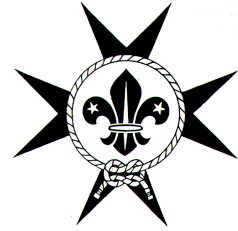


# IHQ Bulletin



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## **1. Signing of Agreement:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2001 was a memorable day for the Scout Movement in Malta. On this particular day an important contract was signed to signify the allocation by the government of 56.26 tumuli of land at Ghajn Tuffieha to the Scout association, so that it can be developed as an international campsite.

The signatories to the contract were, Mr V. Miceli Government notary, Mr A. Mamo Director of Lands, Mr K. De Martino Secretary General, Mr M. Pizzuto Trustee, and Mr. F. Flynn Trustee.

## **2. 10<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference:**

A four men delegation, led by the Chief Scout, represented the Association at the 10<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference and the 17<sup>th</sup> European Scout Conference held in Prague, Czech Republic. The two Conferences were held between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2001. During the same period the 10<sup>th</sup> European Guide Conference also took place and in fact our delegation was accompanied by another delegation from the Malta Girl Guides Association. The theme of the Conference was Building Citizenship for Europe.

Various topics were discussed during the Conference but the main focus was the adoption of a revised Action Plan for the years 2001-2004. This Action Plan followed from the Regional Scout Plan (1998-2007) that was first agreed to at the Conference in Luxembourg in 1998. The Action Plan sets Aims and Objectives for the whole period that culminates in the Centenary of our Movement in 2007.

The Action Plan is divided into five sections, each having one or more aims, and in each case a number of objectives. The five sections are entitled :

- Promoting and Developing our Movement
- Better Scouting for More Young People
- The Adults We Need
- Regional Internal Communication Network
- Support to the Development of National Scout Organisations



It is hoped that over the coming months the Action Plan will be discussed at a National

level and that the Association will be able to implement some of the aims and objectives of the Plan.

The Prague Conference also served as a means whereby the Malta delegation could establish contacts at an international level and discuss with representatives from other countries their own experiences on the running and organisation of their Associations.

During the same Conference the Association, in competition with Iceland and Israel, presented its bid to host the forthcoming 11<sup>th</sup> European Guide and Scout Conference in Malta. Iceland won the bid with Malta being placed second. Congratulations to Iceland. See you in 2004.

### **3. Election of Chief Executive:**

Mr Godwin D'Anastasi, formerly Director (Districts) is the Association's Chief Executive.



On the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2001 the General Assembly of the Association was reconvened in order to elect the Chief Executive of the Association for the next four years. The meeting was a continuation of the Extra-ordinary General Assembly meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2001 that was for various reasons adjourned to a later date.

Two candidates were proposed for the post of Chief Executive, these being Mr Godwin D'Anastasi and Mr Kenneth De Martino, with the former being elected to the post.

Mr D'Anastasi joined the Scout Movement in 1952 as a Wolf Cub with the 1<sup>st</sup> Hamrun Scout Group. On becoming a student at the Lyceum Secondary School he joined the Scout Group of the same school. As his father was a serving officer in the British Army, Mr D'Anastasi spent some of his younger days in Germany. There, he had the occasion to join the Windsor Boys' School Scout Group situated in Hamm, West Germany and of which school he was a student.

Back in Malta he was for a while an assistant Scout Leader with the Stella Maris Scout Group, which he left in 1991 to reopen the Lyceum Scout Group, which had been dormant for a number of years.

Mr D'Anastasi then transferred to Island Headquarters, where he was editor of the Pathfinder, a quarterly publication issued by the Association. He also assisted his wife Mariosa in another publication, The Malta Scout. On a national level he held a number of posts amongst which were those of International Commissioner, National Events Commissioner and, prior to his election as Chief Executive, that of Director (Districts). During the same period, he chaired many committees and various boards of inquiry.

In 1993 he was instrumental in implementing a commemorative medal for all the wartime Scouts and a commemorative cloth badge for all the serving members of the Association. This was the year when the Association was commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Award of the Bronze Cross for services rendered during the war.

Another achievement in his Scouting career was when, he was instrumental in helping to persuade the local authorities to award the George Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Medal to the Association. Mr D'Anastasi is the author of a handbook

entitled Awards and Decorations of the Scout Association of Malta that explains all the Association's Awards and Decorations and procedures for their attainment.

Mr D'Anastasi is the holder of The Medal for Meritorious Conduct and of the Silver Acorn.

#### **4. Correspondence from the Chief Executive:**

A letter by the newly elected Chief Executive to all members is being mailed to all groups. Individuals will not be receiving this at home so please make sure that you get a copy from the your G.S.L.

Correspondence number is CE 01/01

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#### **5. Seminar on Guiding and Scouting Methods:**

##### **Aim:**

- ❑ Re-discover what makes the Guiding /Scouting way of doing things so unique.
- ❑ Shared challenges experienced by the different Associations in using the Guiding and Scouting methods.
- ❑ Some suggestions on how to better shape 12-16 year olds to take responsibility for a patrol.
- ❑ Exchanged good ways of work in order to use of Guiding and Scouting methods in general.
- ❑ An overview of the tools that WAGGGS and WSOM provide to improve the use of Guiding and Scouting methods.



##### **Dates:**

19-24 November 2001.

##### **Venue:**

The study session will take in Malta. Further details on the venue as well as the times for arrival and departure will be communicated in the acceptance letter.

##### **Profile of Participants:**

Participants should be leaders who are working at regional or national level in their association. The participants should be aged between 18 and 30 Years and be able to communicate effectively in English or in French. The participants should be in a position to influence the development of their Association's educational programme.

##### **Responsibility:**

During the seminar the participants will be responsible for:

- Organising and leading a reflection or meditation in co-ordination with other participants.
- Writing a report of one day during the seminar in co-operation with other participants.
- Helping to organise social activities in the evenings.

**Participation Fee:**

The fee for this event is expected to be 250 Euros for each participant and this will be confirmed with the acceptance letter. Payment has to be made in advance by contacting the administration committee at Island Headquarters.

**Closing date:**

Applications and a full program may be obtained from the administration committee at Island Headquarters and the last applications will be received by Tuesday, September 4, 2001.