



EuroLetter No. 6

THE GAMES ARE GETTING CLOSER! ONLY 50 MORE DAYS TILL OPENING CEREMONY

Cordial greetings...

...or „Grüss Gott!“, as we say in Munich...

...to all the participants friends and other interested parties, as well as the media representatives from all over the world. We'd like to use this EuroLetter to give you some important information on the 2004 EuroGames. We'd be delighted to receive your questions, wishes, suggestions and even criticism. With that in mind, we hope you'll now enjoy reading this EuroLetter, and we look forward to your feedback.

All the best,
Your EuroGames Team in Munich

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TRAVEL PLANNING: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON ACCREDITATION

We ask athletes and visitors who have booked the LaOla Ticket to pick up their ID's personally at one of the accreditation windows. For legal and technical reasons, your team colleagues cannot pick up the ID's.

Opening Hours:

Monday	26.7.2004	10:00 - 18:00	SUB	Müllerstrasse 43
Tuesday	27.7.2004	10:00 - 18:00	SUB	Müllerstrasse 43
Wednesday	28.7.2004	12:00 - 22:00	Small Olympic Hall (Kleine Olympiahalle)	Olympic Grounds
Thursday	29.7.2004	08:00 - 22:00	Small Olympic Hall (Kleine Olympiahalle)	Olympic Grounds
Friday	30.7.2004	06:00 - 21:00	Infostand in Rainbow Village	Olympic Grounds
Saturday	31.7.2004	09:00 - 21:00	Infostand in Rainbow Village	Olympic Grounds

How do I get to the SUB?

U-Bahn station: Sendlinger Tor (U1, U2, U3, U6)

Exit: Müllerstrasse, app. 2 minutes by foot on the right side of the street, Müllerstrasse 43

What's the way to the Olympic Grounds?

U3 U-Bahn line – „Olympiazentrum“ direction (last stop). Exit at the back of the train.

Travel time: 12 minutes from Marienplatz

During the accreditation procedure, some 7,500 will be receiving ID's. That's why we'd appreciate your having yourselves accredited as early as possible to reduce waiting times.



Welcome to Munich!

The Opening Ceremony of the EuroGames will be starting on 7/29/2004 at 8:00 P.M. Everybody who has so far received his or her ID can participate in this ceremony. Unfortunately the security service cannot admit anyone who does not show an ID or an admission ticket.

Cultural Events Tickets in Rainbow Village

Besides your ID's, you will also get all the cultural events and party tickets you reserved at the accreditation window. We'll shoot the pictures you need for your ID's right on site. Besides that we'll also be distributing the Welcome Package with the complete program, information on your sport and, if necessary, start numbers.





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Visitors who have not booked the LaOla ticket will receive their booked cultural events tickets during accreditation.

Accommodations

Hotels in all categories are available! In case you still have no accommodations, you can reserve your room over on-line registration.

The consignment for the EuroGames at the camping grounds directly on the Isar River on the green is not yet exhausted.

Unfortunately we are no longer able to provide any more private accommodations. The capacities are exhausted. We'll let you know who will be living where by late June.

Please register for accommodations in plenty of time. The consignment reserved for the EuroGames will certainly not be available all the way to the last minute.

CULTURE IN AND AROUND MUNICH

All the events and parties listed in the Internet can be booked on-line. To be sure you get tickets for your desired event, please book in plenty of time. The run on tickets is enormous. You'll find the entire cultural and event program on our Home Page under www.eurogames.info/2004.





Under no circumstances should you miss the Opening Ceremony of the EuroGames on Thursday, 29th July. At 20:00 over 5,000 athletes will march into the Olympic Hall in Olympic style, cheered on by thousands of fans on the bleachers of the hall, which can hold over 10,000 spectators. Stars like Marla Glen, Georgette Dee and the Croonettes will be appearing. Ludwig II and Sissi, look-alikes of the Bavarian king and his cousin, the Empress of Austria, as well as the Schwuhplattler will supply some authentic Bavarian flair. The USC Wheelchair Dance Troupe will bring some terpsichorean elegance and fun into the Olympic Hall. Isabell Varel will be hosting the evening.



Ecumenical Religious Service at the Conclusion of the EuroGames

Under the bright colors of the rainbow, an ecumenical religious service will take place at the conclusion of the EuroGames, put on by a number of different Christian groups in Munich's gay/lesbian scene. Athletes, friends, and everyone else is cordially invited to look back on the EuroGames on Sunday, 1st of August at the lake stage („Theatron“) in the Olympic Park. The Helena Gospel Spirit Choir and Band with music that brings together the nations will create a spiritual atmosphere, which will remain engraved on many a participant's memory. The service will be held in several languages. Armed with a travel blessing, all the participants can then move straight on to the farewell brunch at 11:00 h with jazz and samba sounds on the neighboring lawn.

„God s'ports every color of the rainbow!“ Sunday, 1st of August at 10:00 h in the Theatron, Olympic Park.

SPORTS

Basketball drawing

The drawing of the playing groups for the opening round of the basketball competition took place on Pentecost week-end at the International Basketball Tournament in Paris. As representatives of the Munich Korbschlampen, Andres Petri and André Wenzel traveled to the French capital. The EuroGames were represented by Johannes Schick. The results of the drawing will shortly be sent to all the basketball teams.

You'll find the names of the current participants and sports statisticians on our Home Page in the „News“ area – www.eurogames.info/2004





THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Good news: we can now still extend additional support to everyone who completely filled in an application for outreach funding - 122 in all, 24 per cent of them women). Thanks to the „Nacht der Vielfalt“ („Night of Variety“) benefit show and the support of the EGLSF, another 8,000 Euros have flowed into the Outreach budget. We increased our support funding by that amount. June 10 is the deadline for sending in your documents.

All accepted outreach candidates should please report during accreditation to the outreach window in the small Olympic Hall.

LÖWENBRÄU: NEW SPONSOR

We are delighted to welcome Munich's Löwenbräu Brewery to the list of sponsors for the IXth EuroGames. They have contributed 25 hectoliters of authentic Munich beer (both with alcohol and alcohol-free) and the appropriate beer garden fittings. Beyond that, Löwenbräu will be one of the sponsors of the Big Orange Party on Saturday, 31st July.



CITY TOUR – LAST CHAPTER

For anyone exhausted from the bars, discos, scene or walks around town, Munich offers two well-known, enthusiastically frequented locations for sunbathing, the „Flaucher“, an island in the Isar River, and the English Garden. You'll find the „Flaucher“ by walking up the Isar some 500 meters behind the Municipal Works and right behind the „Flaucher“ beer garden (alternatively you can also get on the U3 at Sendlinger Tor, get out at Brudermühlstrasse and then walk toward the Isar. When you cross the Isar Bridge („Flauchersteg“) you'll see a small island bordered on both sides by the river where you can join your fellow sun worshippers and quickly forget that you're right in the middle of a large metropolitan city. A waterfall under the Flauchersteg does wonders in helping overheated spirits to chill out, the water quality has increasingly improved over the past years, and this way you can refresh yourself in the cool mountain waters without any misgivings.

To the northeast of the downtown area, you'll find the English Garden with the well-known beer garden at the Chinese Tower. Here people relax, make music, play sports, and even surf on the Eisbach (under the bridge on Prinzregentenstrasse next to the Haus der Kunst). Interesting for us is the lawn directly beside the Eisbach (coming from the Hofgarten you turn left right before the first bridge.)

At both places people get together in the summertime for sun and fun.





Munich Foods

You already know how to order beverages with native authenticity. Today we'd like to present some Bavarian specialties, which can also be ordered with linguistic expertise. Everyone in the area is familiar with a Schweinshaxn, a grilled pork knuckle, and how about a Fleischpflanzl (meat ball) or even a Bibagoockl (turkey) or Leberkäs? This delight translates as „liver cheese“, but is in fact a spicy pork loaf containing neither liver nor cheese!

Typical Bavarian Weisswurst (white sausage) is by tradition freshly made and should only be eaten until the clock strikes noon. It tastes best with sweet mustard and a bread pretzel.

You don't necessarily have to be a Koirabiapostel (a dyed-in-the-wool vegetarian) to enjoy an Obaaatzn (regular cheese, butter, pot cheese and onions) or a Reiberdatschi (potato pancake). Those among us with a sweet tooth will certainly also enjoy a Zwetschgendatschi (plum cake) a Krapfen (a jelly doughnut the rest of Germany calls a Berliner), Kaserschmarrn (a sweet omelet), Topfenstrudel (a cheese strudel) or an elegant Bavarian cream. Down the hatch!

A FINAL WORD

...from us to you. We'll be eagerly looking forward to welcoming you at the EuroGames in Munich, the gay/lesbian highlight for 2004. Have plenty of success with your training!

If you still have a few unanswered questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us, by writing to:
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