



Lenzburg, October 25, 2013

Dear Friends of Scouting in Europe,

It gives me a great pleasure to enclosed invitations to the meet-ups in Belgium (November 1<sup>st</sup>), in connection with the Academy, and in Northern Germany (November 3<sup>rd</sup>).

All Friends in Scouting in Europe, and their guests, will be welcomed at both events.

Over the long weekend of October 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Gathering was held in Slovenia. Following the 14 previous Gatherings organised by Helene and René Karla, this Gathering was organised by Lene and Peter who had made a number of adjustments. Those adjustments will be continued in the year to come, aiming at involving more new participants at the Annual Gathering.

On Sunday morning, October 13<sup>th</sup>, in the beautiful Slovenia National Scout Center, the annual "formal" meet-up was held, and the notes from this meeting are hereby enclosed for information and actions.

This being the first "chairman's letter" in the new financial year, I am glad to report that our treasurer, Walter Hofstetter, is finalising our annual accounts. Following the audit they will be reviewed at the Board meeting of the European Scout Foundation on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and shortly thereafter be shared with you all.

Thank you very much for your ongoing help and support for the growth of the European Scout Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

Jørgen G. Rasmussen  
Chairman

Enclosures:

- Belgian FOSE gathering invitation (November 1<sup>st</sup>)
- FOSE information meeting invitation (November 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Annual gathering of FOSE in Slovenia notes



Lier, 16 September 2013

David Berg	Stijn De Munck	Les Scouts	SGP
Andries Hofkens	Christophe Ralet	Jérôme Walmag	Pieter Willems
Anton Penneman	Gregory Sanchez	Veerle'Chip' Haverhals	De Zwarte Dennen
Kurt Saenen	Michael Meessen	Martin Parrado	Dimitri Van Uytfange
Xavier van Dycke	Tom Rombouts	Luc Rubben	Dieter De Court

Dear Belgian Friend of Scouting in Europe,

I am happy to announce that our next Belgian FOSE gathering will be taking place on **Friday November 1** on The Academy. The what ??? you think maybe. The Academy is the foremost training event of the European region WOSM and WAGGGS. This year it takes place in the Provincial Trainingcenter in Malle. So on November 1<sup>st</sup> you will not only be able to support or talk about European scouting and guiding, but you will be able to see it in action. Note that we will also have participants from the countries that are supported with your Friends of Scouting in Europe money. For more info on the academy: <http://academy.europak-online.net/>.

Our meeting, rather reception, starts at 19h30 at the training center (Provinciaal Vormingscentrum Malle, Smeckenstraat 61, 2390 Malle). If you want to taste the European scoutflavour even more you can also join for dinner. In this case we expect you at 18h00. Please let me know if you participate for the reception or dinner at [dimitri.vanuytfange@telenet.be](mailto:dimitri.vanuytfange@telenet.be) before October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will not be alone as FOSE Belgians. Also the FOSE supporters from other countries that participate at The Academy will join us.

After the official FOSE-gathering we are invited to the International Evening of The Academy. This is a unique opportunity to meet and chat with all participants about scouting in their country. It is also possible to spend the night at the training center for 35€. You will be staying in a 4 person room. If you prefer a twin room the price is 55€. Please make your reservation with [dimitri.vanuytfange@telenet.be](mailto:dimitri.vanuytfange@telenet.be) and indicate your preference.

Belgium was the fastest-growing FOSE country in 2012. The aim is to repeat that in 2013. I count on your help to identify new Belgian or Belgium-resident Friends of Scouting in Europe. The FOSE gathering will be an occasion to meet your fellow FOSE friends and hence Scout leaders from all Belgian associations.

Please find attached an information leaflet with payment instructions. Please approach new donors and mention that it is possible to deduct the FOSE donation in taxation. And don't forget to make the yearly donation yourself. Many of our supporters have not yet transferred their 2013 contribution ;)

Besides our meeting in Belgium we would like to highlight the next FOSE Europe gathering which will take place in Slovenia 10 - 13 October 2013. You can find the details on <http://www.europeanscoutfoundation.org> where you can also find information about the activities in Central and Eastern Europe.

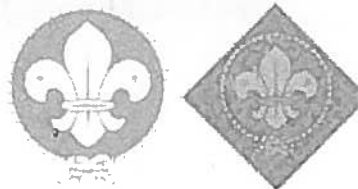
Looking forward to your participation on November 1 in an absolute European scouting atmosphere.

Kind regards,

Dimitri Van Uytfange

And the Belgian promotion committee  
 David Berg, Dieter de Court, Andries Hofkens (FOS Open Scouting), Veerle 'Chip' Haverhals (GSB), Martin Parrado (Les Scouts), Tom Rombouts, Pieter Willems (Scouts en Gidsen Vlaanderen), Laurent Geeraerts (SGP), Henrik Söderman (European Scout Foundation).

**Friends Of Scouting in Europe (FOSE)**



**European Scout Foundation**

## Invitation

FOSE cordially invites you to an Information Meeting about the Friends of Scouting in Europe on

**Sunday 3rd November 2013 11.00-15.00**

at Spejdergården Tydal in South Slesvig, (the Scout Centre of the Danish Minority in Germany), Tydal 1, D-24852 Eggebek, Germany

We kindly ask you to sign up at Tydal before 2nd November 2013.  
Use telephone +49-4609-9103-0 or mail: [dss.tydal@t-online.de](mailto:dss.tydal@t-online.de)

Price: 20 €.

### Programme:

Welcome, doors are open from 10.00 (rolls and coffee/tea)

**Opening 11.00:** Vernissage of an artwork to Tydal's new building.

**What is FOSE?** The Chairman of European Scout Foundation, Jørgen Guldborg Rasmussen, informs about the work of Friends Of Scouting in Europe. Find more at <http://fose.dk>

**Lunch** (sandwiches and drinks)

**Center leader** Helmut Werth (who is also the President of the Former Scout and Guide's Fellowship in Denmark) tells about the Tydal projects.

**The Chief-Scouts** Tim Riediger and Wiebke Ernst informs about the work of "Dansk Spejderkorps Sydslesvig". DSS is the Danish Minority's Scout and Guide Association.

**Tour** around Tydal

**Coffee/tea, cakes**

**Fire-show**

The program ends at about 15.00.



Spejdergården Tydal

Learn more about Tydal and Dansk Spejderkorps Sydslesvig på  
[www.spejder.de](http://www.spejder.de) [www.tydal.info](http://www.tydal.info)

We look forward to seeing you!

Svend Erik Bodi    Ami Jessen



## **ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING IN EUROPE**

### **NOTES**

**13 October 2013, ZTS Gozdna Šola, Slovenia**

#### **1. Opening**

Jörgen Rasmussen, Chairman of the European Scout Foundation, opened the meeting and welcomed all the 43 Friends of Scouting in Europe present to the Annual Gathering.

Jernej Stritih, President of the National Scout Organization of Slovenia (ZTS) welcomed the FOSE to Slovenia and to the "Forest School", the starting place of Scouting in Slovenia.

#### **2. Message from the Chairman of the European Scout Committee**

The message from Andrea Demarmels, new Chairman of the European Scout Committee was read.

#### **3. Report of the activities in the past year**

Jörgen highlighted the good financial results of the past year, despite the continued economically difficult times. In line with the usual transparency practice, the annual accounts will be circulated to all Friends once they have been audited.

He highlighted the close cooperation with the European Scout Committee, which is essential for the impact of the Friends of Scouting in Europe. He thanked all FOSE for their continued support and donations, both in the form of FOSE payments and the support to Small Projects.

#### **4. Report of the results of last year's annual meeting**

René Karla presented the results of last year's FOSE Annual Meeting in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The meeting had generated a surplus which, together with two donations from individuals, was invested in three projects presented by the Bosnian Scouts. All three projects had been successful. The report of the Scouts of Zenica was received with thanks. The reports of the two remaining projects will be shared with the Friends as soon as they are received.

#### **5. Financial report**

Walter Hofstetter, Treasurer, presented the financial situation of the Foundation. The financial year has just ended on 30 September 2013 and the annual accounts are now being prepared. The year has been positive due to the recovery trend in the stock markets.

In addition to its own funds, the Foundation has been managing also the European Region's European Investment Fund and the European Leadership Training Fund which supports Leader Training projects between Eastern and Western Europe.

Walter reported that at the end of the financial year, there were 13 new Life Friends for a total of 145. There were 296 Annual Friends for a total of 441 FOSE.

## **6. Small Projects**

Jörgen reported on the Small Projects, which are intended to support Scouting activities in the local level. The reporting has been strengthened with the support of Nils-Georg Troels-Smith.

The Slovenian Scouts presented a Small Project concerning training of young spokespeople and improving the educational image of Scouting.

During a test period of the next 18 months, Small Projects will be accepted not only from Central and Eastern Europe but also from other European countries which are experiencing the financial crisis. Project proposals will be published on the website of the Foundation [www.europeanscoutfoundation.org](http://www.europeanscoutfoundation.org)

## **7. Time and place of next Annual Gathering**

An invitation has been received for the next year's Annual Gathering to be held in Vilnius, Lithuania on 9-12 October 2014. Lene and Peter have agreed to again organise the programme of the weekend. The invitation to meet in Lithuania was accepted with acclamation.

## **8. Other upcoming FOSE gatherings**

The next FOSE gathering in **Belgium** will take place on Friday 1 November 2013 in conjunction with the Academy organised by the European Scout Region. Gathering in **Germany** will take place on Sunday 3 November 2013 at the Tydal Scout Centre in South Slesvig.

## **9. Any Other Business**

There was none.

## **10. Close of the meeting**

Jörgen Rasmussen closed the meeting and thanked all the participants. He especially thanked the Slovenian hosts for welcoming FOSE in Slovenia and Lene and Peter for the excellent organisation of the weekend.

Henrik Söderman

13 October 2013