To:

- International Commissioners and other principal contacts of National Scout Organisations in the European Region (through the European Scout Office of WOSM)
- International Commissioners of Member Organisations of the Europe Region WAGGGS (through the Europe Office WAGGGS)

Date: 23 December 2013

Invitation

3rd ICT Round Table for Scouts and Guides
6-9 February 2014 in Tampere, Finland

The "ICT Round Table for Scouts and Guides" is an initiative of the ICT Network of Scouts and Guides in the European Region of WOSM and Europe Region WAGGGS. The third Round Table will be hosted Suomen Partiolaiset - Finlands Scouter, the National Scout Organisation (WOSM) and Member Organisation (WAGGGS) in Finland.

Aim of the event

The aim of the ICT Round Table for Scouts and Guides is to value the importance and the place of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the day-to-day activities of National Scouts Organisations and National Scout Associations of WOSM as well as of Member Organisations of WAGGGS. We want to offer a space for Scouts and Guides involved in ICT where they can exchange ideas and work together on common projects or initiatives.

The Round Table offers a unique opportunity to exchange of experiences, information, best practices and success stories among the participating organisations / associations. As an objective we would like to try to find answers to these questions:

- How can we use technology to help involve young people in the development and design of youth programme?
- How can we revolutionise the management and business practices of Scouting and Guiding with the aid of information and communication technology?
- How can we engage young people in the IT organisation of NSOs, NSAs and MOs in such a way that they can contribute, take responsibility and be a part of IT development and delivery?

- How can we empower young people through the use of technology and social media?
- How can we employ statistical analysis of membership data, geography and demographics to discover and take advantage of risks and strong points of NSOs, NSAs and MOs?
- How can we develop new methods and techniques to increase the effectiveness of the implementation of the scout method?
- How can we adopt communication tools and channels in such a way that we create more opportunities to network amongst NSOs, NSAs and MOs?
- How can we establish a real and active European Network on ICT for Scouts and Guides that allows us the share experiences and work on common initiatives on a permanent basis?

Priority areas

In order to find answers to the questions above, we want to invite all scouts and guides that have a special interest in, a good experience with, or a deeper knowledge of one or more of these key topics:

- Statistical analysis and business intelligence based on membership and other (open) data (for example: combining data about population density and your

membership data to create a map of scouts/guides related to population density)

- E-learning systems, blended learning and new pedagogical approaches (for example: a website where scouts/guides can gain different skills from in organised and structural way)
- Event management systems, centralized event calendars and online events (for example: one online event calendar for the rover scouts of a region)
- Enabling youth participation using IT systems and communication platforms for social media (for example: an online channel that allows youth members to exchange programme experiences and suggest programme ideas)

Participants' Profile

Everyone who has an interest in the application of information systems, information technology and communication technology in scouting and guiding and that is in a position to share and apply the gained knowledge at their NSO, NSA or MO is welcome to join the round table.

If you want to be part of this event, then you are probably a project leader or key contributor in a scouting or guiding project using information and communication technology. Or, you could be involved in the maintenance and servicing of the information and communication systems of your NSO/NSA. In short, every scout and guide that is involved in the information and communication technologies of his or her NSO, NSA or MO at technical, tactical or strategic level is invited.

All participants are expected to be proficient in the English language as all the sessions will be held in English.

Programme

The participants of the round table are expected to be prepared to share their experiences and pass on their knowledge to others. This will be done in open sessions based on the Round Table priority areas where every participant is invited to contribute. This contribution can take the form of a small presentation, a demonstration of a tool or technology, or every other way that fits the topic.

The end-result of the third round table will be to identify approaches, methods, best practices and ideas that we will collect from the input of all the participants.

Every participant will be offered a means to apply and share what he or she learned at his or her NSO, NSA or MO. At the end of the Round Table event a report on the sessions and all the presentation material from the event will be made available to all participants and distributed to all other interested parties.

Venue

The event will take place in Tampere, in Finland, hosted at the offices of Häme Scout District while participants will be accommodated at the Dream Hostel Tampere (www.dreamhostel.fi/en), Åkerlundinkatu 2, 33100 Tampere, Finland).

Dates

Participants should arrive on Thursday **6 February** and depart by Sunday **9 February 2014** after lunch.

Travel and visa arrangements

Travel costs are payable by the sending organisation and participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements.

Please check if you require a visa to enter Finland. It is the responsibility of each confirmed participant to obtain a visa, allowing up to six weeks prior to the meeting to complete the application process. Upon written request, the host organisation will provide a special invitation letter but participants would need to prove to the respective Finnish consular office that they are able to fund their participation and their stay in Finland during the event.

Participation Fee

The participation fee for the meeting is EUR 150 per person. Excluded from this fee is any personal expenditure and participation in any social programme. Any extra nights' accommodation required by the participant will be at the participant's own cost. Each participant will be invoiced for the participation fee with instructions for payment.

Cancellation

The organiser reserves the right to charge the participant's association for any expenses incurred, if participants cancel their registration after their acceptance has been confirmed.

More information

If you have additional questions or want to find out more please visit the event website at europak-online.net/ict2014 or contact planning team on roundtable_ict@europak-online.net

If you wish to register please do so trough the event website by 15 January 2014 at the latest.

Acceptance letters with the invoice should be expected in the second week of January 2014, participants requiring visa to Finland should therefore preferably apply before the 5 January 2014 to allow the organisers to provide appropriate support.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

The ICT Round Table Team 2014 is looking forward to meeting you in February 2014!