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EuroGames Utrecht 2005

Your Fairytale Comes True

Counting Down

Utrecht, May 3rd 2005 - Stichting EuroGames Utrecht 2005 and the European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) are proud to announce the international sports event EuroGames Utrecht 2005. The official slogan of the sports event is 'Your Fairytale Comes True'.

The countdown has begun. From the 16th through the 19th of June 2005, participants from 32 different countries will match their strength in nine competition sports during the 10th edition of the EuroGames. EuroGames Utrecht 2005 will welcome over 2.900 athletes (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and of course heterosexual) and over 15.000 visitors to Utrecht. The EuroGames Utrecht 2005 is one of the most important means for the EGLSF to contribute to the integration and visibility of gays and lesbians in sport.

The following sports will be represented during the EuroGames Utrecht 2005: football, tennis, field hockey, ballroom dancing, squash, track & field, swimming and volleyball. For the first time field hockey will be a competition sport at the EuroGames. Alongside European field hockey teams, we also welcome an Australian team.

The Opening Ceremony of the EuroGames Utrecht 2005 on Thursday the 16th of June will take place in the Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs Utrecht, allowing thousands of visitors to enjoy the ceremony that will have a spectacular programme. During the days following the opening ceremony, the athletes will do their best to achieve top results in their common passion: sports.

Several 'pink' events run parallel to the EuroGames Utrecht 2005 including the weeklong MidZomerGracht festival that starts on Friday the 10th of June with a sparkling dance event called "Mega PANN". On Saturday the18th of June, Stichting Final Fantasy will host the official EuroGames 2005 sports party called "Final Fantasy Party". This party will take place at the six most famous clubs in the historical city centre of Utrecht with DJ's, live music and will offer room to 5000 party guests. For further details and tickets please check the included websites at the end of this press release.

We hope you will enjoy the EuroGames Utrecht 2005.

For more information or accreditation we would like to invite you to contact us by phone, e-mail or check our latest information in the press section on the website.

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