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STRATEGIC ALLIANCES AS OF 24 JANUARY 2005

- Borough of Ville-Marie
- Clinique médicale du Quartier Latin
- Équipe Montréal
- European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF)

- Fondation BBCM
- Fondation Émergence - Gai écoute
- GALA Choruses
- Gay and Lesbian Athletic Foundation (GLAF)

- Hotel Association of Greater Montréal
- International Gay and Lesbian Association (ILGA-World)
- Palais des congrès de Montréal

- Québec Gay Chamber of Commerce (CCGQ)
- Régie des installations olympiques
- Séro Zéro
- Village Merchants and Professionals Association

REGISTER NOW!

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES :

- Attendance at Conference
- Participation at the Opening Ceremony of the 1st Outgames
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- One métro/bus pass
- Rebate of \$100 CAD on registration fee for first Sport or Cultural activity in the 1st World Outgames Montréal 2006
- Participant Information Kit which includes: city and transit maps, official Conference programme, souvenir poster and Montréal and Québec tourist information brochures
- 20% discount on the Outgames souvenir book

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE

(1 February 2005 to 30 April 2006)

\$450 CAD

CONFERENCE LATE REGISTRATION FEE

(1 May 2006 to 1 July 2006)

\$525 CAD

NOTE: Stand-by list only for programmed activities where all available places have been filled.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE :

MONTRÉAL 2006 :

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Mr. Jean Héon
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WITH THE COLLABORATION OF:

Mr. Michael Butler
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

From 26 to 29 July 2006

Hours	Wednesday 26 July	Thursday 27 July	Friday 28 July	Saturday 29 July
07:30 - 17:00	Registration	Registration	Registration	
09:00 - 10:30		Session on the United Nations	Session on Latin America	Session on Europe
11:00 - 12:30		Workshops	Workshops	Adoption of the Montréal Declaration
12:30 - 14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Official closing lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Special sessions*	Workshops	Workshops	End of conference
16:00 - 17:30		Session on Africa and the Arab world	Session on Asia and Pacific countries	
17:30		End of day's proceedings	End of day's proceedings	
18:30	Official opening reception			
20:00	Official opening dinner			

* Workers Out!, the business community (CCGQ), Sport (GLAF)

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

A WORD FROM THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CO-PRESIDENTS



JOKE SWIBEL
Co-President



ROBERT WINTEMUTE
Co-President

When we agreed, in March 2004, to co-chair the organisation of "The Right to Be Different" International Conference, we realised the enormous challenge we would be taking on. While recognising the incredible work done by many dedicated groups and individuals in the past, this Conference is probably the largest and most representative ever undertaken in the history of the LGBT movement worldwide.

That is why we are so proud of the calibre of individuals we have brought together to form the International Scientific Committee. Comprised of legal scholars and activists, academics and researchers, human rights advocates, union representatives and journalists, this committee represents a wealth of experience and drive, dedicated to working together without discrimination of any kind, regardless of the sexual orientation of its members. The committee includes representatives from every continent.

The 1st World Outgames Montréal 2006 has had the courage and vision to include the fundamental question of LGBT rights in its programme and, in so doing, will examine how to integrate the practice of sports into the overall lives of individuals and societies.

We sincerely hope you will think of this conference as your conference, and that you will use it as a tool to make the entire planet aware not only of our existence, but of the fact that our rights are still too often ignored, and that the time for silence has passed.

The Call for Proposals that you will find in this document, along with the Conference schedule, will give you a clear idea of the progress we have made over the past year toward our goal of adopting, on 29 July 2006, "the Montréal Declaration".

We invite you to join with us in making this vision a reality.

CONFERENCE THEMES

ESSENTIAL RIGHTS

These "essential rights" are:

- the right to protection against state and private violence
- freedom of expression, assembly and association
- freedom to engage in same-sex sexual activity
- to not be a victim of homophobia.

Through the sharing of personal experiences and through factual and legal discussions, the Conference will explore the many facets of these "essential rights".

GLOBAL ISSUES

The opening of global markets often erodes existing social and economic rights in many countries around the world, and it is common knowledge that the rights of LGBT communities often fall by the wayside when there are legal and social battles to be fought. Government policies on immigration, for example, show how common prejudices can translate into the systematic rejection of LGBT individuals.

The question of health remains a critical one, particularly as it relates to HIV, and has become a global issue for us all. The solution must therefore be a global one, and must include the forging of strong ties among LGBT communities of both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres of the planet.

Our rights must be supported and defended within all international organisations, such as the United Nations.

THE DIVERSE LGBT COMMUNITY

The diversity of our community is one of its greatest qualities. We cannot allow discrimination within our own ranks, or any other barriers to equality, to jeopardise the rich and varied fabric of our community. We must strive to act in accordance with our own principles.

This notion of diversity will be a touchstone for Conference discussions. By recognising this diversity, we can develop greater awareness and understanding of our differences, and draw energy and inspiration from them.

PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY

We would all like to be recognised as the multifaceted human beings we truly are. LGBT individuals are present and active in all areas of life: sport, education, media, the workplace, family, religion, culture, politics and lawmaking, law enforcement and judging, and so on. In all these aspects of their daily lives, LGBT individuals face discrimination. Many changes are needed to permit them to participate equally in society.

CREATING SOCIAL CHANGE

The ability of citizens to freely exercise their rights has an immediate impact on the society as a whole. This results not only in individual, but also and perhaps more importantly, collective social change.

If we are to maximise the impact of these changes we will need to develop strategies and alliances with communities outside of the LGBT community. In this context, the education of younger generations becomes of critical importance, and the battle against homophobia is one of many key concerns.

In some parts of the world, oppression is a fact of daily life for LGBT individuals. What can we do collectively to find solutions to eradicate this oppression?

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Conference will include 5 plenary sessions, at each of which the 2,000 participants will be addressed by invited keynote speakers. There will also be 5 workshop sessions, during each of which participants will be able to choose from a list of up to 75 workshops (or a total of up to 375 workshops during the Conference). Workers Out! will also propose a special programme, available on our website.

The International Scientific Committee is organising the content of the Conference, and the purpose of this Call is to solicit proposals for the workshops. Proposals are welcome from any person who is interested in the goal of equality for LGBT persons, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

CONTENT OF PROPOSAL :

Any proposal related to the themes of the Conference, and consistent with the goal of equality for LGBT persons, will be considered. A workshop may involve formal oral presentations by activists, academics, researchers, or others interested in the LGBT rights movement, but may also include individual testimonies, performances, showings of films or videos, discussions, or practical training.

Deadline for receipt of proposals: 31 October 2005 (but the earlier they are submitted, the better)

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL :

Any individual or organisation wishing to submit a proposal should complete the form available on our website (one form per workshop where more than one speaker is proposed) and send the form or forms, preferably by e-mail to: conference@montreal2006.org, or by fax or airmail to the number or address indicated on the back of this flyer.

REGISTRATION FEE, AND TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES:

All Conference participants (except those who are invited plenary session or workshop speakers, members of the International Scientific Committee, or Conference organisers) must register for the Conference through our website, pay the Conference fee, and pay their own travel and accommodation expenses. To reserve their place in the Conference, participants should register as early as possible, even if they have not yet submitted their proposal or have not yet heard whether or not their proposal has been accepted. Participants should also reserve their accommodation in Montréal as early as possible, whether or not their proposal has been submitted or accepted (as long as they do not have to pay a non-refundable deposit).

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS :

Designated members of the International Scientific Committee and the Conference organisers will meet to consider all proposals, and will send e-mail notification as to whether or not a proposal has been accepted by 31 January 2006. This should leave speakers in workshops sufficient time to make those travel arrangements that they were unable to make earlier, because a non-refundable deposit or fee was required.

REJECTION OF PROPOSALS:

The International Scientific Committee and the Conference organisers must reserve the right to reject any proposal. If proposals exceed capacity, selection will be based in part on the criterion of geographical diversity, so that sufficient space is available for participants from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. In the event that a proposal has to be rejected, if the individual or organisation concerned has paid the Conference registration fees of one or more persons involved in the proposal, these registration fees will, of course, be refunded.

WORKERS OUT!

The *Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)*, the *Centrale des syndicats du Québec*, the *Fédération des travailleurs du Québec (FTQ)* and the *Canadian Labour Congress*, major Canadian union organisations, will be participating in the Montréal Conference and **Workers Out!** will be an integral part of the Conference proceedings and its activities will include:

- An opening plenary session on Wednesday from 14:00 to 17:00 (opening of the union action plan project)
- A closing plenary session on Friday from 17:30 to 19:00 (adoption and launch of the union action plan)
- Three workshops to discuss the union action plan (Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning)
- Organisers meeting on Friday afternoon before the closing plenary session

HERE IS A LIST OF SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS THAT THAT WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE OVERALL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME :

1. Unions as agents of social change with regard to LGBT issues
2. The involvement of unions in LGBT issues: obstacles and opportunities
3. Homophobia and transphobia in the workplace
4. Transgenders in the workplace
5. Lesbians in the workplace
6. Young workers and homosexuality
7. International union structure regarding LGBT issues
8. Alliances between union organisations and international human rights organisations
9. AIDS and discrimination in the workplace
10. Education workers and sexual diversity



Conférence internationale sur les droits des gais, lesbiennes, bisexuels et transgenres

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