



Lenzburg, End of March 2017

Dear Friends,

First of all I send you my very best greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of our European Scout Foundation has had the annual meeting in January in Geneva. The accounts prepared by our treasurer Walter Hofstetter have been fully accepted with the best thanks of the Board for the excellent work in these difficult economic times. I enclose the audited accounts for your information. You will note that we have had - in spite of the global economic climate - a good year 2015/16! Please feel free to let me know if you have any specific questions to the accounts.

The Board also elected a new leadership for the Foundation. The following personalities will serve for the next period in the Board of the foundation: Henrik Söderman (chairman), Dr David Jenny (vice Chairman, and legal advisor), Walter Hofstetter (treasurer) and Dr Lars Kramm and David Mc Kee both appointed as board members by the European Scout Committee. As soon as the strategy for the foundation is agreed and the profile of people to contribute to a successful realisation of the strategic goals is defined the board is free and looks forward to elect some more Board members.

Dr Juris Ulmanis, vice chair, and Wolfgang Kniese stopped their service as Board members, like me. It is of vital importance that I - on your behalf - say a very big "thank you" to Juris and Wolfgang for their ongoing interest in and work for The European Scout Foundation. Indeed work they have done on behalf of all of us.

Friends of Scouting in Europe meetings are planned as follows: Luxemburg will have a meeting of Friends of Scouting in Europe on Sunday, July 23, and as per to-day we have also the confirmation of a Danish FOSE meetup, at the "Spejdernes Lejr" National Camp in Sønderborg, Denmark, on July 27. Welcome in Luxemburg and Sønderborg.

And finally: a very big thank you to you all, who have supported us in making the European Scout Foundation so successful over the years. Indeed I do feel myself very "rich" by having worked with more than 700 Friends of Scouting in Europe, who have mostly turned into being FRIENDS in my life.

Yours,

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