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EVENTS COMING UP

From 12th to 15th July 2014

- Training seminar in Lebanon on the theme: Dare to promise

From 7th to 13th August 2014

- International Camp, Abidjan

From 14th to 18th August

- Sichem in Abidjan

September 2014, Cairo

- training camp in Cairo for the Guides of Egypt

From 6th to 12th October 2014

- Week of Communion

From 7th to the 11th October

- Panama Western Hemisphere regional meeting

November 2014

- Ivory Coast Africa regional meeting

From 25th to 30th June 2015

- Meeting in Rome for World Council and celebrations for the 50th anniversary of ICCG
- Pilgrimage for former Catholic guides of all generations

The Annual World Committee meeting has taken place in Arcis sur Aube (France)



The world committee with Mgr Marc Stenger, Bishop of Troyes (France).

From 16th to 22nd April, the World Committee of ICCG met in Arcis sur Aube in France at the residence of Fr. Jean-Luc Depaive, the World Chaplain. In opening the meeting, Catherine Faucher, World Executive of ICCG, paid homage to Claudia Conti of AGESCI, former head of the European region, who died in early April and also described the difficult situation facing our sister guides in Syria, Central Africa and other countries in a state of war.

The agenda for the meeting was: A look at life in the different regions, an informative look at society and the life of the Church, preparation of the seminar in Lebanon and of the Sichem meeting in the Ivory Coast, world finances, 100 years of the Catholic guides and scouts, the 50 Years of ICCG booklet, the pedagogical document for educating the alliance of men-women and preparation for the World Council and Meeting in Rome in June 2015 and the events to be held for the 50 years of ICCG. During the week, the World Committee also met Monseigneur Stenger, the Bishop of Troyes, Mr Lardin the Mayor of Arcis, and Béatrice Meunier an artist who creates ex-votos (votive offerings) with pieces of fabric to convey the suffering of women around the world.

The World Committee was welcomed in a very fraternal manner by the Christian community of Arcis sur Aube and shared with them their Holy Week and Easter celebrations. A unique Church experience for the members of the committee as for the French Christians who discovered what ecclesiastic communion means around the world.

Each person left in full spirits and ready to embark on the adventures to come in the form of the different ICCG projects.

Catherine Faucher
 World Executive of ICCG

Appeal for donations

Support projects of ICCG :
 organisation of a camp in Asia Pacific, an international camp in the Ivory Coast...

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Week of Communion 2015

Lord, teach us to give and not to count the cost



The fourth Week of Communion proposed by the ICCG will run from 6th to 12th October on the theme "Lord, teach us to give and not to count the cost".

Africa is the region that will coordinate the animation in 2014, after the Europe region in 2011 and 2012, and the Western Hemisphere region in 2013.

Each day a meditation/prayer will be proposed, based on this sentence from the guide prayer, in support of a personal prayer that will join the guides together across the world. Each will be invited to read a passage from the specific Gospel of the day. The gathering will be accompanied by an activity to carry out with the guides.

On 11th October, International Day of the Girl proposed by the UN, specific prayers will be said for the leaders who give so much without asking anything from their guides. Ideas will be given for the Sunday Eucharist on 12th October.

New educational teaching tools

- Proposed by the Europe region
Meditations for Advent 2013
Meditations for Lent 2014 From the Pope's Message for the WYD (World Youth Day) 2014
- Proposed by the Latin American Region
The Lighthouse

At the end of June 2015

ICCG will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Rome

Experiencing the joy of the Gospel as a guide is why generations of guides will be gathering for the 50th anniversary festivities.

The World Conference for 2015 will put on their party hats to celebrate the past and look to the future. There will be three meetings in one: the triennial world conference with the delegates of the member associations from 25th to 30th June; a meeting for the young members between 18 and 30 - one or two delegates from each country - representing the future of ICCG, from 23rd to 29th June, and a meeting of former Catholic guides of all generations and from all the countries from 27th to 29th June.



Rome awaits the Catholic guides in June 2015 for the 50-year anniversary of ICCG.

We will spend some time on a pilgrimage following in the footsteps of the first Christians and thereby experiencing the universal reach of the Church. We are hoping for an audience with Pope Francis with whom we will take part in the mass for the feast of St Peter and Paul.

Registration open from October 2014.

Rome 2015

- 27th and 28th June:** 50-year celebrations
- 25-30th June:** World conference
- 23rd-29th June:** Meeting of the young members
- 27th-29th June:** Pilgrimage for the former guides

ICCG Meeting in the Philippines in 2014/2015

The Association of Guides of the Philippines has responded favourably to ICCG who has asked them to host a regional meeting for the Asia Pacific region in 2014/2015. We thank the association warmly. The project will be set in more detail in the coming weeks; where, when, for whom, what program... information which will best respond to the expectations of the associations in this region which ICCG has yet to discover.





Training Seminar in Lebanon **Dare to Promise**

Around fifty participants will attend the seminar in Ghazir, near Beirut from 12th to 15th July to reflect and exchange ideas on the training of leaders regarding the proposal of the promise to the young as a way of faith in Christ.



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Just drink from the source of the training seminar in Ghazir near Beirut. Father Chouchrallah Regional Chaplain of ICCG and director of the seminar awaits you.

The programme is rich in detail. It will follow the traditional teachings of the ICCG meetings; the timing of the meeting with practical exchanges and diffe-

rent texts and signs of the promise in the countries, the knowledge of the situation that young people have in the different continents; the cultural integration period with the meeting of the Lebanese guides engaged currently in citizenship, social and ecclesiastic activities, sharing the prayer with the parish community in Ghazir; time in the desert by way of a pilgrimage in the Sainte Valley and renewal of the promise; time for engaging in a task on cultures and evangelism; time for festivities at the International Evening and a feast prepared by the Guides of Lebanon.

We thank the Guides of Lebanon and the ICCG Middle-Eastern team who always do their best to host this seminar and for letting us discover their magnificent region of the Middle East.

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To be published

Fifty years of ICCG, 100 years of the Catholic Guides: an unpublished book

From the first steps, in England, of the Catholic guides until today, the leaders and heads of the Catholic guides have wished to gather and reflect on education in Christian life through guiding.

These were and are, either in the form of associations said to welcome people of all faiths, or Catholic associations, or Catholic groups and units.

After several camps and meetings involving Catholic leaders at the invitation of WAGGGS, a first guide Catholic Congress was held in 1935 in Brussels. Then after the Second World War, conferences for Catholic guide leaders were held every two or three years in several countries in Europe.

This results in January 1965 with the founding of the International Catholic Conference of Guiding. Freedom of education, dignity and the identity of the woman, the female missionary disciple, education on the male-female alliance are the various themes which have been reflected upon and acted upon by ICCG.

Traversing the history of society and the Church of the last century and at the beginning of the 20th Century, this book will reveal the issues and ups and downs of the relations between Catholic women and the Church. It will show how education through guiding has been enriched by the Christian faith.

Publication: May 2015



from 14th to 18th August **Sichem 2014 – Ivory Coast**

It is the women of the gospel who will accompany the participants to the international Sichem meeting for 18-30 year olds in Abidjan.

Each day they will exchange ideas and meditate on a passage of the Word of God who will remind them of their promise; say yes to God, say yes to serving others, say yes to serving their country, in other words "Dare to promise to build peace". Time for meetings and for testimonies of women engaged in society

and in the Church will echo the engagement to service of each one. They will allow reflection on their engagement in guiding, in the world, in the Church. A pilgrimage to Notre Dame of the Guardian in Abidjan will without a doubt be an important moment. Everyone will experience the moment in a guide way, an active, festive and fraternal way. The Guides of the Ivory Coast will not fail to show us their sense of a festival.

Sichem will be preceded, for those who are able to attend, by a camp proposed by the Catholic Guides of the Ivory Coast from 7th to 13th August.





AFRICAN REGION

Abidjan – April 2014

Meeting of the regional team

The regional ICCG Africa team met with Marthe, the Regional Executive, in Abidjan in early April. Isabelle from the Ivory Coast, Rose from Senegal, Alice from Burkina and Claire from Rwanda were present. The team regretted the absence of Joséphine of Uganda.

They worked mainly on the Sichem meeting of August 2014. A visit of the locations, the welcome of the guests, fundraising, finalisation of the program,



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The Ivory Coast guides prepare to welcome Sichem.

communication with the associations in Africa ... so many important subjects to cover for the festival to go well. The team were able to demonstrate the great efforts of the Catholic Guides of the Ivory Coast and their beautiful organisation in welcoming the event so well. A Skype meeting between the regional team and Catherine, World Executive of ICCG, gave different matters the green light. Despite the financial difficulties affecting their welcoming capacity, ICCG Africa and the Catholic Guides of the Ivory Coast are proud to welcome Sichem!

The team also worked on other programmes for 2015, concerning the celebration of 50 years of ICCG in Africa. The regional team will meet in 2015 in Senegal with the Guides of Senegal. A contest is to be launched among the associations to create a logo and a hymn for the 50th African anniversary. Projects for the training of leaders are envisaged on the occasion of the South partnership by WAGGGS. ICCG propose an extra day for the guides of the association from countries such as Benin, Togo, Burkina and the Ivory Coast among others, for November 2014, in the Ivory Coast.

Lastly, *Kibaré* n°. 2 is being prepared for the end of June with news from the African member associations of ICCG.

Pilgrimage

Notre Dame de la Garde d'Abidjan (Our Lady of the Guard of Abidjan) awaits the guides



During the Sichem event, the young guides will go on a pilgrimage to Notre Dame de la Garde in Abidjan.



Notre Dame de la Garde, Abidjan.

This Marian sanctuary dedicated to Notre Dame of Africa owes its creation to the long held desire expressed by the Archbishop of Abidjan, his eminence cardinal Bernard Yago. In May 1980, at the end of this first missionary trip to

the African continent, Pope John Paul II wanted to help this project and renew, at the same time, the consecration of Africa to the Virgin Mary. Solemnly consecrated, on Sunday 1st February 1987, by Cardinal Yago, surrounded by Cardinals Zoungrana and Malula, and by all the bishops of the Ivory Coast, by numerous priests and 10,000 pilgrims, the Marian sanctuary has benefited very quickly from the grace of the Marian year.

The congregation of Marianists, present since 1961 in Africa, had been invited, because of its Marian charisma, to bring this Sanctuary to life.

Sichem and the Catholic Guides of the Ivory Coast on Facebook



You can follow the organisation and engagement of the Catholic Guides of the Ivory Coast for Sichem on Facebook. Each region of the country will send a delegation of older guides. From 7th to 13th August, guides from 18-30 years of age from different African countries and other regions of the world will be welcomed at an international camp. Go and like the page at:



Sichem Côte d'Ivoire août 2014.





EUROPE REGION

ICCG and ICCS

21-24th November 2013: The head of the ICCG Europe Region participated in the annual ICCS Euro-Med seminar at Fatima (Portugal). There she was able to greet the new Regional Secretary for EuroMed, Antoine Maksoud of the Scouts of Lebanon (SDLL) as well as three members of his team.

7-9th February 2014: Joint meeting of the ICCG Europe team and ICCS Euro-Med team. Accommodated by AGESCI, the teams attended the presentation of the Centenary of Scouts and Guides 2015 and then the team met up to get to know each other and set the foundations of a fruitful partnership.

November 2013 – Catania

A regional meeting of ICCG Europe

A place where one finds oneself, an experience to share, new friends to meet, a lamp to hold alight.



The group of participants from Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Spain (Catalonia), Poland-France, Italy and Guinea Conakry.

Some of the Heads of the associations of ICCG Europe participated from 15th to 17th November 2013 in a meeting proposed to the leaders of AGESCI to evaluate

20 years of education on a spiritual level and trace the paths to the future. They reflected on the challenges ahead for Europe and ICCG in this area.

They have been able to learn from the experience of AGESCI and draw ideas from this, in such a way that the project “Re-interpretation of the experience of faith”, a method to encourage young people to make the link between faith and daily life in asking themselves how to live using the values of the Gospel in today’s world, as well as the obstacles which arise. We have also had the joy of welcoming Gerard Glynn, the director of ICCS Euro-Med. The meeting was closed with a ceremony encouraging the participants to carry a lit lamp to their homes and to think about bringing it to the Terre Sainte, during the pilgrimage to mark the Centenary of the Catholic Scouts and Guides in 2015!

22nd February 2014 – Catalonia

Inauguration of the Montserrat International Scout and Guide Spirituality Centre in Catalonia

At the invitation of the Scouts and Guides of Catalonia, ICCG Europe celebrated Thinking Day by participating at the inauguration of the International Scout and Guide Center of Spirituality Montserrat. (MISC)

The MISC is a centre open to leaders and trainers of scouts and guides, in order to develop a program of personal spiritual development, using the materials of Christian inspiration gathered by the Catalanian Association. The experience is open to believers and non-believers.

They will be in contact with nature and live in a self-sufficient manner, using the scout and guide method. The monastic communities present assure people who wish to take part that they

will accompany them, even in the form of simple dialogue or else in the form of community prayer.

To find out more: cicg-iccg.com



Alessandra Silvi, centre, Regional Executive of ICCG Europe, in Montserrat, surrounded by Catalanian leaders and members of the ICCS Euro-Med team.

Next European meet-ups

**1-10th August 2014 – Italy
AGESCI National Route**

This meeting will gather together 35,000 rovers. At the request of AGESCI, ICCG is going to offer workshops on the spiritual dimension of the scout/guide education.

**4-9th November 2014
WAGGGS-WOSM Academy
– Europe Region in Belgrade
(Serbia)**

Present in 2013 with a workshop on the development of the spiritual dimension, ICCG continues in 2014 to respond to the invitation of the regional chairs of WAGGGS and WOSM to follow up on this collaboration.





WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION

The life of the regional team

ICCG's Western Hemisphere regional team maintains contact with the member associations of ICCG through a contact person. She keeps up links with the associations who have lost contact with ICCG and so creates new associations in the region while promoting the work of ICCG.

A new regional chaplain, Father Alexander Matabajo, from Columbia has just been appointed. He is responsible for



youth ministry in the Diocese of Cali Colombia and curate in the parish of Jamundi near Cali.

The regional team has published issue n° 3 of the *Lighthouse*

Light, a tool for leaders with ideas for the camp and for meetings. It is translated into the three official languages of

ICCG and can be found on the website:

cicg-iccg.com

Two letters have been sent to the associations *The Light* n° 2 and *The Light* n° 3 on the themes of Lent and Easter:

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Life of the Associations

The Panama Guides Association has celebrated the 500th anniversary of the first dioceses in Panama.



(above and opposite) The guides have taken part in celebrations for the Holy Week in Panama and Colombia.



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Friends of Facebook



Become a friend of the Facebook page for the Western Hemisphere region delete and replace with : ICCG Western Hemisphere Region.

Regional meeting 2014

The 7th Emaus Meeting, a regional ICCG meeting, will take place from 7th to 11th October 2014 in Panama.

The theme of the meeting will be: "Keep your lamp burning for the world", the centenary theme of the Catholic guides and scouts. A contest was launched to find a logo for the meeting. The member associations have taken part from which the winner is Silvana Somoza from the Argentine Guides Association.





MIDDLE EASTERN REGION

The life of guides in the region

Lebanon: always the best we can, the Guides of the Lebanon took part in and helped to organise a half day for the young people with his holiness the Pa-



Way of the Cross with the Guides of Lebanon, 17 April 2014

triarch Béchara el Rai. In addition, they took part in the mass and the washing of the feet ceremony, celebrated by the Patriarch himself for the prisoners at Roumieh, in the Lebanon, 17th April 2014.

Egypt: our chaplain, Father Chucrallah, visited in April the Guides of Egypt who are organising a training camp for the leaders for the beginning of September.

Lastly for the moment the Middle East region is preparing to host the World ICCG seminar in Lebanon from 11th to 16th July so they can dare to promise together!

Syria: the war never prevents the Guides from living and surviving. "Try to leave the earth in a better state than you found it" B.P: this was the theme of the big meeting of the scouts and guides, realised under the patronage of the Bishop Boutros Meryatti to celebrate the festival of Baden Powell which took place on t 8th March 2014 in Aleppo.



The festival of Baden-Powell in Aleppo, 8 March 2014

On the programme: mass, activities, educational games, discussions... Thanks to God and to the efforts of the leaders this meeting was a great success.

Jordan: Likewise, the Guides of Jordan experienced and celebrated the Palm Sunday ceremonies at their church.



The Guides of Jordan celebrated Palm Sunday with their parishes.

The Coptic Catholic Guides in Egypt



The Egypt guides in Lebanon, July 2013. On the left: Soheir Helmi and Father Majdhi, front centre is Nancy.

For several years, ICCG has helped Coptic Catholic girls and women to experience scout life in Egypt. ICCG regularly proposes training for leaders at a camp in their country and invites them to regional and world meetings. About 12 guide groups exist in different areas of Cairo. They form part of the association "Coptic

Catholic Scout Union", made up of around 300 girls. Since 2011 Soheir Helmi chairs the union and is the link with ICCG. In Upper Egypt, the groups are made up of 140 girls from schools of the Notre Dame of the Apostles at Malaoui Aminia and Notre Dame of the Apostles at Assiout. Nancy Selim coordinates the groups and represents the Egypt guides at the meeting of the ICCG regional teams. Father Majdhi is chaplain of the Coptic Guides of Egypt. Every Friday, the Brownies, guides, girl scouts, assistants, and the leaders meet in parishes with the priest.

In 2014, with the support of the Guides of Lebanon, ICCG are organising training for the leaders, the priests and the nuns.

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