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GLISA and FGG announce Joint Memo of Understanding *Development and production to begin for One World Event in 2022*

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA (19 May 2015) The Boards of the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) and the Gay and Lesbian International Sports Organization (GLISA) are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the development and production of One World Event to be held in 2022.

The MOU is a reflection of the results of a Survey available to members of both organizations following Gay Games 9 (third quarter 2014). More than 2,000 responses were received and collated and reflected the desire of the global LGBTIQ for a single sports, human rights, and culture event for 2022. *"This was an historic occasion for members of the global LGBTIQ community to express its wishes with respect to the directions of our two organizations; they didn't disappoint,"* said Tamara Adrian, Co-President of GLISA.

The MOU provides for the identification of a joint FGG/GLISA **"Site Selection Committee"** which will be tasked to develop and oversee the site selection process. This process will include development of a Bid Framework, a Letter of Interest stage, a review of the bids from various host organizations, and a selection by members of both organizations. This process will begin second quarter 2015 with the identification of Committee members and will conclude with the host voting process no later than the fourth quarter of 2017.

Additionally, the MOU provides for the creation of a **"Transition Commission"** which will steer the development of a single organizational body to deliver future One World Events. *"Both our Boards are looking forward to the results of the virtual and face-to-face consultations presently being hosted by the Working Group,"* said Joanie Evans, Co-President of the FGG. *"To date, the results are consistent with the results of the survey."*

Both the FGG and GLISA support the commitment to ensure the Site Selection process will reflect transparency of information, openness of communication, and inclusivity of member organizations.

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About the Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA):

The Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association is a democratically governed, international association of LGBT sport and human rights organizations from around the world. Modeled after existing multi-sport organizations, GLISA's members are international sporting federations, human rights organizations, continental associations representing sport teams and clubs from the major regions of the world, host cities of GLISA's World OutGames, and other organizations that support the mandate of GLISA.

About the OutGames

OutGames bring together lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) athletes from around the world in unprecedented numbers for a celebration of sport, culture and human rights. In the spirit of true inclusiveness, the OutGames are open to all, regardless of sexual orientation. Core elements for the OutGames are sport, culture/celebrations and Human Rights Conference. The 2017 World OutGames will be hosted in Miami Beach, Florida, USA.

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About The Federation of Gay Games (FGG):

The purpose of the FGG shall be to foster and augment the self-respect of gay men and women throughout the world and to engender respect and understanding from the non-gay world, primarily through an organized, international athletic and cultural event held every four years. The mission of the FGG is to promote equality through the organization of the premiere international LGBT and gay-friendly sports and cultural event known as the Gay Games.

About the Gay Games

Built upon the principles of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™, since 1982 the Gay Games have empowered thousands of LGBT athletes and artists through sport, culture, and fellowship. The Gay Games was conceived by Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic decathlete, and was first held in San Francisco in 1982. Subsequent Gay Games were held in San Francisco (1986), Vancouver (1990), New York (1994), Amsterdam (1998), Sydney (2002), Chicago (2006), Cologne (2010), and Cleveland+Akron (2014). Gay Games 10 will be held in Paris 2018. Visit www.Paris2018.com for more information.

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