

Geneva, 13.1.2008

Dear Toby,

as anticipated, I will not be able to be with you when you will receive the "Bronze Wolf" that the World Scout committee awarded to you, however as you wished I entrust to this letter a few thoughts to accompany you in this very special moment, unique in the life of only a few scouts.

Recent events prompt us to recall B.-P.'s sentence: "First I had an idea. Then I saw an ideal. Now we have a Movement, and if some of you don't watch out we shall end up with just an organisation."

B.-P. clearly feared the private interests, the intrigues and fights for power and control, the dull bureaucracy, that too often dominate organizations which do not pursue public interests, which lack the vision of inspiring values, or those that have lost touch with the ideal that eventually originated them.

In defining Scouting, the Founder insisted in: "We are a Movement, not an Organization". "We are a Brotherhood rather than an Organisation" and imagined scouting "moved by the spirit and unwritten law of loyalty rather than by printed rules and regulations".

The scout spirit is what in the Founder's opinion would move Scouting and its decision-making process: "We govern through love and legislation".

B.-P.'s thoughts help us to reflect about the difference between spending some time *in* scouting (whether as a young fellow, a scouter, a national or a world leader), and *being* a Scout. Only if one *is* a Scout he or she effectively serves the Movement. Only by doing one's best to live up to the scout Promise and law one effectively contributes in spreading the ideal that generated the Movement.

At any level, if one holds some official responsibility in the organization or supports it with significant financial contributions, but if his or her attitude betrays the scout values and the commitment taken with the scout promise, he or she does not render a good service to scouting.

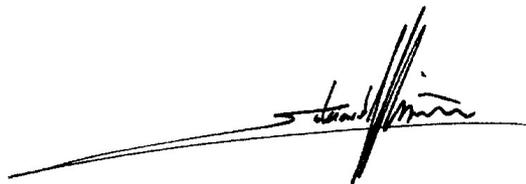
Today, dear brother, you are being awarded the "Bronze wolf" in recognition of the outstanding services you rendered to the World Scout Movement. As a World Scout Committee member of whom I honoured having been a colleague, you served World Scouting at the highest level.

In the spirit of scouting an award is never a point of arrival, but only a step in one's personal progression. It does not put oneself in a privileged or higher hierarchical position, it rather entrusts the scout with new and heavier responsibilities toward the community that he or she will eventually accomplish leading by example.

The "Bronze Wolf" is no exception and my wishes are that your life will continue to be guided by the values of the Promise and Law we share together with millions of people in scouting around the world.

My hope is that together with millions of Scouts leaving up to those values, we will be able to overcome the limits of organizations and *move* with our common ideal toward creating a better world.

Your brother in scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Missoni', written over a horizontal line.

Eduardo Missoni