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Rome, 10th June 2011

ICCS WORLD COUNCIL

(St. Louis, MO –USA, 01st – 04th December 2011)

To:

***all the ICCS Member Organizations,
the Steering Committee of the ICCS,
the Regional Secretaries and Ecclesiastical Assistants of the ICCS,
the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM),
the Pontifical Council for the Laity (PCL),
the International Catholic Foundation of Scouting (ICFS),
the Catholic International Conference of Guiding (ICCG)***

Dear friends,

the next World Council of ICCS will take place in the United States (**St. Louis – Missouri State- USA**) from the 1st to the 4th December 2011. St. Louis was chosen after we discovered that in Miami we could not get sufficient support and good accommodation for such a number of participants we are normally expecting. The participants should check on time their flight connections to get good prices. St. Louis has an airport but people may have to change through a big hug airport like Atlanta, Miami, New York, etc...

The Council will take place in the Retreat House called "Mercy Center St. Louis", part of the participants will be hosted also by a Hilton Hotel closed by. In St. Louis we will have a good support of the Catholic Scouts from NCCS/BSA, and Fr. Joseph Weber, the new Regional Chaplain of the Inter-America Region, is living there. The place that we have chosen will bring us back to the memory of our youth lectures from Mark Twain's wonderful stories about Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Fyn. We will see the Missouri River where all the stories happened.

Although we will have only a Council and not a Seminar, because this happened already in Curitiba (Brazil), this year in January just before the WOSM World Scout Conference, we want to run a seminar workshop as part of the Council about: "Family and Scouting. A partnership for education", followed by small working groups, pointing out the cultural differences of our participants and countries.

We will meet the Archbishop of St Louis, Msgr. Robert James Carlson, be informed about the life of the Catholic Church in the States and celebrate a Vigil Mass in the Basilica Cathedral.



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Beside reports and evaluations the most important point on the Agenda will be the election of the new General Secretary and Deputy (ies). All other members of the World Secretariat of ICCS are appointed members. The new document of Rules of Procedures of the ICCS World Council will be sent out to the Member Organizations very soon but still can get small changes by the next Steering Committee that will take place before the Council. Also the Formula for Applications and elections will be distributed soon.

A second invitation with detailed information about candidates for elections and on the Program of the Council will follow. Only those Member Organization, whose Fees are paid up to 2010 (latest 30 days before the Council) will have the right of voting directly or by proxy. **The Regions are asked to send a Triennial Budget Plan from 2012 to 2015** based on their program to our General Treasurer, Walter Hofstetter (e-mail: walter.hofstetter@bluewin.ch).

The **deadline** for this is **15th August 2011** because these budget plans will be included in the General Budget Plan. It is important to include all expected sources of income for the Region.

The Fees for participation from 1st to 4th December will be : \$ 500,00

People who have to stay longer before or after, have to pay extra nights. We recommend to arranging your VISA request as soon as possible. If you need for the VISA a personal and official invitation, please contact Francesca by the ICCS Headquarters in Rome (cics-iccs@cics.org).

I hope to see you in December in St. Louis.

Yours in Christ and Scouting,

Baldur Hermans
ICCS General Secretary