



January 10, 2016

Dear Friends of Scouting in Europe,

On behalf of The European Scout Foundation's Board, I send you - and yours - my very best wishes for a good, and ongoing successful New 2016 - and of course many more years to come!!!!

Indeed, on this very special day I would like to THANK YOU for your support to our European Scout Foundation's FRIEND OF SCOUTING IN EUROPE programme. With your financial support we are able to support a number of quality projects in Central and Eastern Europe. That's a very splendid way to help scouting grow in areas where our Movement - for so many years - have been forbidden.

The past year did bring a high number of meetups and gatherings, where we were able to meet and to welcome new Friends of Scouting in Europe, often together with the chairman of the European Scout Region, Dr Andrea DEMARMELS. It's my pleasure to report to you that the cooperation with our European Region is developing very well, indeed!

Later this month our Board meets in Geneva, and once the Annual Accounts - as per Sep. 30th 2015 - have been approved by the Board, I shall have them shared with you in our usual transparent manner.

In two weeks' time the International Commissioners of the European Region will meet in Gdansk, Poland, where the suggested World Scout Jamboree venue is. I enclose the invitation for this event together with the actual list of Friends of Scouting in Europe. If you can join us in Gdansk, please do so. As I do know that our Polish hosts will be happy to do everything for looking very well after you. Welcome!

2016 brings for us - as the just ended 2015 did too - many opportunities at many different venues to meet up. The always very special Annual Gathering will take place in Dresden, former Deutsche Demokratische Republik (Eastern Germany), from October 6th to 9th.

Finally I wish you all the very best for the coming year, and a big personal THANK YOU for your ongoing support. Please don't forget, that the promotion of and the support for our Foundation Projects is very vital too. More information about the actual projects you find on our homepage <http://europeanscoutfoundation.org/fose/> .

I am yours.

Jørgen G. Rasmussen  
Chairman, European Scout Foundation