

## MANAGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN REGION

### Report from the February meeting of the committee

The European Scout Committee met from 21-23 February 2003 at the Marino Institute in Dublin, Ireland. An important agenda item was the Centenary Fund. Reports from the Centenary Fund projects 2002 were reviewed. Discussions on which projects from 2002 were to be audited took place. Discussion and decision on the criteria for evaluating the project applications for 2003 eventually lead to a first assessment of the 2003 projects. The committee examined 27 projects. Based on merit and depending on the quality of the projects 10 were selected for funding this year. The amount allocated were substantially reduced as compared to the previous year.

### Conferences 2004

The committee received an update regarding the preparation of the conference 2004. Conference fee of EUR 495 had been fixed. Based on an estimated 280 paying participants, the fee would be enough to reach break even budget for the host committee. It was emphasised that in 2004 it was important to outline clearly for the next hosting candidates the estimated numbers of paying participants and other factors so as to reach realistic cost estimates. It was further decided that fixed costs have to be seriously considered.

It was important to try and have a geographically balanced conference in terms of participation. Discussion also took place on the conference documents, with regard to both their look and content.

### Working groups

The committee received an update from all the working groups that had met in Geneva, 8-9 February. The European Scout Foundation (ESF) met at the same venue and dates as the Working Groups. This was seen as a positive initiative. It was therefore, decided that in 2004, the February meeting of all Working groups could run at the same time and same place

### Internal Communication

Update on the new Regional website was also received. Some additional requests from working groups were to be discussed for possible incorporation into the new site. A Policy on the Disclosure of information was adopted by the Committee.

### Finances

A draft of the general overview of the finance of the Region was distributed. Financial forecast for 2003-2009 was also presented. The committee approved the auditor's report of the accounts as audited.

Report from the treasurer for the accounts 2001-02 and report on the first quarter 2002-03 was also presented. The committee received an update from the meeting with Hildy Simmons from JP Morgan Chase on 22 January 2003. The committee was asked to provide some general guidelines for the preparation of the next budget. In the future, the European Office will mail the financial report of the region.

### Mid-term review

In follow-up action from mid-term review process, it was suggested that guidelines for identifying resource pool (network of individuals / NSOs with expertise in certain areas) be developed. It was decided to develop tools on educational objectives for adolescents.

After the end of the tenure of the Task Force on Growth and development, a need to define how to continue the work was felt. Options were to be discussed and presented at the next committee meeting.

It was proposed to put the concept of Governance, as a learning organisation. This topic will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Future events

Update on the preparation for the symposium was provided. It was noted that it was important to ensure good gender balance in the management seminar planning team.

## PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING OUR MOVEMENT

### RoverWay – people in motion (2003)

#### Community work

At the moment 2400 Rovers and Rangers from 26 different countries in Europe are already "in motion" which means that RoverWay2003 will be a truly international experience!

All the registered teams know yet the projects where they have been allocated as well as the other 5 teams that will form the Community during this Event. It's now time to prepare the participation.

All the participants have now the opportunity to meet new people make new friends. The interaction between the teams of the same Community will start via email, chat, forum, phone. For more informations visit our web site [www.roverway2003.org](http://www.roverway2003.org) Or email [contact@roverway2003.org](mailto:contact@roverway2003.org) You can make the difference!

## INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Evaluation of Euro.Scout.Info

We have been publishing Euro.Scout.Info, the monthly newsletter of the Region for seven months now. The aim is to provide updates from the Region, with all the

reminders and information you may need in one place. We want to make sure that we are doing the right things and so, at the Symposium at the end of March we shall be seeking comments and opinions from as wide a group as possible. Apriori, with the April issue, we shall be distributing a reader survey with Euro.Scout.Info. Please look out for it and respond as quickly as you can. This will help us to take account of the opinions and needs of Associations all over Europe.

## **SUPPORTING NATIONAL SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS**

### **The Moba Project**

#### **A training for the local development**

From 14 to 16 February in Bosnia-Herzegovina (Zenica), the European Region of Scouting organised a study and training session on the idea of local development. 15 participants from 3 countries were attending : Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia-Montenegro and Macedonia. The main exchanges and works were dealing with the following questions : What is development generally speaking and local development in particular ? How can we elaborate a project of development in Scouting (process, organisation and types of actors and actions)? How can Scouting play a role in revitalising a local community? The working sessions were active and fruitful. Very quickly the participants understood the stakes of Scouting in having an approach to development and that it can also be very useful for the local scout group: how is the interaction with the community ? A report will soon be available on the following Internet site: <http://www.mobaProject.net/>

#### **A workshop for journalists on the Youth sections**

This workshop will be held in Serbia from 17 to 20 April 2003 and is organised in the framework of Moba. The main objective of such an event is the gathering of journalists who are writing on youth in the various countries of the South East of Europe. They will be able to exchange and work on youth policies, on the main trends and needs of the young people in those countries and on how Scouting and the youth NGO are contributing to the development of the civil society. The initiative managed by the European Region is a pilot action. We will give you the results on a next number of Euro.Scout.Info.

#### **Goodbye to Yugoslavia and hello to Serbia-Montenegro**

On 4 February 2003, the country changed name and statutes; we have now to call it Serbia-Montenegro and not Yugoslavia any more... It will be the same in Scouting, in the alphabetical filing do not look for Yugoslavia but for Serbia-Montenegro.

## **MOVEMENT'S LIFE**

### **"BLUE THUNDERBOLD"**

A 60 kilometres medley race of march, bike and canoe will take place in Puszcza Zielonka near Poznan´ (Poland), 14-16 March 2003. At the end of events there will be a special concert of "Stare Dobre

Maz´en´stwo". Each team must be made up of four persons (only scouts) at the age between 15-23 years old. The entry fee is 200 PLN (about 50 EURO) per team. The prize is 2000 PLN (about 500 EURO)- for first place. All participants that finish the race, will be given Certificates of Attendance. Entry forms available at <http://www.blekitna14.poznan.pl/bg> or by mail [bg@blekitna14.poznan.pl](mailto:bg@blekitna14.poznan.pl)

## **OPENING OUT TO THE WORLD**

### **European Citizenship**

The print publications in the beginning of the year, the latest Coyote Magazine and Coyote Supplement are now available online too.

The Magazine has a new feature, the "Coyote theme". It is a section that examines a topic in more detail, through contributions by a variety of colleagues. In this 6th issue, the first such theme is the White Paper on Youth – the recent key document of the Commission on youth policy. The Coyote theme in the next issue will be "European Citizenship". You will also find in this issue a short summary of the main findings of the survey that was carried out among Coyote readers, authors and receiving institutions.

The Supplement contains an intercultural exercise called, "Our European Youth Centre", which was developed as part of a training course at the European Youth Centre Strasbourg. We hope this exercise will be a useful tool for many of you.

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### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

- A Strategy for Scouting: <http://www.scout.org/wso/strat/strathome.html>
- The centenary of Scouting 2007: <http://www.scouting2007.org>
- WONDER, a resource organised by the Educational Methods Service of the World Scout Bureau: <http://www.scout.org/wonder>
- Subscribe to <i>Despatch</i> - the monthly electronic newsletter of the Africa Scout Region: <mailto:subscribe.idespatch@africa.scout.org>
- Subscribe to [inbox@apr](mailto:inbox@apr) - the monthly newsletter of the Asia-Pacific Region in English: [mailto:subscribe\\_inbox@apr.scout.org](mailto:subscribe_inbox@apr.scout.org)
- EuroPak, European Region: <http://www.europak-online.net/>
- European Union : <http://www.europa.eu.int>
- RoverWay : People in Motion (Portugal): <http://www.roverway2003.org>; e-mail: <mailto:contact@roverway2003.org>
- World Scout Parliamentary Union: <http://www.wspu.org/>
- WORLDinfo is a free, monthly email newsletter for leaders of national Scout organizations, and others. Download pdf version: <http://www.scout.org/wso/worldinfo/>  
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### **DEADLINES**

- Roverway (Portugal): Rover teams: 01/06/02 – 31/12/02; International Teams: 01/04/02-31/12/02
- Youth programme and Adult Forum, Slovenia. Registration closes 15 April, 2003. Contact [eurobureau@euro.scout.org](mailto:eurobureau@euro.scout.org)