



March 31st, 2016

Dear Friends,

Our European Scout Foundation is well under way and I am pleased, on behalf of the Foundation Board, to share the following update with you.

Scouting in Bulgaria has, for quite some time, been our focus and I am pleased to confirm that the National Training/activity centre has now been improved. Furthermore, our Swedish Friends are in close cooperation with our Bulgarian Friends, undertaking an exchange programme.

On Tuesday, April 28th, the Latvian Friends of Scouting in Europe meet in Riga. Chip of the European Scout Committee will also be taking part and update our Latvian Friends of Scouting in general and Latvia Scouting specifically.

The European Scout Committee meets in Cyprus on May 6th and Cyprus Chief Commissioner Marios is making good use of this opportunity to let the Cypriot Friends meet the entire European Scout Committee. Furthermore, new Cypriot FOSE will be welcomed by our European Chairman, Andrea.

The European Scout Conference is taking place in Norway, just outside Oslo, from June 16th - 22nd and our Foundation will not only report, on June 20th, to the Regional Conference on the last 3 years activities but a meet-up of the Friends of Scouting in Europe, taking actively part in the Conference, will be held on Monday, June 20th at 18h00 for a special reception to welcome new FOSE. Please make sure you inform your national delegation of this splendid chance for them to join the Foundation's most popular programme: FOSE.

During the summer we have 4 meet-ups:

- The WMCA Scouts in Denmark celebrate their First National Camp and FOSE are invited over the week-end of 9-10th July
- BIS Iceland have planned a National Camp and on July 18th, the fast growing number of Iceland FOSE will meet.
- Finland's Scouts are also holding their National Camp and will follow-up on the splendid tradition to arrange a meeting of the many Friends of Scouting in Europe who take part in the camp, July 21st.
- This year's Roverway will take place in Jambville, France, mid August. A long time planned French FOSE meet-up is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th.

Please feel free to participate in any of those events, as they are all planned to secure a broader friendship of us all, being active in the Foundation's various activities.

The annual Gathering is from October 6th-9th in Dresden, Germany. Lene and Peter are, at this very moment, in Dresden, finalising the programme. As soon as the framework of this year's annual Gathering is at hand, it will be shared with you.

Should you need any specific information to any of our events, please consult our homepage www.europeanscoutfoundation.com or contact the writer directly (jorgen@guldborg-int.com).

This March 31st afternoon, summer seems to be far away but please make sure you take note of the dates interesting for you.

Hopefully, you have time to visit our homepage regularly in order to learn of the "small projects" we have at hand. By supporting one of the "small projects" you help Scouting where the help is most needed: at the local level.

In closing, THANK YOU for your ongoing support to our European Scout Foundation, a good practical way to ensure that Scouting grows!

Yours sincerely,

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