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To: Chief Executives, National Directors, Secretaries General, Senior Staff members of National Scout Organisations and WAGGGS Member Organisations

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Subject: Meeting for Chief Executives, National Directors, Secretaries General, Senior Staff

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Invitation – meeting for CEOs and equivalent positions

We are pleased to provide information on the next meeting for Chief Executives, National Directors, Secretaries General and Senior Staff. This will be the eighth time that this meeting has been held.

As proposed at the last meeting, we will be hosted by the Turkish Guiding and Scouting Federation from 12 to 14 November 2013 at Kadiköy, Istanbul. Arrivals are anticipated for 12 November, the main programme day will be 13 November and departures anticipated for after lunch on 14 November following the conclusion of the morning programme.

As before, the aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for senior staff in Associations to come together and share experiences, challenges, best practices and questions. It is not a training event. The target audience is the senior professional leadership of Associations at the level of Chief Executive or equivalent and their immediate deputies.

The Regional Directors will facilitate this meeting, but it requires the active engagement of all participants.

At the previous meeting some suggestions for the programme were:

- Creating an impact in the community
- How diverse are we?
- Development of leadership in associations
- Community based Guiding and Scouting – are there other models

Please complete the programme section of the registration form to give us an idea of your particular interests and to indicate sessions or topics that you would like to offer.

Practical Details

Venue

The proposed venue is <http://www.byotell.com/by-otell-istanbul/home-page.aspx>

This hotel is located in a lovely neighbourhood away from the centre called Kadıköy (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kad%C4%B1k%C3%B6y>) on the Asian Side.

It is 45 km from Atatürk International Airport (about 1h by car or even more if there is traffic) and 30 km from Sabiha Gökçen International Airport (45 minutes by car). Please see the following map for clarity: <http://goo.gl/maps/bYKvF> A is Atatürk Airport, B the hotel, C Sabiha Gökçen International Airport.

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World Organization of the Scout Movement
Organisation Mondiale du Mouvement Scout

Participation Fee

The participation fee for the first person from each association is offered free of charge courtesy of our hosts. Additionally the first person will be provided with free accommodation in a single room. Additional participants from associations will be requested to pay a combined participation and accommodation fee of €250 per person. The free participation and those paying a fee will include transfers from either of the Istanbul airports provided by minibuses of the Turkish Guiding and Scouting Federation, and accommodation for 2 nights, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches.

Also on offer, provided by our hosts will be a possible meal on board a Bosphorus Cruise. More details of this exciting element in the next bulletin.

The meeting will begin at 9.00 am on Wednesday, 13 November 2012, and end at 12.00 pm on Thursday, 14 November 2012.

Please note that participants are responsible for their own international travel. No travel grants are directly available for this event but you may contact your appropriate Regional Office to discuss other possibilities.

Visas are available on arrival with the payment of a fee of GBP10, €15 or \$20. It is also possible to purchase the visa in advance to avoid queuing – see www.evisas.gov.tr/en/

The meeting will be conducted in English. On past events participants have facilitated support for other languages.

How to apply

Please complete the attached application form and return it no later than Monday, 14 October 2012 to the WOSM – European Regional Office. The meeting will go ahead if there are at least 10 participants. Please do not book travel until you have received confirmation that the event will proceed.

The registration form has space to identify ways that participants can be involved in the programme of the event. Please complete this section carefully as well.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Istanbul and to a productive and reflective time together.

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