

Dear friends,

The Slovene Tolkien Society Gil-galad is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary this year! These fifteen years have been amazing, with creative workshops, fun-filled meetings and beautiful moments. But the thing that made these years so special have been the wonderful friends we have made along the way.

Ever since our society came to be we have had ties with Tolkien enthusiasts from all over Europe. Right at the start we received generous help from our wonderful Fangorn and even though he cannot always make it to our Grand Annual Meetings (VLS) we like to make sure they are always close to forests, so he can keep an eye on us! During our first years we also regularly visited the Hobbiton, the Italian annual meeting.

Around five years ago, however, our circle of friends really expanded. We created a powerful bond with our Austrian neighbours after Elisa visited us one year. They made us sweat with their traditional quiz and who could forget Martin's epic fight with the Ent? The Hungarians always knew how to bring music with them whenever they came to visit and they even adopted our national sport, club fighting, on one of their meetings! Marcel dropped by almost five years ago and almost drank our Laško beer reserves dry, so we sent him some as a memory. Just recently we have begun talking with our friends from Croatia and Bosnia, hoping that we will meet them in person soon. And only last year we discovered a parallel universe in Slovakia, where the Tolkien society is a mirror image of our own!



The last fifteen years truly would not have been the same without you. We would love to have as many of you with us as we can, to relive the memories, to see our friends again and make some new ones as well!

The international part of our Grand Annual Meeting (iVLS), an event for members of all Tolkien societies, will take place in a hut above **Velike Lasce from August 8 until August 11.**

Ursa Percic will be the program leader of this year's VLS, Mitja Bosnic will be the technical leader and Jaka Mur will be our noble chef!

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