President's Report for 2013-4
Annual General Meeting
3 March 2014

Welcome to our twelfth Annual General Meeting, especially to those members who have joined us during the past year.

Sponsorships
Sponsorships, usually by corporations, continue to be an essential source of income to support our funding objectives. Currently, we have eight Platinum, five Gold, three Silver and three Bronze sponsors and one at Percentage-of-Sales level.

From 16 November 2013, all paid-up sponsors with contributions for the year to date have had the option of taking a full discount of Corporate membership fees for the duration of their sponsorship.

A huge "Thank You" is due to all of our sponsors whose contributions accounted for about 78 per cent of income, and a special thanks to our longer-term sponsors.

Memberships
About 20 per cent of income came from membership subscriptions. We can always do with more members, so I would like to remind you all about the Foundation member logos that paid-up members can display on their websites to encourage site visitors to think about applying for membership. You can pick these logos up from the menus on the Foundation members' web pages (http://www.firebirdsql.org/en/logos/) and link them to our main public page at http://www.firebirdsql.org/en/firebird-foundation/

Grants
We have now new grants on the QA area, with Firebird 3 coming, it is a valuable addition to the project, if we want to deliver a good product with this important new major release.

Events
Firebird seminars took place in Siegburg (November 22, 2013) and Prague (November 25, 2013). 39 and 50 attendees were there.

Firebird 3.0 is on the way, the last testing release (Alpha 2) was released in February 2014 with Beta 1 following in Q2 2014.

Conclusion
In concluding, I wish to thank the committee for its efforts during the year to keep things moving along smoothly.

I want to thank all of the subscribing members for their continued support. The income from subscriptions is essential to the continuity of our funding support so we are especially appreciative of those who pay up promptly when renewal is due.

Thank you to all of the sponsors and donor s for your generosity. Above all, thanks to all the code-workers: core developers, QA, platform porters, documentation writers and driver developers, for your dedication and your superbly professional attention to the work that makes Firebird possible.

Philippe Makowski, President
2 March 2014