

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION JOINS DESMOS

Russian Association of Scouts/Navigators (RAS/N), Russian Federation's NSO WOSM member, decided to join The International Link of Orthodox Christian Scouts „DESMOS“. After the meeting that DESMOS President and DESMOS Secretary General had in the Republic of Korea with RAS/N delegation to the World Scout Conference, headed by **President Anatoliy Ermolin**, the contacts continued and The Link is now welcoming the new member.



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Навигаторов/Скаутов

ANATOLIY ERMOLIN  
President

VITALIY NOVOSELOV  
International  
Commissioner

On March 24, 2009, DESMOS Secretary General received from RAS/N International Commissioner, **Vitaliy Novoselov**, the formal Application for DESMOS membership, which, considering DESMOS policy and previously expressed expectations of DESMOS Executive Committee, means that The Link now has the new member:

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The meeting in the Republic of Korea, during 38<sup>th</sup> WSC

The initial talks started back in September 2005, during the 37th World Scout Conference in Hammamet, in Tunisia, where DESMOS President and DESMOS Secretary General discussed with former leadership of this NSO the matter of Russia's admission in DESMOS. However, there was no real progress until the meeting with President **Anatoliy Ermolin** and his Team in the Republic of Korea in July 2008, and the process was then finalized in March 2009.

DESMOS is aware of the great potential of RAS/N and expects a pro-active involvement of the new member and its contribution to further development of the Link.