



Lenzburg, October 26, 2012

Dear Friends,

On September 30th our financial year ended and with the good help of our treasurer, Walter Hofstetter, we shall report the financial result to you shortly.

This is an attempt to make sure you are fully updated on the result of the operational year.

2011/12 has been a successful year for our European Scout Foundation! Indeed a unique year where we – on behalf of European Scouting – received 1 million Swiss Francs from our former Regional Chairman and European Scout Foundation Board member, Andreas Henrici. The money will be invested in European Guiding and Scouting by support to training of leaders in the Eastern and Western part of our Region. A joint Guide and Scout Committee, chaired by Johan Strid is investing the money in the most relevant way.

Furthermore, a long time friend of our European Scout Foundation, Robert Hall of the UK, supports projects up to the value of CHF 40'000.

The Eric Frank Trust, where I serve as a trustee on behalf of European Scouting, is now a well functioning and successful Trust, working out of the UK, well equipped to receive requests for leadership and economic support.

Finally, one of our Friends turned 70 and most of his birthday gift were donations to the European Scout Foundation. Indeed a highly profitable model to be followed by many more Friends!!

The Friends of Scouting is our most successful programme where individuals support the growth of Scouting in Central and Eastern Europe.

The major reason for the success of FOSE are the national based Super Friends, who tireless work for the expansion of this programme. Under Juris Ulmanis leadership, this handful of motivated personalities are working hard to ensure the ongoing growth of Friends of Scouting in Europe.

Our "Small projects", where the ESF acts as go-between" for the Scout groups of Central and Eastern Europe and the donors, is developing. We are still able to expand this programme and work closely with the International Commissioners to ensure the highest possible quality.

René Karla and Mrs. Karla, have, over the last 14 years, planned and implemented the Annual Gatherings of Friends of Scouting in Europe. Some 40 Friends meet for 3 days every year and have a "great time". We always meet the second weekend of October in Central or Eastern Europe. A highly successful programme has, for 14 years, been carried out on an annual basis. Last weekend I expressed on your behalf, the Foundations most sincere thanks to Helene and René Karla for their outstanding work over those many years. A new couple has offered to carry on and they will, with the hosts of the coming Gatherings, build on Helene and René's successes.

This year, the European Scout Foundation has, with the outstanding help of our Super Friends, arranged local meet-ups in Finland, Denmark, Latvia, Belgium and the UK. By the beginning of December, such a meet-up will also be arranged in Athens on the occasion of the International Commissioners weekend there. Welcome!



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The ESF is working on the presentation of a programme to ensure the development of Scouting is secured in our European Region after us. You will shortly be informed.

Our European Scout Foundation Board will be up for election at the end of this 4 years term, end 2012. If you would like to work for our Foundation as a key volunteer on the Foundation Board, please write to me in confidence (jgrdk@attglobal.net), outlining your visions and qualifications.

Scouting is a movement and therefore moves! So does the European Scout Foundation. Through this chairman letter I have attempted to share some of the moves we have undertaken during this year just ended. Your comments will be appreciated.

Your support is highly welcome and needed, to ensure the ongoing growth of the Friends of Scouting in Europe programme. I THANK YOU for your ongoing help in the promotion of the ESF.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, European Scout Foundation