



# Firebird Foundation

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to promote the interests of the Firebird Open Source RDBMS Project

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## President's Report for 2015-6 Annual General Meeting 1 March 2016

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

The year of my seventh and last term as President has been marked by continuous activity in the Firebird Project and by serious pressure on the Foundation's ability to sustain it.

Again, thanks to all your positive responses to the fund-raising call at the end of the year.

### Sponsorships

Sponsorships, usually by corporations, continue to be an essential source of income to support our funding objectives. Currently, we have ten Platinum, one Gold, four Silver and seven Bronze sponsors.

A huge "Thank You" is due to all of our sponsors whose contributions accounted for about 82 per cent of income, and a special thanks to our longer-term sponsors.

### Memberships

About 15 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

The Foundation currently makes 9 ongoing grants. Committee is currently reviewing the way grants are allocated. The next step will be to finalize a proposal and an implementation plan.

### Events

Firebird 2015 Tour, Firebird Big Databases seminars and the Firebird Developers' Day in Brazil were good opportunities for Firebird users to exchange experiences. These events are valuable for raising the visibility of the Firebird Project.

Review of the Firebird Language Reference in English, translated from the Russian, is in progress, with a Beta 1 release available from the Firebird web site.

### Conclusion

In stepping down from the presidency, I want to thank the committee and the members for their support over the seven or so years I have been in office. My only regret is to step down before the Firebird 3 final release, but we are close, and I wish all my best to the Firebird Project development team.

Philippe Makowski, President  
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