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Dear Friends of Scouting in Europe,

Another calendar year comes to an end – a year with a high number of activities in our Foundation! One of the highlights was, for sure, the Annual Gathering in Slovenia and we are now looking forward to the 2014 Gathering in Lithuania (Oct. $9^{th} - 12^{th}$).

The last chance for us to meet this year was in Hong Kong in connection with the World Educational Congress. Over 30 Friends gathered to learn of the latest developments in our Foundation and to hear our Regional Chairman's outlook for Scouting in our Region.

A number of exciting National Gatherings are being planned for 2014, where the local FOSE will meet with international Friends. On August 21^{st} , our Foundation turns 40! Indeed a date to celebrate. The Foundation Board will, on its annual meeting, January 25^{th} 2014 in Geneva, make the final decision on how everyone of us can "join in" the celebrations.

The Board of the European Scout Foundation extends to you and yours its very best wishes for another successful year $2014 - \text{our } 40^{\text{th}}!!!$

Yours sincerely,

Jørgen G. Rasmussen Chairman