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# INFO



## SECRETARIAT MEETING

### 3rd - 6th February, New York

The World Secretariat met recently in New York. The meeting was attended by ICCS Secretary General, Enrique López, Deputy Secretaries General, Baldur Hermans and Roberto Linn along with World Chaplain Mons. Richard LaRocque and the World Treasurer, Fausto Piola. The following agenda was discussed:

#### Agenda:

1. Evaluation and Diffusion Durban 99: Seminar y Council
2. Appointment of Chaplains (World and Regional level)
3. Treasurer's Report and Budget. Rome Headquarters.
4. Evaluation and Diffusion OMMS-CPL-CICS
5. 2000-2002 Action Plan
6. ICCS Communication and Publications
7. Preparation of forthcoming Steering Committee meeting in Berlin.
8. Miscellaneous

The President of the National Catholic Scouting Committee of the USA, Robert Oldoski attended as a guest. The Secretariat also met with the former U.S. National Chaplain, Fr. Bob Gugillermoni.

## 15th World Youth Days to be held in Rome: ICCS and CIG Vigil

Coinciding with the forthcoming World Youth Days to be held in Rome this summer, the ICCS and the CIG intend to promote a major gathering of guides and scouts on the evening of 17th August 2000. All members of national scout and guide associations present in Rome will be invited to attend.

The gathering will be organized by Agesci and the central theme for the event will be the issue of the proposed cancellation of Third World Debt. This crucial global question is central to the spirit of the Jubilee.

This important theme offers scouts and guides from all over the world an invitation to "have the courage to face the future" in the WYD spirit as outlined in the letter of His Holiness John Paul II. A special focus will be placed on the themes of Alliance, Reconciliation, Charity, Freedom and Courage: the courage to be the Saints of the new millennium.

- As an international event which welcomes young people who may not be members of scout and guide associations, the gathering will focus on the importance of communication (verbal and non-verbal) using sounds, music, symbolic language, imagery, gesture and mime.
- The event will take place in true scout and guide style and will depend on the active participation of all concerned. A significant degree of movement and mobility is foreseen for the event.
- This truly global gathering will take place in one of Rome's historic and symbolic public areas.

For more detailed information, contact AGESCI tel. +39.06.681661; e-mail [gmg2000@agesci.org](mailto:gmg2000@agesci.org)

It is with great regret that we must inform our members of the death of Mr. Kiraithe Nyaga, Director of the WOSM Africa Regional Office in Nairobi. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, scouting brothers and friends. Eternal rest be granted unto him, O Lord.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For news and information on forthcoming activities, documents of great interest and your chance to send us your comments and suggestions.

**Meeting between World Scout Office, ICCS and Organizing Committee of 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot**

The meeting was coordinated by Jean Cassaigneau, - Director, World Relations and Events WOSM and was attended by Jean-Luc Bertrand WOSM, Richard Amalvy Europe Scout Office, Felipe Fantini Oficina Interamerican Scout Office, Lutz Kuehnen, Head of Security, Roberto Linn ICCS , Miguel A. Martagon Scouts of Mexico – Moot Executive Director and other members of the Organizing Committee.

The meeting went through the entire Moot program and discussed the organizational advances made. In addition, the Religious Animation Plan and the Catholic Animation Plan were both approved. The Catholic Animation plan has already been distributed to all the Catholic associations and committees and can also be found on the ICCS website.

All those scout leaders who wish to

cooperate in the development of the Religious Animation Plan or the Catholic Animation Plan may join up with their country delegation subject to prior approval from their respective National Catholic Committee. For any further information, please contact Roberto Linn by e-mail: linneste@adinet.com.uy

**Asia Pacific Region:** The new committee for the Asia-Pacific region is currently preparing various activities for the region.

**E/M Region**

1. The ICCS-EM regional committee met at the headquarters of the order of the HOLY CROSS OF JERUSALEM (founded by Fr. Sevin, SJ), near Paris. In addition to the committee members, the meeting was attended by the General Commissioner of Scouts of France, Philip Da Costa, National Chaplain Fr. Michel Joseph and ICCS Secretary General Enrique López Viguria. Warm thanks to Scouts of France for their hospitality.

-Regional work was revised, including Horizon 2002, an evaluation of the Barcelona Seminar and Regional Council last November and the project Paris 2000.

Other items discussed included the World Youth Meeting in Rome, the development and extension of ICCS activity in Scandinavia, the Arab region and Eastern Europe.

2 – Mr. Joseph Lawlor, former Chief Scout of Ireland (CBI) was granted the papal recognition of the Order of Saint George. Our congratulations to Joseph. 4 – Having completed six years in office, the EM regional chaplain will finish his mandate in June 2000.

5 - Rudolph Jabbour represented the region at the recent CICG world gathering of chaplains which took place in the Lebanon.

**Americas Region**

1 - Sr. José Marisquirena (President of the Catholic Committee of Uruguay) has been elected by the Regional Committee as new Regional Secretary. Sra. Maria Izabel Tungo (Brasil), Sr. Julián Domergue (Argentina) and Mr. Robert Oldoswki (USA) have also been elected as regional Committee members.

2 – The Pastoral Committee of Brasil, led by Maria Izabel Tungo is organizing a national competition on SCOUTING AND THE FAITH IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, under the banner “Scouting enters the third millennium strengthened by the Faith”.

3 – Great progress is being made to prepare for the Regional Seminar which will take place in El Salvador.

**INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC SCOUT GATHERING FOR JUBILEE 2000**

**Laguna Station Sea Base ❖ South Padre Island, Texas, USA  
July 29 – August 6, 2000**

**Calling ALL** Pastoral Scout Committees of Scout Associations from the Americas Region, Presidents, Commissioners, Coordinators and National Chaplains:

The NCCS International Committee is pleased to announce a “once in a lifetime” special event for scouts and Catholic pioneers from the Americas region. It will take place from July 29th through August 6th 2000 at the Laguna Station Sea Base on South Padre Island, Texas. The island is off the south coast of Texas, in the Gulf of Mexico, just north of the Texas/Mexico border. Laguna Station Base is operated by the Rio Grande Council of Boy Scouts of America and has a **Great Adventure** program.

The year 2000 was designated as Jubilee Year to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. This special event, organized by the NCCS, will bring together Catholic scouts from North, Central and South America, during the Jubilee Year. In order to celebrate all they have in common in scouting and the Faith, young scouts from all over the Americas will come together to share a great experience, full of fun and adventure as well as in reflection and prayer. Through this exchange of experiences, cultures and historic past, the young scouts will consolidate their common future as Catholics and as scouts.

**For More Information, Visit:**

<http://members.aol.com/lagunabs>

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org>

<http://www.cics.org>

I am involved in a working group in New Zealand which is responsible for evaluating the moral and spiritual activities of scouting in New Zealand. I am looking for relevant material, ideas and publications which could be useful to us in this task. We have already looked at the Code of Ethics published by the Irish Scouts. We are currently researching Adult Training and Youth Programmes. Any help you may have would be much appreciated.

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Many thanks, Fr Peter J. Fahy