EuroGames Utrecht 2005

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Visibility and Integration

Utrecht, May 19th 2005 – The EuroGames Utrecht sport event that will be held from June 16th thru June 19th fits in the new phase of emancipation of homosexuals in sport. The European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), the licence holder of the EuroGames, aims towards the stimulation of the visibility and the integration of gays and lesbians in the sports world.

The total number of athletes that will take part in the EuroGames is 2.843 and come from 44 different countries. Nine sports will be represented during the EuroGames: badminton, ballroom dancing, field hockey, football, track and field, squash, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

The EuroGames Run 2005 on June 18th is the sport event that gives athletes and visitors a great chance to intensely experience and to share in the special sports atmosphere of the EuroGames. There are three distances: the half marathon, the 10 kilometres and 5 kilometres. Everyone can register for the event, which only costs five euros.

The Lady Mayor of Utrecht, Mrs. Brouwer-Korf will perform the openings ceremony of the EuroGames on June 16th in the Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs in Utrecht. Also present will be the Minister of Sports Mrs. Ross-Van Dorp. She will speak during the ceremony in the presence of Mrs. Terpstra - President of the sports organisation NOC*NSF and other dignitaries. Together with many thousands of visitors the EuroGames 2005 opening ceremony promises to be worthy, grand and spectacular.

The official EuroGames 2005 sports party "Final Fantasy Party" that takes place at the end of the MidZomerGracht festival has been expanded from five to seven locations. With a good 5000 guests this will be the largest pink dance party ever held in the Netherlands. For more information you can visit their website which is listed at the end of this press release.

We warmly welcome everyone, regardless of sex, race, sexual preference, religious or political belief to the EuroGames 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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