



KPSGA

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are now coming to the end of the end of another year, and I would like to thank all our members who have been loyal and supported the association to this far. It has been a busy year for us, with exams settings and administration, and I would like to thank the exam committee members who have been coming to assist with the setting and marking of these exams, both Bronze and Silver-Level exams. This year we did an assessment of the the course ran by Eco-training in Lewa and thereafter the candidates sat a bronze exam. I would like to thank Neil Cohen, who is our exam committee member for carrying out this exercise on our behalf.

The exams at KWS in Nairobi have been done on time and we have received many candidates, that at some point we have two sittings. The Gold-Level and Silver-Level exams were also done on scheduled days. The current number of members at the different levels are: 708 Bronze-Level, 231 Silver-Level and 15 Gold-Level members.

This year we did receive a few complains at our office regarding

misbehaviour by some guides in the field over various issues. Some were not our members, but that does mean that our profession is getting tainted by such individuals, and it is in this regard that I would like to urge all members to uphold the best guiding ethics as per the code of conduct which we all signed. This is the only way to showcase our professionalism to other guides in the field and to the guests as well, and this should be our brand character.

The coffee morning we have been having will continue in the coming year. I am consulting with other directors to get the best out of such forums by looking for specialist in different fields.

Finally I would like to wish all members a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

Paul Kirui
Chairman



B U S H M A T T E R S

Some very exciting news for our members.



Associazione Italiana Esperti d'Africa

Association Italian Experts of Africa

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To whom it may concern,

the Association Italian Experts of Africa has conducted many courses and training sessions for Italian Speaking Guides all over Africa. We have trained Italian speaking guides in Namibia, Botswana, South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania, providing a professional standard in every country where Italian tourists were an important market. Because the number of private tourism companies requesting our courses is growing very fast, we would like to get in contact with local African associations in order to fulfill both requests and needs:

Local Associations: setting a professional standard in the guiding sector

Tourism companies: having better guides in order to provide a better services

In order to achieve both results the Italian Speaking Safari Guides Academy has created 3 ISG courses that will provide each student with the ISSGA and AIEA certification.

All our trainers have top level qualifications with different organizations such as Field Guiding Association of Southern Africa, Wildlife Campus, African Field Guides Association, Associazione Italiana Esperti d'Africa, Namibian Academy of Tourism and Hospitality, Wilderness Safaris Guides Training Academy.

All ISSGA Training levels (Entry Level Course, Intermediate Level Course and Advanced Level Course) are developed in a theory and a practical session. The theory course lasts for 5 days where many different topics are covered: Geology, Astronomy, Climate, Ecology, Botany, Arthropods, Amphibians, Reptiles and



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Birds. The practical assessment, 3 days, is held in a game reserve where many different topics will be studied in practical: mammals, birds, botany and guiding skills.

At the end of the course each guide will receive an attendance certification and, if ready, will also be able to take the ISSGA / AIEA / AFGA examination.

With our courses we will respect all local regulations. We will specify on the guide badge, certificate and bios his previous certifications and guiding documents. We don't want to take any academy / association role, our goal is the same of every local organizations and will follow 4 main goals:

1. Help all Italian speaking guides who are interested in reaching professional level of experience and knowledge using tailor made training materials, work-shops and guides networking. Promoting a mutual deontology and code of conduct, expressed by similar knowledge and similar standards. Our courses will lead to the very best experience for Italian travelers, therefore a better remuneration and tipping for each safari guide.
2. Support local and international Tour Operators in defining and choosing best guides, protecting those who did our training courses and promoting them directly in Italy via our network: web site, Facebook page, Oasis Magazine, news letter and presentations.
3. Protect professional Italian Speaking Guides and differ them to free-lance, uncertified, illegal guides.
4. Push all drivers and trainee guides to follow all regulations in each country leading to a professional career. In specific our goal in Kenya is to strongly advise and convince all our students to join KPSGA and to follow mutual training and deontology skills.

Davide Bomben

Wildlife Campus, Game Ranger and Field Guide

Wilderness Safaris, Professional Safari Guide

ISSGA and AIEA Training Co-ordinator

AFGA ISG Training Co-ordinator

AIEA Expert Member

Massimo Vallarin

KPSGA Bronze level

ISSGA and AIEA Trainer

AIEA Expert Member

2 December 2011



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Outdoor First Aid and Incident Management First Aid training



UK's First Aid Academy offers nationally recognised Outdoor Emergency First Aid and Incident Management courses that focus on wilderness first aid and remote first aid training techniques. These courses are practical, fun and innovative.

Cory Jones of the First Aid Academy will be here in Kenya in February and will be holding a course specifically for KPSGA guides which is 2 days in length. Cory Jones was last in Kenya in November 2010 leading these courses which were very well received. This 16 hour Outdoor First Aid course is approved by

the Qualification and Curriculum Authority (QCA) of UK. The course is benchmarked against current UK National Occupational Standards, is well resourced, tailored to specific needs, uses modern training methods and is delivered by an approved trainer. Candidates receive a recognised certificate valid for 3 years.



Cory Jones has long been a practical hands-on first aider, working in the outdoors with groups in the UK and on overseas expeditions. Cory has a background as a trainer and is a qualified teacher (QTS). Cory is an [International Mountain Leader](#) (IML) and an Accredited Practitioner of the [Institute of Outdoor Learning](#) (APIOL). He has participated in a number of expeditions throughout Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. Cory also runs [Cory Jones Associates](#) who are specialists in environmental consultancy, environmental skills training and running expeditions and leader training. Further details regarding Cory's skills and experience can be viewed here: http://cory-jones.com/curriculum_vitae.php

This First Aid Course is ideal for safari guides, ecologists and fieldworkers, or indeed anyone who thinks they might one day find themselves in an outdoor remote environment, and suddenly require these skills. The course will be highly suitable for



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anyone working out of Nairobi without immediate medical back-up. It will enable you to either treat an injured/sick client or stabilise a client until medical care can be reached. The course is scenario led which requires lots of participation by the attendees. This is a unique opportunity for you to get this training, specifically targeted to the Kenya safari environment and unique challenges and situations that we find ourselves in from time to time. It is ideal for Bronze, Silver and potential Gold-Level candidates. The First Aid Academy runs these courses for a number of ecological consultancies and outdoor related agencies in the UK including the [Institute for Ecology and Environmental Management](#) (IEEM), Countryside Ranger teams, National Trust, Forestry Enterprise, DEFRA and Andrew McCarthy Associates. In addition these course contents cover first aid course validation of NGB awards – [ML Summer](#), [ML Winter](#), [WGL](#), [SPA](#), [MIA](#), [MIC](#), [British Mountain Guide](#), [IML](#), [BCU](#), [RYA](#), [BOF](#), [Scottish Mountain Bike Leader Award](#), [Local Cave and Mine Leader](#).

This opportunity is brought to us with the assistance of Julie Dowd. Julie will be assisting with the course. Julie is a Paediatric Nurse with a BSC in Child Health Nursing. Her background is predominantly nursing sick children within a renal and intensive care unit setting in London. Most recently, she has been tutoring a group of nurses from Gertrude's Gardens Children's Hospital studying for their Child Health Nursing degree.

Costs in K.Shs:

5000/- + 2000/- for the manual. Total 7,000/-

3500/- deposit required to secure your place.

Costs cover all training equipment and a certificate valid for 3 years for all participants.

Date of the 2 day course: 6th and 7th February 2012

Location: KWS training room, Safari Walk.

Numbers: There will be a maximum of 20 participants.



RSVP: Tanwira – KPSGA kpsga@wananchi.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE. CONFIRMED PLACES WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PAY THE DEPOSIT FEE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE PAY & CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



EXAM DATES FOR 2012

BRONZE-LEVEL:

25 th January	29 th February	28 th March	25 th April
30 th May	27 th June	25 th July	29 th August
26 th September	31 st October	28 th November	

SILVER-LEVEL:

23 rd February	19 th April	24 th May	20 th September
22 nd November			

Remember that you can still pay your annual subscriptions via **m-pesa** to our office mobile number 0721-448428. Bronze-Level re-newal is K.Shs 2,000/ & for Silver & Gold-Level is K.Shs 3,000/. Please note that the office will close on Wednesday 21st December 2011 from 1 pm and remain closed throughout the holiday season to re-open on Wednesday 4th January 2012.



Do have a wonderful festive season & best wishes for the New Year.

*Best Regards,
Tanwira*

