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## **Exciting Changes in Brussels**

Dear friends

As we begin the new financial year for WOSM, I am pleased to update you on important changes in the Brussels Office of the European Regional Office.

### **Congratulations**

Firstly, I am pleased to inform you of the recent wedding of Alix Masson in August. Alix also moved on to work again for the European Youth Forum. With holidays and other allocations, Alix's contract with WOSM came to an end on 21 September. We wish Alix, and her husband Elly, well for the future.

### **New Appointments**

August was a busy time with the short-listing process and then the interviews, which were held in the third week August. In common with our usual practice, I involved relevant and available Committee members in the process – Marios Christou (Treasurer) in the interviews for the Funding and Project Support Manager and Henrik Söderman (Vice-Chairman) in the interviews for the Director of External Relations and Funding.

For the interim period from 1 September till 31 December 2012, Nicolò Pranzini will assume the role of Acting Director of External Relations and Funding. This is a particularly busy time and I am grateful that Nicolò has made himself available to allow time for the new team to settle in. At the end of the year Nicolò will return to Italy, as was his intention.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Marguerite Potard (France) to the position of Funding and Project Support Manager. Marguerite had joined the Office as a Project Assistant bringing with her considerable experience of project management and funding applications from Scouts et Guides de France and Cote d'Ivoire. She has also spent time in the Africa Office in Nairobi. This position is more fitted to the enthusiasm and skills that Marguerite has developed and we are looking forward to developing our work with her. Marguerite will support the Partnerships with other Regions Working Group. Her contract formally begins on 1 October.

Also commencing contract on 1 October is Lorenzo Nava (Italy) as Director of External Relations and Funding. Lorenzo currently lives in Rome. He has a wide experience in media and communications, NGO and volunteer management, as a trainer, campaign manager and a wide range of fundraising. Lorenzo was a Scout with AGESCI and in Japan as a member of the BSA. He has worked all round Europe on projects not only in Italy, but South East Europe, Turkey, Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

I am sure that we will all look forward to working with Lorenzo and Marguerite, as well as Nicolò, as they strive to deliver a good, responsive and effective service to the Region.

With kind regards,

David McKee  
Regional Director