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## *FH-DCE Newsletter*



**At the 2015 President Meeting  
I've learned.....  
Why Europe is so complicated.**



Allow me to express my truly wishes of love, peace and prosperity to all of you on this New Year.

For that reason, I really want to thank each one of you for being members of this very special organization. I feel like we are together because we are a big family, a united family that fights day by day to reach the prosperity of each one of us. That may be the reason why the Federation is now a good and recognized group of people known by many riders worldwide and by many sectors in the Harley-Davidson market.

But before I sit down, I would like to take a moment to say hello to our new 2015 members, H-DC Cyprus and Karlsgarten H-DC and wish them all the best. You can relax in the knowledge that you have earned it!

H-DC Turkey who carefully had listened to last year objections and had changed everything according to last year critic was still voted NO by 3 clubs on non-legal reasons that were against our fundamental values. You will read more of this later in this newsletter and surely hear more about this when the 2015 minutes are ready...

I could not end without saying "thank you" to our H-DC 't Centrum who made such a great job of making sure we all had such a great time during the President meeting in Vianen last November and it is an honor and a privilege for me to be associated with a group of people who play the game so well. /Ulf

# SUPER RALLY 2016 NEWS

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Our friendly Super Rally organizers, H-DC Aragon, would like to inform everybody that the pre-paid system now is up and running.

Please do inform all your members about this web address:

<http://www.superrally2016h-dcaragon.com/tickets-super-rally.php>

## News from the clubs

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FH-DCE Port City Harley Bikers Antwerp Belgium

I would like to inform you there are some changes in the board of our club.

Jean will step out of the board as President because of family problems.

I will succeed him as the new President.

The new Vice President will be: Frank Cré

and as Secretary we have: Fons Weymeis.

Please can you send the Federation mails to Frank Cré instead of Jean.

Frank Cré e mail: [frankcre@hotmail.com](mailto:frankcre@hotmail.com)

Regards Peter Peeters, President, FHDCE Port City Harley Bikers Antwerp Belgium

H-DC Flanders Belgium

Our board has changed

President and Treasurer Vander Heyden Benny

Vice-Pres De Kinder René

Secretary De Jonge Patricia

[benvanderheyden@skynet.be](mailto:benvanderheyden@skynet.be)

Harley-Davidson Club No.1 Slovakia

Despite small in size big in fun and friendliness are our parties, rallies and meet-ups. Will be happy to meet friends from the federation on any of those .

Karol Trup, International Representative (Interrep)

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## News from the Harley-Davidson

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A very happy Christmas to you and all at the Federation Ulf.

My final day at Harley-Davidson will be Christmas Eve; at that point my journey and that of Harley-Davidson will be in different directions.

This was why I was regrettably

unable to attend the Federation meeting a few weeks back.

I wish you and the FH-DCE all the best

Jeremy

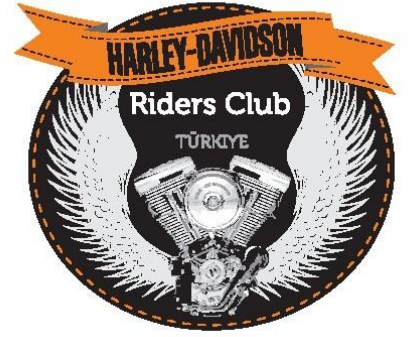
Strange things are truly happening at the Harley-Davidson and inside the HOG. First Nigel Villers had to leave his management post in Milwaukee and now Jeremy Pick are leaving HOG in Oxford. That leaves the FH-DCE without a contactperson at the H-D and worse of all, there are nobody left who now knows the FH-DCE and what we stands for.

Rest asure that Roberto and I will deal with this at the soonest./Ulf/



# Open letter from H-DC Turkiye

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Hi to all of the brothers and sisters in the Federation of H-DC Europe. We started to attend the Federation rallies since 2010, which took place in Greece. We wanted to be a member of this Big Family and made an attempt on 2013. Since then we are coming to almost all of the Super Rallies and President Meetings with many members. We met with great people by the chance which is given to us. Our club tried to do its best to become a member of the Federation. Why? Because we love the people inside and the most important reason is that we love to ride like you. We tried to contact with many clubs, and now we have great friends.

In order to join a Super Rally, we generally made 15-16 days plans. So we really do long distances like 6000 km. for a rally.



We have done all the things wanted from us in the democratic way. But in the last president meeting we saw that sometimes democracy can be discarded. This is due for the clubs which do not want us in the Federation, and which do not have

any excuse for this. We have two supporting clubs and we are in Europe as wanted. We have spent money and time to get the club's centre to Istanbul. The reason is to be together.

We welcome all the clubs who wish to know us better. We love riding Harley - Davidson. If we can't join under a hobby how can we be together in life?

We love all the colours. Our geography, the Anatolia, hugs all the religions for centuries. Whether we are in or not, you have to know that you got brothers and sisters in Türkiye. We love you all. Thanks for the past and future which we ride and which we will ride in order to unite Harley Riders.

H-DRC-Turkiye (we accept women as a member and we are not MC :) )



My DEAR FRIENDS, some days ago, I've given my resignation as H-DIC President after 21 years, on my opinion young people must go on, and it's the good time for the hard but necessary generation change that we have to face, even if I'll be back to their shoulders, supporting them if necessary.

New President will be nominated during the next Assembly of Delegates on April 2016, at the moment my friend Roberto Marengo, as H-DIC Vice President take care of the Club on behalf of me.

Currently I'm not aware if I'll attend next Presidents' Meeting as H-DIC

representative, but it will be known in good time.

Anyway I wish express that the experience lived with you during these years has been really fantastic, but my greatest happiness has been during 2015 Presidents' Meeting in Vianen and in particular when I've heard speak about FH-DCE as "Our Family" and during these days after 19 years spent in strict touch with Ulf and a lot of you, reading your mails where the concept of Our Family is present – concept about I've struggled strongly- is really a great emotion.

I take this circumstance wishing you your Families, and Friends Merry Christmas and Happy New 2016, in my name and in the name of All H-DIC Members.

With Affection, Friendship, Estimation and Respect  
Your Friend H-DIC FounderGio. (Giovanni Cristiani)





## A word from FH-DCE Secretary

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Since the year 2002 I have been “taking care” of you and our common Federation but now I feel the time has come to hand over the secretary duties to a new person.

After a suggestion from some Dutch clubs here is a presentation of a candidate, Sakari Rantanen, for the moment President of H-DC Finland.

Roberto and I went up to Helsinki in Finland to spend 24 hours with Sakari and we found a warm and trustworthy person. That was more than you could say about the weather, -25 both outside and inside the hotel room.

## A word from a Secretary candidate

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Born in April 1962 so today I’m 53 years old.

I have been riding some kind of motorized 2-wheeler since 1986 but my first true motorbike I bought in 1998. It was a Heritage Softail Classic. Today I’m riding -05 Road King Classic.

I joined my club H-DC Finland in 2000 just because I learned to know it while got so good vibrations in Super Rally 2000 in Himos, Finland. It was my first Harley rally ever.

In 2007 my brothers in the club asked me to take care of the duties as chief of the Chapter 5 in which area I’m living in Southeast Finland. Then 2009 our president Seppo gave me a call and a day to answer him if I was willing to work in the board of our H-DC. Yes, I was. In 2012 my president Kimmo asked me to work as a treasurer and a vice president of our club. Those years were fast! 2014 in our annual members meeting I was elected to a post of a president of our club. Still I have not learned to say no ☹



I have been participating the Federation Presidents Meetings since Edinburgh in 2011. I think Federation Harley-Davidson Clubs Europe is wonderful community and very important to maintain as wide family it today is and even more.

If Federation members think I am capable to work as a secretary of the Federation and if they ask me to – I think it's a great honour to me and I'll do my best to be worth of that trust.

During the past years I've been establishing one association in Finland and have been involved in actions of some other associations during more than thirty years. I know the basics of Finnish rules and regulations concerning the associations and their ability to follow their reasons for existence in Finland. I believe I can learn the European Union rules concerning these topics too.

I am not working for wage anymore.

I have retired after my full military career about three years ago so now I can do just what I feel good to do.

There are two phrases perhaps most important guiding my life:

-- do not give up...if you give up now you will give up again

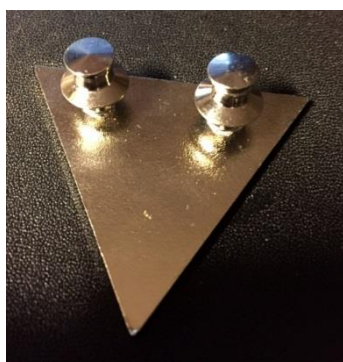
- For happiness you need love only

Best regards, Sakke, Sakari Rantanen

# A word from your treasurer

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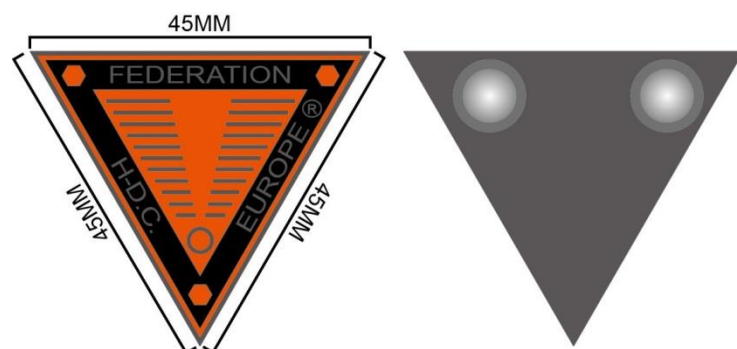
I now have new pins in stock, quite different and much better looking than before in a 3-d pressing. New is also that there are two fastening pins on the back



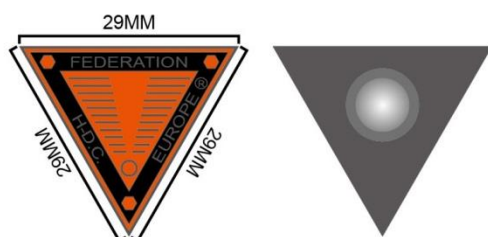
Measurement is 45 x 45 mm and the price will be 3.30 Euro/piece.

The new small Pins with one needle are also available and cost 2.10 Euro/piece.

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# And last, a word from your 2016 PM Organizer

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We have finished our websides of President's meeting 2016 in Brno. It's the link:  
<http://www.h-dcbrno.cz/meeting-2016-reservation-en>

It's already possible to register on the meeting. To the meeting we have established a special e-mail adress, which is for questions about the meeting -  
[meeting@h-dcbrno.cz](mailto:meeting@h-dcbrno.cz)

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# New clubs of the PM 2016

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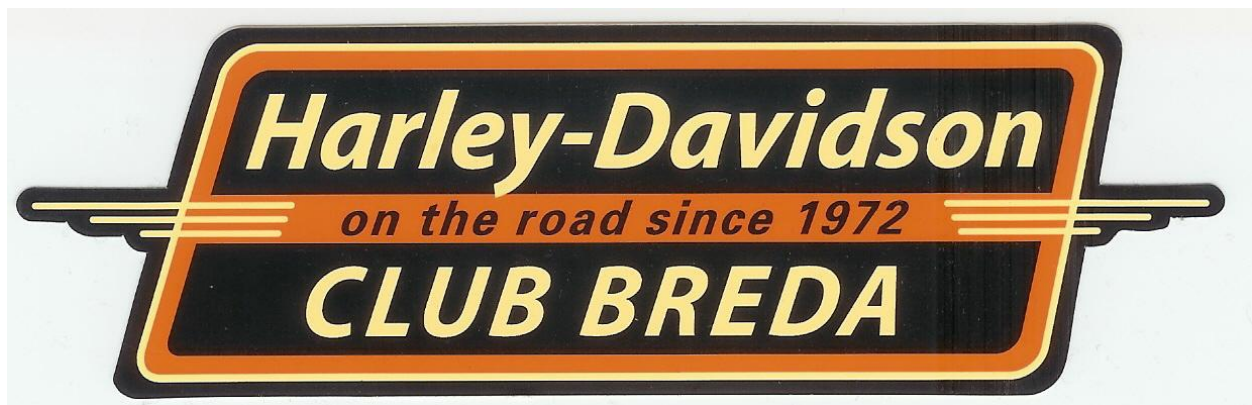
You can always see the actual status for new clubs here on this page:

[www.newsletter.fhdce.eu/new\\_members/index.html](http://www.newsletter.fhdce.eu/new_members/index.html)

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## Dealers & H-D Workshops in Europe 2015 updated

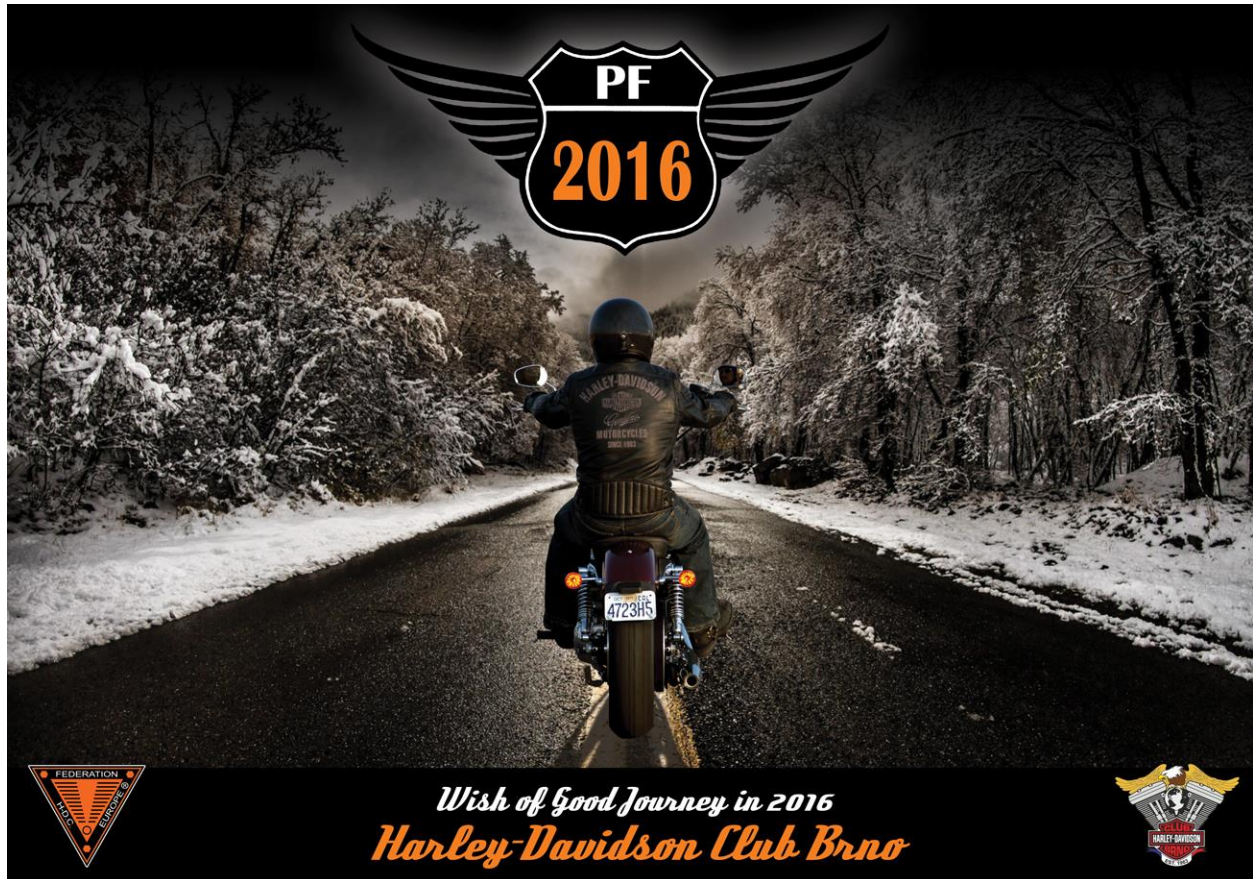
Many of you or your members do not know that H-DC Breda is continuously updating their book of dealers and H-D workshops in Europe. They are doing a great work here and I suggest you share it with all your club members. By clicking on the H-DC Breda logo you will be able to read and download a pdf file, and then you easy can save on your phone, or whatever you are using.





# Winner of the yearly Christmas card contest

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Do not forget to check into the FH-DCE homepage now and then.

[www.fhdce.eu](http://www.fhdce.eu)

[www.superrally.com](http://www.superrally.com)

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Do not forget to share this newsletter with your club members

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A long-time friend, Nikolay Kolev, Harley rider from H-DC Bulgaria and also a pilot specializing on VIP: s as Steven Segal

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