

# HoC Invitation

## *Roverway 2018: Opposites Attract*



Dear International Commissioners,

We are delighted to announce that the registration of Heads of Contingents is now open. Please first click [here](#) to display the system in English, and then [here](#) to open the registration system. This is your opportunity to register your HoC for up to date information about Roverway 2018 related to your Contingent's plans and learn about our plans for the first HoC Weekend from 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The deadline for HoC registration is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Information is already available regarding the [participation fees](#) and [fee categories by country](#).

Roverway 2018: Opposites Attract takes place from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018. We welcome all European Rovers and Rangers, aged 16-22 years, for the adventure of a lifetime in the Netherlands. Rovers and Rangers are challenged to explore unknown paths and uncharted water, to discover different cultures and interchange experiences, knowledge and ideas.

Roverway 2018 focusses on the personal development of the participating Rovers and Rangers, through three educational objectives: Character, Curiosity and Career. Through Roverway, Rovers and Rangers are given the opportunity to share their experiences and be an active citizen within their own community. All IST members also receive a training course on the Rover program and Roverway. We challenge all Scouts and Guides to develop a constructive and critical mind-set about their role in society and to approach others in open and honest debate.

The Opening Ceremony is in The Hague, the seat of government and home to the International Court of Justice. Paths will be hosted by local and regional Rover crews all throughout the country allowing for a unique, non-tourist experience of the Netherlands. The Camp phase takes place at the newly-opened International Scout and Guide Centre Zeewolde.

We invite all Rovers and Rangers to tell their stories and spread the Rover spirit back in their home country, as we are all part of this European community. The spirit of inclusiveness while being diverse is vital for our society, as our motto *Opposites Attract* symbolises. We hope to see many different contingents and nationalities at Roverway 2018 to share this experience with us.

On behalf of Roverway2018: a joint WOSM and WAGGGS event,

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**Attachment: HoC Role Description**

# Role Description

## Head of Contingent



### What is the role of a “Head of Contingent”?

A Head of Contingent (HoC) is the official representative of Roverway 2018 in their association. The HoC position is challenging and very rewarding, providing a once in a lifetime experience. The HoC will introduce and promote Roverway, encourage Rovers and Rangers to participate and coordinate the creation of a national contingent for the event.

The HoC will be appointed by the NSO/MO. After the nomination, the HoC will act as an official link between the Roverway 2018 organisation and the NSO/MO from appointment until after the event. Contingents may have multiple HoCs who share the role (with a maximum of two HoC per contingent). Please register each HoC individually so that we have the communication details of all HoCs. The HoC is welcome to create their own Contingent Management Team, but we do not require all of their communication details at this time.

### The key missions of the HoC are:

- Overseeing the preparations for their contingent
- Overseeing the marketing and recruitment of the contingent
- Communicating with the International Relations team of Roverway 2018
- Leading the contingent during their time in The Netherlands
- Championing the vision of Roverway 2018 within your contingent

The HoC should have a good and smooth relationship with their International Commissioner as well as with their National Rovers/Rangers Commissioner. During Roverway, the HoC will be a member of the International Service Team (IST) as well as leading their contingent and participating in HoC meetings. The HoC will be responsible for all members of their contingent during Roverway 2018.

### The characteristics of a HoC

- A dedicated leader who has some experience in international activities and has preferably participated in a camp abroad before.
- At least 23 years old at the Roverway opening ceremony (born on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1996) and under the age of 30 (recommended).
- Good English communication is essential.
- Access to the internet and familiarity with communicating online are essential.

**Involvement in Roverway organisation via HoC Meetings:**

- 24th – 26th March 2017
- Early 2018

HoC meetings will be located in The Netherlands, and travel via air should be arranged to Amsterdam (Schiphol) Airport.

If you have any questions relating to the appointment or role of a HoC, please contact us via [hoc@roverway2018.nl](mailto:hoc@roverway2018.nl)