

## **Summary of the Consultative Committee Meeting, May 2002**

The Consultative Committee met in May 2002, using an electronic communication format. Some key members were unable to participate fully due to technical problems, but dialogue took place on issues related to different models which might support some form of allied future between WOSM and WAGGGS. The electronic format presented different opportunities and challenges from those of a round-table meeting, and provided good learning on process as well as content. From the meeting and its summing up, several issues became clearer:

1. Discussion on any form of allied future for WOSM and WAGGGS requires a journey of understanding, which needs to involve members and Member Organizations of both the global bodies.
2. Moving away from a 'position' or viewpoint, towards identifying the key factors that are agreed desirable outcomes, is easier with the help of a trained facilitator. It is also likely to be most effective in a round-table situation.
3. Any model of working together will involve transition steps, with the process and the expected outcomes clearly laid out as the goals.
4. The decisions of the World Scout Committee and the World Board to continue the dialogue are complementary. Following the respective World Conferences, reconstituted teams will be needed to pick up from the end of this Consultative Committee meeting and work forward.
5. The aim of all these discussions remains the same: to identify how to deliver involvement in our type of non-formal education to more young people around the world in the future.