



Vienna, 21 February 2014

Report of the meeting of the Managing Board of the IFJS which took place in Vienna, Austria, during the World Scout Interreligious Dialogue.

Present: Alain Silberstein (*EEIF, France*), Fernando Brodeschi (*UEB, Brazil by Skype*), Rabbi Peter Hyman (*BSA, USA*), Amos Simon (*Tzofim Federation, Israel*), Yehuda Fisher (*Tzofim Federation, Israel*), Haim Pilzer (*Tzofim Federation, Israel*).

1. ISSUES

We have to set up a new function within the IFJS to better meet the present educational needs within the WOSM:

- being an actor in the interreligious dialogue within the scouting movement
- develop programmes centered on the discovery and development of the Jewish identity and associated cultures
- reply to the needs expressed by the Jewish scout groups on exchanges and working in teams
- reply to requests to form scout groups in Jewish communities
- help Jewish and non-Jewish scouts discover Israel through exchanges with the Tzofim Federation

We must set up a new administration to enable the development of these different IFJS missions within the WOSM. To do this, it is envisaged that we employ a general secretary to coordinate the activities of an international team of volunteers.

Scouting is an educational movement with long-term perspectives. It is important to establish quickly an action plan to meet the various issues evoked over the next three-year period (2014-2017).

For this action plan to succeed, we must now find financial partners (Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod, foundations, ...) capable of supporting the development of scout groups and the training of their madrichim within the WOSM.

Yehuda and Amos will coordinate this sponsor research for the IFJS.



2. HIRING A GENERAL SECRETARY

The Tzofim Federation propose to finance a permanent post, which will ensure :

- the coordination of the IFJS's world activities
- the creation and management of an international team of volunteer trainers
- the organisation of scout events in Israel

The IFJS will be housed in the premises of the Tzofim Federation in Tel Aviv.
This proposal was retained unanimously.

The candidature of Ruth Ouazana for the position of General Secretary of the IFJS was adopted unanimously.

Alain is sending Amos details of the IFJS's registration in Israel, in order to open a bank account, and of the new local address.

3. IFJS BUDGET

Since 2009, the EEIF has been financing the activities of the IFJS. The Tzofim Federation is taking over this responsibility with the opening of an IFJS office in Tel Aviv and the hiring of a general secretary.

To simplify the functioning of the IFJS, Haim Pilzer, the Tzofim Federation treasurer, will also act as the treasurer of the IFJS. He will prepare a provisional budget for the period 2014-2017.

Within the framework of the **ongoing** financing over a three or five-year period, the Tzofim Federation will contact the leaders of the different youth programmes of the Jewish Agency and other Jewish institutions and foundations.

Alain and Amos will prepare a document, which will complete this provisional budget to help research partners able to finance:

- the development of the activities between Jewish scout groups
- the training of their madrichim
- the creation of scout groups in Jewish communities around the world
- the organisation of world scout meetings and events, such as a Jewish Jamboree, in Israel



3. IFJS NEW MANAGING BOARD 2014-2017

The two national Jewish Scout associations:

- the Tzofim Federation in Israel
- the Eclaireuses Eclaireurs Israelites de France (*EEIF*) in France

will coordinate their actions within the IFJS.

For the three-year period 2014-2017, the IFJS managing board is reorganised around a president and three vice-presidents representing the different development regions within Jewish scouting:

- President: Alain Silberstein (*France*)
- Vice-president: Fernando Brodeschi (*Brazil*)
- Vice-president: Amos Simon (*Israel*)
- Vice-president: Rabbi Peter Hyman (*USA*)

In addition:

1. The chief commissioner (now Yehuda Fisher) and the treasurer (now Haim Pilzer) of the Tzofim Federation are permanent members of the board with a right to vote.
2. The president (now Michel Nacache) and the general commissioner (now Karen Allali) of the EEIF are permanent members of the board with a right to vote.
3. Amos Ilani (Israel) and Alexandros Modiano (Greece) are members of the IFJS new managing board with a right to vote.

Each Jewish scout association, committee and group is represented by one person within the IFJS general assembly.



4. PROGRAMME 2014-2017

The Jewish identity and the corresponding discovery and training are at the heart of the programmes proposed by the IFJS.

The Tzofim Federation propose organising a world jamboree for all Jewish scouts and their friends every four years in Israel (*the year after the organisation of the world scout jamboree*). The proposal was accepted unanimously.

It was proposed to complete this activity, which aims for young people to hold a World Gathering of Jewish Scouts Madrichim (*Leaders*) – a Kumzits – to discuss the Jewish identity and related good educational practices. This proposal was accepted unanimously.

The following are the main IFJS meetings envisaged for the next three-year period:

- August 2014 – **12th WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE** (*Slovenia*)
Meeting of the IFJS to check with Ruth, the new general secretary
- December 2014 – **INTERRELIGIOUS FORUM OF WORLD SCOUTING Annual Meeting** (*Paris*)
- July-August 2015 – **23rd WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE** (*Japan*)
Organisation of the Jewish Tent within the Faith & Belief Zone
- Autumn 2015 – **5th WORLD SCOUT INTERRELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM** (*to be confirmed*)
- Summer 2016 – **1st WORLD JEWISH SCOUT JAMBOREE** (*Israel*)
- Summer 2017 – **2nd KUMZITS - WORLD JEWISH SCOUT LEADER GATHERING** (*Israel*)

The confirmation of this programme and the commitment of the IFJS members to its implementation will be discussed during the IFJS meeting to be held in Slovenia during the World Scout Conference.



5. IFJS AWARDS

Alain presented the project of two honorary distinctions in recognition of all those who take part in the development of Jewish scouting activities internationally:

- **the Nachshon Fellowship**
- **the Shalom Award**

These distinctions have been fine-tuned with Bruce Chudacoff, President of the NJCoS-BSA. Thanks to Rabbi Peter Moore (*Australia*) and Fernando Brodeschi (*Brazil*) for their comments and suggestions, which have enriched these two proposals.

The two honorary distinctions of the IFJS were accepted unanimously and the candidate proposals for 2014 will be submitted to Alain.

6. NEW IFJS WEBSITE

Alain presented the new site developed for the IFJS. This site and its hosting are financed by the EEIF (*France*).

It is important to put information and photos regularly online that enhance the national and local activities of IFJS members.

While awaiting the General Secretary's arrival in office, Alain will coordinate the posting of this information.

A "Scout-made Chanukia" competition will be organised at the end of 2014. What if the first prize were to be a visit to Israel and staying with a scouting family (*or to another country if the winner is a tzofim*)?



7. IFJS COMMUNICATION TOOLS

IFJS PATCH and LAPEL PIN

We have to find financing to produce the IFJS badges (*patch and Lapel pin*), which are to be made in the United States and sold through the various IFJS member associations. Bruce is currently getting production quotes.

Alain will advise the manufacturing costs to the IFJS members, in order to find out the required production quantities.

IFJS LETTERHEAD, BUSINESS CARD, ...

For the opening of the IFJS office in Tel Aviv, Alain will prepare the appropriate lay-outs in conjunction with Amos and Ruth.

Others

Just ask Alain!

Alain Silberstein
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