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To:

International Commissioners and other principal contacts of NSOs and NSAs in the European Region

Circular 13/2015

Invitation:

18th International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange, Oman, 3-11 November 2015

Dear friends,

Following the series of successful similar events in the past, the Arab Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is once again inviting Scouts (18 to 25 years, male only) to an International Youth Gathering for Cultural Exchange. The 2015 edition will be hosted by the Oman Scouts and Guides Association in various places in Oman from 3 to 11 November 2015.

Participants from different cultural backgrounds will discover the beautiful landscape of Oman, its history and contemporary society. Cross-cultural exchanges on issues and challenges relevant to young people and discussions on how the young generation can actively participate in the life of their societies will complete a programme otherwise rich in environmental, cultural and recreational activities.

The Arab Regional Office is currently preparing a fact sheet for this event which we will share with you in due course. Please note that participation is limited to **male** members of the senior age section or young leaders, aged between 18 and 25 (maximum two participants per National Scout Association, both confirmed by the International Commissioner of the association).

The completed and signed Registration Form (link) should be returned **no later than by 1 October 2015** to the Arab Regional Office with a copy addressed to the European Regional Office. The organisers cover all expenses related to the participation, including accommodation, food, local travels and activities. All the participants (or their association) have to pay is their travel to and from Muscat, Oman.

Many Rover Scouts and young Leaders from different National Scout Associations in the European Region have enjoyed the warm hospitality and enriching cross-cultural exchanges offered by the Arab Region during previous similar gatherings and have returned with precious memories and a long list of new friends (see: http://euroscoutinfo.com/2013/10/01/josmar-travels-to-oman-to-live-1001-memorable-experiences/). So, why should it not be you this time?

With kind regards,

David McKee Regional Director

Annexes: - Visa Application Form

- Travel Information Form