



EuroLetter No. 1

A heartfelt greeting

- or „Grüß Gott“ as we say in Munich -

to all participants, friends, others who are interested, and representatives of the media from all over the world. By means of this **EuroLetter**, which we are presenting for the first time today, we want from now on to inform you about everything of importance concerning the EuroGames 2004. We would be very pleased to receive your questions, wishes, suggestions and criticism. With this in mind we hope you will now enjoy reading this EuroLetter, and we look forward to your feedback.

Your EuroGames-Team in Munich



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SPORT

Since the official start of registration for the EuroGames 2004 on 5th July 2003 around 1500 registrations have been received and it is already becoming clear which are the favorites among the sports: the swimming competitions are in first place, followed by badminton and triathlon. For this reason we recommend all swimmers to register as quickly as possible. Swimming can be expected to be the first sport which is fully booked.

Here once again is a summary of the most important information for swimmers:

- The swimming competitions take place during the whole days of 30th and 31st July 2004.





- All clubs and swimming sections from clubs registered in Germany, and all clubs from outside Germany where the national association is a member of the FINA, are entitled to take part. The One-Start-Rule applies. Individual competitions will be evaluated by age groups (from age group 20). A maximum of 3 individual competitions and 3 relays on one day are allowed.
- Participation of swimmers who are not in clubs upon request.
- Swimmers, whether disabled or not, will be allocated to the races according to the times they have provided. However, disabled swimmers will all be assessed in one combined class of their own.

It would be best to register online at:
www.eurogames.info immediately.

WOMEN

In previous years the proportion of women and lesbians at the EuroGames was sometimes only around 30 percent. Munich has set itself the ambitious goal of making the EuroGames an event in which at least as many women as men take part. Therefore the EuroGames are specifically searching for and trying to appeal to female/lesbian sports enthusiasts – especially in those countries of the EU where there are very few if any special organizations and meetings for lesbians. However, the fact is that even countries such as France or Aus-

tria possess a lesbian „infrastructure“ outside the biggest cities which is often known only to insiders. Our search becomes particularly difficult in the countries of southern and eastern Europe such as Greece, Russia, Albania, or Turkey, or in Israel, whose sports-women are also invited to take part in the EuroGames. For participants from such countries special programs of support is being provided (see below).

To reach the goal we have set, we need your help. If you know of projects for women or for lesbians in other countries, please send us their addresses (outreach@eurogames.info). We have of course our guarantee that we will not pass on these addresses to anyone else. We want to make contact with the organizations, and supply them with information – such as for example the Registration Brochure. Do write and tell us as well, how the EuroGames should be run, in order to make them attractive for women and lesbians. We would be very grateful for your suggestions.

We have set up a special e-mail address for all „women’s matters“. This is:
women@eurogames.info

CULTURE

Not only are sports being organized, but leisure time activities are also in no way being neglected. Preparations for a cultural program of the highest quantity and quality are progressing at top speed. We will shortly be presenting you with the complete entertain-



ment program at the EuroGames 2004 - with concerts, parties and readings - in the Euro-Letter.

OUTREACH

There are unfortunately still countries in which gay men, lesbians, bi- and transsexuals can not live as freely and as unconstrained as we are used to here in Germany. And not every sportswoman or sportsman, who would like to take part in the EuroGames, can afford the registration fee. The EuroGames are therefore once again in 2004 offering an Outreach- Program, which provides financial support for participants from certain countries. For athletes from the countries named below the EuroGames first of all take over the registration fee. In addition the organizers provide free tickets for the entertainment and cultural program, and also food vouchers, and they pay the costs for public transport. The first registrations for the Outreach-Program have already reached us.

To be considered for support under the Outreach-Program:

countries for which support is possible:

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Palestine, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Russia, Serbia-Montenegro, Slovakia,

Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine or the Vatican and your net income must not be more than 630 Euro per month (as documented by income tax return or salary slip).

How can I apply?

- To be considered for this support mark the space provided for the "Outreach-Program" under "Personal data".
- Afterwards send to the EuroGames a copy of your income tax return or salary slip by post, fax or e-mail.
! However, when you are at the EuroGames, an original of the document will have to be presented for the accreditation in the „Rainbow Village“, where you will receive your participation documents !

Please do not send us any money until your have received a decision from us on your Outreach-Program application. For organizational reasons you should not expect this before the first quarter of 2004 at the earliest.

Should we have to reject your application, you may still enter the EuroGames in the regular way within four weeks by paying the full participation fee of 68 (for members of the EGLSF) or 78 Euro (for those who are not EGLSF members). During these four weeks your reservation is still valid.

Please note: a fundamental legal entitlement to receive benefits within the Outreach-Program does not exist!



If you still have questions, then the best way would be to write to:

support@eurogames.info

Or else send us your questions by post to:

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A FINAL WORD:

To finish, there now remains only one more thing to say to our friends, participants, representatives of the media and all others who are interested:

The EuroGames München e.V. with all its volunteer helpers wish you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and the best possible START TO THE NEW YEAR!



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