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## Europe Region

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**To: International Commissioners in the Europe Region WAGGGS**

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# INVITATION

## 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference and 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference

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Dear Friends,

Together with our hosts for the next European Conferences, **Speidernes Fellesorganisasjon** (the Guides and Scouts of Norway), we are happy to invite you to join us for the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference** and the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference**.

According to WAGGGS Constitution, a **Regional Conference** shall be held each triennium and to which all members of the Region are entitled to attend. The functions of the Regional Conference are to promote and expand Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting within the Region and follow up and develop Regional Strategy and plans aligned with Member Organisation's needs, interests and priorities; as well as to provide opportunities for sharing of best practices as well as concerns and experiences. Delegates of all Member Organisations (MOs) in the Region are invited to come together at this event, the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference**, to discuss and adopt Regional policies, strategies and general orientations for the coming years. At the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference** MOs will be informed on past and current activities and vote in the elections of six members to serve for three years on the **Europe Committee WAGGGS**. The election shall be by ballot from a list of nominees submitted by **Europe Region** MOs. The six elected members will include, so far as practicable, at least one young woman under the age of thirty at the time of election. The **Europe Region WAGGGS** invites MOs to start thinking and discussing possible nominations since five of the current six Committee Members are not eligible for reelection and it is important that MOs are able to choose and vote from a variety of skilled candidates. More information regarding nominations of candidates and their required profile will be coming to you in due course.

During the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference**, delegations of the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference** (WAGGGS) and the concurrently held **22nd European Scout Conference** (WOSM) will discuss matters of mutual interest and approve joint actions, which are also an integral part of the Regional Plans and Membership Development Strategies.

### Committee Members

Corinna Hauri, Chair

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## Conference Theme

During their joint meeting held in November 2014, the members of the Europe Committee WAGGGS and the European Scout Committee of WOSM fixed the **theme of the 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference**:

# Volunteering

Both Scouting and Guiding are volunteer-driven youth movements and questions related to volunteering remain part of the Regions' priorities. To underline the importance of volunteering, the Conferences' programmes will include workshops and sessions to address related matters.

This conference theme will be also incorporated into the 15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference.

## Dates

We will meet from Friday 17 June through Tuesday 21 June 2016, with departures envisaged for Wednesday, 22 June 2016. Accommodation is also available for Thursday 16 for those members who may encounter travel challenges for the 17 June.

## Venue & Accommodation

The meetings of the conferences will take place at the **Oslofjord Convention Centre**, where participants will also be accommodated. The venue is situated some 160km south of Norway's International Airport (OSL) (the capital Oslo is some 110km away) and Oslo-Torp Airport (TRF) is just 20km distance.

The **Oslofjord** is an inlet in the southeast of Norway, stretching from the Skagerrak (North Sea) to Oslo. Some 2.2 million people (of Norway's total of 5 million inhabitants) live in the area.

## Further Details

More information such as conference registration cost and instructions can be found in the Host's communication mailed on the same occasion as this invitation. Both the hosts and WAGGGS will provide you with regular updates on the Conference and the conference documents but as a first step we wanted to ensure that you have a note of the Conference dates so that you can begin your preparations in good time.

We are all looking forward to meeting you in Norway and to welcoming you to the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference** and the **15<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference**.

Yours in guiding,



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Présidente,  
Europe Comite WAGGGS