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Which logo for ILGA's 23rd World Conference in Geneva?

Geneva Switzerland. March 28th > April 3rd 2006

As one activist told us, "ILGA is the best school there is to learn how to be an international LGBT activist!" And indeed, for the last 27 years, ILGA has acted as a platform, regularly gathering activists from all parts of the world to reflect and move ahead with our common struggle. With more than 400 members, ILGA is the only community based worldwide network of LGBT groups. ILGA World conferences are the place where the network meets, voices its concerns, elects its representatives and decides on what comes next!

Our next World conference will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from March 28th till April 3rd, 2006. It will be held at the same time as the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and will be another occasion to remind the UN the urgent necessity to recognise sexual orientation and the free expression of gender identity as human rights. To mark this event, ILGA has organised a contest to select the "23rd ILGA World Conference" logo. The logos on these pages are just a selection of the many we received. Many candidates have chosen to recall Geneva with some of its symbols: the key of the City and the Lake Water fountain: the choice was tough as the quality and talent were high but the jury ultimately chose Manuel Gracia Gascón from Madrid, Spain. We wish to thank all our participants. To see all of the 47 logos we received, you may visit www.ilga.org. On the home page, select "Campaigning" on the left-hand column.



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Clockwise

1 - Carlos Alberto Martini
Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

3 - Edson Cesar da Silva
Azevedo
Parelhas, BRAZIL

5 - Sébastien Bonneau
Parmain, FRANCE

7 - Luz Adriana Quiceno
Quiroga
Bogota, COLOMBIA

9 - Antonio Alves Pinto
Madrid, SPAIN

2 - Benjamin Grosfilley
Thorigné, Fouillard - FRANCE

4 - Remy David Núñez Ardila
Bogota, COLOMBIA

6 - Alexandre Marques de
Oliveira
Los Angeles, USA

8 - Caroline Kehl
Porto Alegre, BRASIL

10- Fabrizio Tanferri
Geneva, SWITZERLAND

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And the winner is...
Manuel Gracia Gascón from Madrid, Spain (on the right)

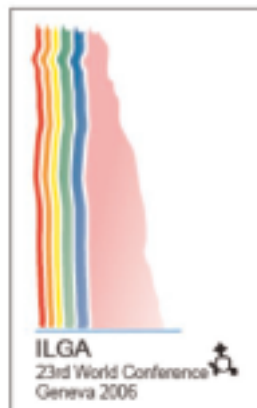


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11 - Gérard Wibin Genva, BELGIUM

12 - Ana Zart Bonilha Porto Alegre, BRAZIL

14 - Vanja Ch. Hamzic Sarajevo, BOSNIA

16 - Cinzia Adolfi Sardegna, ITALY

17 - Alfonso Medina Delegación Coyoacán DF, MÉXICO

13 - Berengere Bordet Bruxelles, BELGIUM

15 - Roberto Casti Bologna, ITALY

June 30th > July 1st

European Gay Police Officers Conference 'CELEBRATE'

Pre-Registration for the European Gay Police Officers Conference is now open. The conference aimed at gay police will be hosted by the Gay Police Association (GPA) and includes workshops on issues such as the recruitment, retention and development of gay police officers and staff through to community safety and partnership issues. It will take place in London, England, between Thursday June 30th and Friday July 1st 2005. On Saturday July 2nd 2005, police officers and police staff from across Europe will join members of the Gay Police Association, leading the Pride Parade through London in uniform.
www.gay.police.uk/celebrate/index.htm

July 19th > 26th

Euro-Mediterranean LGBT Summer Seminar

This year the Euro-Mediterranean "Universities of Homosexualities" (UEEH) will take place in Marseille at Luminy University. Many activities will be organized such as workshops, video projections and debates on identities, gender, spirituality, feminism, sexualities and disabilities. The main symposium will cover the topic "Feminism, gender issues, and sexualities: the fight over the body." Workshops will be centred around lesbian visibility, trans visibility, international solidarity, LGBT health and discrimination in the workplace. Representatives of organisations from Turkey, Lebanon, Poland, Serbia and Moldova will be sharing their experience with the participants.
www.ueeh.org

July 1st > 5th

Seventh International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific (Kobe/Japan)

The Seventh Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific will take place in Kobe, Japan. The main theme of the congress will be "Bridging Science and Community" to bring together science that has made great progress and HIV research and affected communities so that they have access to and can participate in the development of prevention and treatment care strategies. Discrimination and prejudice against people living with HIV/AIDS still prevail, and knowledge of prevention of transmitting or acquiring HIV is more necessary than ever.
<http://www.icaap7.jp>

March 8th > Oct. 17th

The Relay of the Women's Global Charter for Humanity

The Women's Global Charter for Humanity was launched simultaneously in various places across the world. The Charter is being passed from country to country and each time various events are taking place such as debates, workshops and meetings with local authorities. A European campaign took place in Marseille on May 28th and 29th 2005 on arrival of the Charter. During two days women held debates and had workshops on the different themes of the Charter. On Saturday May 28th a "lesbian space" was organised with the aim of creating a European lesbian network. The relay of the Charter will arrive at its final destination on Oct. 17th in Burkina Faso. A march is planned to a yet unknown place where a specific place will be renamed Peace Square. To follow the route of the Charter's relay:
www.marchemondiale.org

July 7th > 9th

Sexualities, Genders, and Rights in Asia : First International Conference of Asian Queer Studies

An international conference on LGBTQ studies cultures and communities in Asia will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Thursday July 7th to Saturday July 9th 2005 involving human rights activists, artists and film makers. Organised by the Office of Human Rights Studies and Social Development at Mahidol University in Thailand and the Australia-based AsiaPacifiQueer Network, the conference will feature over 150 presentations on a broad spectrum of topics such as social persecution, legal discrimination, citizenship, rights, Asian cinema & literature, and HIV/AIDS issues.
bangkok2005.anu.edu.au

July 26th > 29th - 2006

'The Right to Be Different' Call for proposals

An International Conference on LGBT rights will be held within the framework of the 1st World Outgames Montréal 2006. Among the 2000 participants expected, the Co-Presidents of the Conference, Ms. Joke Swiebel, former Member of the European Parliament and Professor Robert Wintemute from the School of Law at King's College London will lead the opening discussions. The International Experts Committee is now calling for proposals for its estimated 375 workshops. "The Right to Be Different" Conference themes are: essential rights, global issues, the diverse LGBT community, participation in society and creating social change.
<http://www.montreal2006.org>



Fear, the mother of many evils!

By Kursad Kahramanoglu, Editor

The reasons behind the Dutch and French “no” votes to the EU Constitution are many and complicated, however certain aspects of the “no” campaign were very clear. The fear of Turkey entering the EU played a non-negligible role and sadly, certain parts of the Dutch and French Left went along with this fear tactic. This is a historic mistake comparable to the mistakes made by the German Left prior to World War II and which resulted in Hitler’s rise to power. I am not suggesting that fascism will come to power in France or in the Netherlands after the next elections, but I believe France and Holland have now lost all moral leadership in EU. Germany is a different story but equally depressing. The current favourite to win this autumn’s election, Ms. Angela Merkel, has gone so far as to say that democracy is unthinkable without Christian roots! And sadly she says so without the German Left saying a thing. Imagine her as the Chancellor of Germany: What support can we expect from her for LGBT rights with her compatriot Pope in Vatican? Those of us who observed the difference between 18 years of Conservative rule and the subsequent 8 years of Labour rule in the UK know only too well that Right-wing politics are not good for human rights in general and LGBT rights in particular. Left or even soft, left-leaning governments provide a more open atmosphere in a country, more conducive to articulating and defending human rights. Recent gains made under the new Spanish socialist government are just one good example. Every activist knows that the modern LGBT movement started in America with the Stonewall Riots, and in spite of some setbacks, we have made many gains in the US. Alas, the Bush (I & II) and Reagan presidencies have been disastrous for LGBT and human rights in general. The very day he took office, “W” reversed human rights gains by signing a presidential order immediately restricting aid to only those US-based human rights organisations that agree not to support abortion rights. With Europe shifting to the right, I am afraid. I am afraid of seeing Europe become a shadow US, mindless of LGBT and human rights. We cannot change this course on our own, but we can use the strength of our organisation to build solidarity with others committed to freedom and human rights. Join ILGA and become a voice in this fight.

Founded in 1978, ILGA is a worldwide network of national and local groups dedicated to achieving equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people everywhere. It is to this day the only international non-profit community-based federation focused on presenting discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation as a global issue. The ILGA Executive Board is elected by ILGA members at regional or world conferences. The list of Board members elected at the last World Conference is on page 30. The next world Conference will take place in Geneva, March 28 - April 3, 2006. The ILGA Annual report is available on the homepage of www.ilga.org

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