

**World Congress in Leipzig** followed hard on the heels of JCIUK National Convention. You will have had my email from Congress after the awards ceremony: Mark Smith – best JCI member in the world from Sheffield. The Feb 2015 Senate magazine will cover the event in detail but we had a fantastic Farewell Gala dinner with plenty of food, drink and live music. The city was really interesting, the Xmas markets had started, there were famous restaurants like Auerbachs Keller to sample and a contrast back to the G.D.R. days with a visit to the STASI museum.

Quebec was confirmed as the venue for WC2016 with Amsterdam lining up for 2017 and I believe Estonia planning for 2020.



**The Drumming Out weekend** is approaching fast on 15-18 Jan, being the highlight of the British Senate calendar. If you are planning on coming please book now, we have a lot of organising and finalising to do and would appreciate knowing what our numbers will be. The Friday daytime is visit to historic Quarry Bank Mill and the Apprentice House which housed pauper children working at the Mill. Thursday evening is the [Aladdin pantomime](#) in Knutsford and this can also be booked by local Senators and friends not able to make the full weekend. The website has details for alternative accommodation for Friday evening; there are still plenty of rooms available for Saturday night at Cranage Hall. Bookings close Sun 11th Jan.

Looking forward to 2015, our [May weekend](#) is in Porthmadog / Caernarfon Castle. In order to secure sole use of the hotel, please reserve your room by 28 Feb 2015. There are many 2015 events on the website now for you to look at. I have booked for the JCI Scotland convention in Aberdeen in April which clashes with the popular ASE Spring Board meeting which this time is in Norway. Other [forthcoming events](#) include the Danish Drumming out and the Vienna Waltz weekend.

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