Jan. at £4. Membership Renewal forms will be sent out in November, please send your form and money as soon as possible.

Further details on international events can be obtained from our International Secretary, Brian Staines: 01672 511339 b.staines@btinternet.com or the Secretary, Sue Page: 01886 832940 sue.page3@btinternet.com, or 29 Grit Lane, Malvern WR14 1UR or our **WEB SITE** www.ukasa.org.uk