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Invitation to the 8th General Assembly World Scout Parliamentary Union

Date

From Wednesday August 31 to Friday September 2, 2016

Venue

The Swedish Parliament - Riksdagen

Registration Process

In order to register to the event, **please fill out the Registration Form and send it to your National Scout Parliamentary Secretariat (or National Scout Organization) for confirmation.** We will get back to you with more information upon receipt of the form and a copy of your payment from your respective secretariat or organization.

Organisers

Hosted by: The Swedish Scout Parliamentary Association

Organised by: The Guides and Scouts of Sweden

Eligibility

- 1) Delegates:
 - a. Members of National Scout Parliamentary Associations
 - b. Members of Parliament
- 2) Young leaders:
 - a. Young leaders from your country, at age 18-25.
- 3) Observers:
 - a. Leaders of National Scout Organisations
 - b. Accompanying persons (e.g. Partners of delegates or observers)

Categories and Fees

Delegates

Members of National Scout Parliamentary Associations or groups in a legislative body of country, **one current Parliamentary Delegate from each country will be guests of the Swedish Scout Parliamentary Association.** Additional delegates will be applied the registration fee of USD 450 per person. Invitation for the delegate includes all the items indicated in the Registration Fee section. Please note that this does not include accommodation nor the transport from your country to your hotel.



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Young leader

A young leader is a representative of young leaders of your country, at the age of 18-25. **One young leader from each country will be guests of the Swedish Scout Parliamentary Association.** Any additional young leaders will be applied the registration fee of USD 450 per person.

Observers and Additional Delegates

Observers are representatives of a National Scout Organization, accompanying persons or any other participants invited by Executive Committee of the World Scout Parliamentary Union.

Additional personnel

Any additional personnel you wish to include in the meeting, as for example security or embassy personnel or interpreters.

Registration Fee

One current Parliamentary Delegate and one young leader from each country will be invited by Swedish Scout Parliamentary Association as guests free of charge. Additional delegates, observers or personnel can be registered with registration fee of USD 450 per person. The fee includes:

- Meals
- Programme included in the agenda

Please note that accommodations, transports and interpreters are not included in the fee.

We are happy to arrange your accommodation for you with special rates within walking distance from the parliamentary building. The hotels we offer are:

Hotel Gamla Stan, Single room at USD 95/room/night. Hotel Gamla Stan is a two star hotel within nine minutes' walk to the Parliamentary building, and 19 minutes' walk to Stockholm Central Station. The single rooms do have shared bathrooms, but are nice and clean in a building which dates back to the 17th century.

Hotel Nordic C, Single room at USD 220/room/night. Nordic C is a four-star hotel located just across the street from Stockholm Central Station and 12 minutes' walk to the Parliamentary building. The rooms are decorated in Scandinavian modern style with hardwood floors and contemporary artwork.

First Hotel Reisen, Superior room at USD 310/room/night. First Hotel Reisen is a four-star hotel located in Old Town, just five minutes' walk to the Swedish Parliament and 17 minutes' walk from Stockholm Central Station. The rooms offers stunning views of Stockholm's waterfront in classically refined setting.

Breakfast buffet and WiFi is included in all the prices. Additional hotel expenses, such as laundry, telephone and private meals will be at the expense of each participant. All the room prices is for single person.

Payment

The total payment (both attendance fee and accommodation) have to be delivered no later than June 28th 2016 to:

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Account holders SCOUTERNA

Please mark your payment with “WSPU, *country* and *your name*”.

You are also required to attach a copy of your payment with your registration form.

Visa

It is each participant’s own responsibility to assure that they have the correct documents in order to enter Sweden. More information regarding Visas can be found at:

<http://www.migrationsverket.se/English/Private-individuals/Visiting-Sweden/Tourists-visas.html>

Are you in need of an Invitation Letter? Contact wspu@scouterna.se and we will assist you!

Why to bring a young leader?

As Honorary President of the World Scout Parliamentary Union Chung Ui Hwa expressed during the closing ceremony of the 7th General Assembly: universal support of the youth starts with the WSPU. It is important to give opportunities for young people to take future leadership, and the inspiration that the General Assembly could bring is invaluable. By bringing young leaders from your country, you will take part of the development of the future leaders of the world.

About Sweden

Sweden is an elongated country with beautiful nature. There are 95 700 lakes in Sweden, and 97 percent of Sweden is uninhabited. This means that there is a lot of nature preserved, and national parks and reserves cover a tenth of Sweden’s land area.

About Stockholm

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, is situated by the east coast, always close to water. The lake Mälaren goes through Stockholm, which makes it almost impossible to walk around in the city centre without getting a beautiful view of the lake and city’s landscape. Most swedes speak English well, and are always keen to help when tourists get lost or need assistance when taking a photo.

About WSPU

The **World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU)** is an international organisation that unites the National Scout Parliamentary Associations that exist in almost 100 countries worldwide and which include members of national parliaments, deputies and senators. The objective of the WSPU is to strengthen National Scout Organizations and World Scouting through the influence of parliamentarians who believe that Scouting is an effective educational method.



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Scouterna – the Swedish national scout organisation

On January 1 2013, scouts in Sweden entered a new organisation. The new organisation is called The Guides and Scouts of Sweden (in Swedish: Scouterna) and includes all scouts in Sweden, currently 65 700.

A prominent feature of Swedish Scouting is the long tradition of boys and girls working together. As early as 1960 the Boy Scout Association and the Girl Guide Association were united in one organisation. The terms Boy Scout and Girl Guide are no longer in use in Sweden. In Swedish, both girls and boys are called “Scouts” (the same word as in English).

The Motto in Swedish is: “Var Redo! Alltid Redo!” (“Be prepared! Always prepared!”)

Milestones of WSPU

August 1991

Constitution of WSPU was adopted in Seoul, Korea

January 1994

1st WSPU General Assembly in Santiago de Chile and Valparaiso

August 1997

2nd WSPU General Assembly in Manila, Philippines

August 2000

3rd WSPU General Assembly in Warsaw, Poland

December 2003

4th WSPU General Assembly in Cairo, Egypt

November 2006

5th WSPU General Assembly was cancelled

November 2010

6th WSPU General Assembly in Seoul, Korea

November 2013

7th WSPU General Assembly in Tokyo, Japan

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