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International Conference on Human Rights and Homophobia

July 24, 2008. 09.00-17.00

Venue: INEFC - Conference Hall
(National Institute of Physical Education)
Avinguda de l'Estadi s/n - Barcelona



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Dear Friends,

from 24th to 27th, XII EuroGames will be celebrated in Barcelona.

As a first act of this event, on 24th July, EGLSF and EuroGames 2008 team organize an International Conference on Human Rights and Homophobia. Please, find enclosed the program and invitation.

We will be very glad if we could count you as one of the participants. Doubtless, the input of your organization will be the most valuable for the positive outcome of the Conference.

We look forward to meet you in Barcelona.

With our best greetings,

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Introduction

With this conference EuroGames Barcelona and EGLSF want to work towards a climate in sports where people can be what they are, of their own free will, whether gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or straight. Based on their sexual orientation LGBT people are sometimes excluded, discriminated against, or forced to conceal an important part of their identities to avoid discrimination. Homosexual athletes may experience discrimination in all sports and on all levels of sport. Stereotypical images and homophobia are widespread.

The all-day conference will be held on July 24, 2008, at Conference Hall of INEFC. During the International conference, we will expose situations of discrimination and stigma to which many LGTB people are subjected, in Mediterranean countries and Eastern Europe. Among those invited will be people directly linked to political groups, organizations, and sports clubs that fight for the defence of fundamental rights in these countries.

The conference will give the opportunity to

- discuss a joint 'Barcelona Declaration'
- learn about transgender people in Sport
- learn about homophobia in football (in Spain)

The conference will take place in a closed area, well accessed, perfectly identified, with specific spaces for press conferences, with simultaneous translation service (as the official languages of EuroGames Barcelona 2008 will be English, Spanish and Catalan) and with an information area continued throughout the EuroGames. It will be open to the public and will be free.

Program

Thursday, 24th July 2008 - 09.00-17.30
INEFC - Conference Hall

09.00 - Registration

09.30 - Welcoming speeches

Toni Cruanyes - Deputy Publisher of "Diari AVUI" (Conference Moderator)

Joan Miró - EG2008 Co-President

Anne Jensen - EGLSF Co-President

Philipp Braun - Co-Secretary General of ILGA World

Empar Pineda - Writer, lesbian activist, feminist

10.00 - Workshops

By areas of the "Forum on line" (health, free time, labour, sexuality, associations, visibility, personal development, education)

11.00 - Coffee Break

11.30 - Workshops (cont.)

12.30 - Plenary on workshops

13.00 - Lunch at EuroGames Village

14.30 - Introduction to EGLSF workshops

Pepe García-Vázquez (EGLSF Co-President)

Gianluca Monte (European Commission Sport Unit)

The EU Sport Policy and Homophobia: How to use the potential of sport to foster equal opportunities and social inclusion. The views of European Commission as expressed in the White Paper on Sport

Piara Powar (Kick it Out and FARE Representative)

Homophobia in football - The situation in Spain

Carolien van de Lagemaat (Chair of Trans Dutch Workgroup)

Transgender issues

15.00 - Workshops

- Homophobia in football - The situation in Spain

-Transgender issues

16.30 - Plenary session on workshops

17.00 - Closing of the Conference

Carme Capdevilla (Catalan Minister of Social and Civic Affairs)

Joaquim Mestre (Barcelona Alderman for Civil Rights)

Raul Romeva (EP - Vice President of Gay and Lesbian Rights Intergroup)

Alfons López Tena (Member of the Governing Council of the Judiciary)

We are happy to welcome you on July 24, 2008 in Barcelona!

Information & Registration

You can register via Email until: July 20, 2008

Please send the following information to ncs@eglsf.info or Fax +31-20-63 63 466:

Name _____
Organisation _____
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Email _____
Phone _____
Preferred Workgroup _____

Should you have any questions, please contact us at eglsf@eglsf.info

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Information about Barcelona 2008 EuroGames, including the sports and cultural program: <http://2008.eurogames.info>

Information about the EGLSF: www.eglsf.info.