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To: International Commissioners in the Europe Region WAGGGS and the European Scout Region

Call for hosting the International Commissioners' Forum 2016

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Dear friends

The European Committees have agreed that there will be an International Commissioners' Forum in 2016 with a number of objectives including:

- Providing an opportunity for sharing experiences between International Commissioners
- Provide a platform to offer induction training to new International Commissioners
- To provide an opportunity to review progress on work resulting from the strategic partnership and to inform planning of future work in partnership
- To stimulate new ideas, tools and services

In order to achieve these and other objectives, we invite Member Organisations and/or National Scout Organisations to make a bid to host this prestigious event. It is strongly encouraged as an expression of our strategic partnership that all MOs and NSOs in a country combine to host the event, but bids will be accepted from any MO and/or NSOs.

The event should be held during January 2016 – 2nd or 3rd weekends, with the event lasting from arrivals on the Thursday, programme commencing on the Friday and continuing until Sunday when departures would be anticipated after lunch. There may also be potential for additional meetings before or after the IC Forum, by separate agreement– delegations, countries, sub-regional or other.

The event is traditionally well supported and has attracted between 100 and 120 participants in recent editions.

The venue should be within easy reach of a major airport – 30 minutes to 1 hour, to allow for maximum time at the event and not spent travelling.

A range of accommodation, with relevant pricing is desirable – single, twin and multiple occupancy.

The venue should be able to offer a wide range of meeting rooms including

- large plenary room with audio-visual supported possibilities
- a range of smaller break-out rooms
- space to ensure that meals can be taken at one sitting to facilitate mixing of participants
- space for displays and informal meetings
- relative privacy for the event not to be distracted by other events happening at the same time

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Association Mondiale des Guides et Eclaireuses



World Organization of the Scout Movement
Organisation Mondiale du Mouvement Scout

Mindful of recent recommendations made by conferences on the price of regional events, and given the current economic climate, due attention will be paid to the cost factors, including international travel costs to the venue, internal travel costs, accommodation costs, food and refreshment costs.

To facilitate the collection of information, a questionnaire is attached and should be completed. Additional information is encouraged so that you may indicate how the event can reflect the specificities of your country.

Bids should be sent to Catherine Hine (catherine@europe.wagggsworld.org) with a copy to David McKee (dmckee@scout.org) on or before 12.00 noon on 15 January 2015 to enable a compilation to be shared by the European Committees and so that a deliberations can take place by the end of January or early February 2015. The successful bid will be advised on 12 February 2015.

We look forward to receiving bids so that this important event can be held at the beginning of 2016.

Yours sincerely

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