



Baden, May 11th 2017

Dear Presidents, dear Friends in Rotary!

I think that we all are happy that the demanding month March is over now. We had high expectations regarding the PETS/SETS Seminars in Austria as well as in Bosnia and Hercegovina, we experienced the HOST TOWN PROGRAM and the Special Olympics World Winter Games, we celebrated twice centennial concerts in honor and favor of the Rotary Foundation and we chartered three (!!) new Clubs.

I would like to thank all of you for your engagements and efforts!

Due to the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in BiH, it was possible to welcome your Special Olympics delegation to Austria. Though a small one, they won 14 medals. Hopefully you have seen some of the [pictures](#) and the media echo.

Many volunteers in Rotary and beyond our organization made this event come true – We had experienced unbelievable events, surprising and amazing days - thank you for your support!

We have shown the world that *“inclusive society”* is not only an empty phrase but a feeling we experienced. Let me pass on compliments for our engagement from the organizers, above all from Timothy Shriver.



I am convinced that we have shown the best side of Rotary. We left a lasting impression on all participants – our Rotarian friends, supporters, organizers, athletes and the public.

We forced our Clubs to their maximum and we are proud that all people involved got even better.

Of course I will use the **District Conference** in May to provide you with an overview of the Special Olympics – so, join us in Baden!

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It is utterly important to show the same appreciation for your efforts regarding the District's Foundation Centennial Concert.

In [Graz](#) we welcomed our Rotarian friend Markus Schirmer and his musicians – international price winners of his master class - as well as the famous Austrian actor August Schmöler. With music and lyrics we celebrated the Rotary Foundation and our Rotarian spirit.



In Banja Luka we had the opportunity to enjoy music, too.

[Vedrana Stojić and Sunčica Lončar](#) invited us to immerse in the World of French romantic music. Thank you ladies for this great performance!

We are glad, that Vedrana will play on our District Conference, too. So – another good reason to come to Baden!



On the international stage we have really good news:

At the German speaking Governor's Council we discussed further steps towards a different structure of the Central European Zone 19. This is one of the ICC results between our District and D2483, Serbia-Montenegro.

But – even better, and this in not future music but reality: Please welcome our three new Clubs:

[RC Sarajevo Ilidža](#), [RC Banja Luka Aequalitas](#) and [RAC Banja Luka Gloria](#).



Thank you
Elvira
and
thank you all,
dear new friends
of RC Sarajevo-Ilidža
for this great evening.





Dear Friends in
Banja Luka,
welcome to our
Rotarian family!

Thank you Emir and
Milica, for your
presidency, efforts
and engagement!

It was a great
pleasure to be part
of your Charter
ceremony!

All Charter Ceremonies were unique and a strong sign. The Rotarian idea is developing, growing and powerful. Please do not miss to have a look at the pictures to get an impression of the ceremonies. Those three Clubs presented enthusiastic and young members, a wide range of activities and their spirit of Rotary.

You all got the invitation for the **District Conference**.

Once again I would like to underline that this is one of the year's highlights. "Conference" sounds very formal and boring – indeed, it is a great opportunity to meet and greet and to chill and chat.

Milena and Dijana will appreciate your application until May 13th. You will find further information on our [website](#).

See you soon in Baden.

Yours,

Paul Jankowitsch

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