

**32nd European Conference of ILGA  
14th ILGA-Europe conference**

**The Hague, 28 October – 31 October 2010  
Organised in association with the COC, The Hague**

First Mailing - Notification  
17 May 2010

Dear friends,

We hereby have the pleasure of inviting our members to our annual conference which will take place in The Hague from 28 October to 31 October 2010 under the theme “*Expressing our differences, challenging our prejudices, developing our alliances.*”. The conference will explore the diversity of LGBT communities, our internal prejudices towards race, ethnic origin, social status, gender, disability, and discuss building alliances with other minority groups and NGOs.

This year the conference will start on Wednesday evening with a formal reception and a festive opening dinner hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science at the Hall of Knights, the oldest building in The Hague from which Her Majesty the Queen delivers the so-called “Speech from the Throne”. Invitations for honorary speakers include EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Viviane Reding, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Thomas Hammarberg, and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe Thorbjorn Jagland. We advise you to make the travel arrangements accordingly.

This first mailing outlines the deadlines for submitting proposals. The second and third mailings as well as the document “Guidelines for proposals” outline how to make a proposal to the constitution.

This year we will also be considering our strategic plan for the next years following our consultation with member organisations.

We look forward to meeting you on 28 October in The Hague, and hope to see you in great numbers.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Freimane and Martin K.I. Christensen  
ILGA-Europe co-chairs

*ILGA-Europe’s annual conference is also our annual general meeting in which elections to the Executive Board and the two representatives on the World Board take place, and in which policy and constitutional issues are discussed that will inform the work of ILGA-Europe for the following years.*

**Elections at the conference**

We will elect only part of the board, since 5 people were elected to a 2-year term in 2009 and still have a year of their term of office to serve. The Conference will therefore elect 5 new members to the board to serve for two years.

We are now calling for nominations to be made according to the guidelines set out by the Election Preparation Committee (see file “Guidelines for Nominations”).

The 2 representatives and the 2 reserve members to the world board were elected in 2008 for a 2 year term and therefore there will be elections for these places for a further two year term.

### **Policy and constitutional debates**

Discussion of policy and constitutional issues is done by debating and voting on the proposals put forward by member organizations and the Board prior to the conference and the amendments to those proposals. Please remember that, by the rules, proposals cannot be submitted at the conference (with the only exceptions contained in Standing Order 10).

### **Conference mailing process**

The three mailings are sent out on **May 17, August 2 and October 4** respectively. The relevant conference information will be available on these dates at the ILGA-Europe website.

In accordance with the Constitution, the **detailed timetable and procedures** for making proposals and for full members to register their voting delegate(s) is set out:

#### **2010-05-17 – First mailing**

**2010-06-30 – Deadline** for submission of proposals

**2010-08-02– Second Mailing** with preliminary conference agenda, accounts for 2009

#### **11 September –**

- **deadline** for nomination of candidates for the ILGA-Europe Executive Board
- **deadline** for amendments to proposals;
- **deadline** for submission of proposals to host the 2011 conference
- **deadline for registration** of conference participants;
- **deadline for registration** of delegates for voting purposes;

**2010-10-04 – Third mailing** with final agenda, including amendments to proposals, names of candidates for the Executive Board, candidates for hosting the 2011 conference and the proposed budget for next financial year.

*For all procedural documents and the conference registration and scholarship application forms access [www.ilga-europe.org/conference](http://www.ilga-europe.org/conference)*

### **Briefly on procedural activities at the conference**

#### **- Proposals**

The Conference determines the policies of ILGA-Europe and guides the work of the Executive Board within the framework of the Constitution. Formal proposals to the Conference can be submitted by full members in the Region and by the Board, and should address substantive policy or constitutional issues. **Please follow the instructions set out in Guidelines for Proposals.**

#### **- Election to the ILGA-Europe Executive Board**

The Board consists of 10 individuals of whom 5 will be elected for a two year term of office. Of the 10 individuals at least 4 must be people who identify as women and at least 4 must be people who identify as men. Nomination must be made using the Nomination form. Please follow the instructions set out in **Guidelines for Nominations.**

#### **- Elections to the ILGA World Executive Board**

The term of office of the European representatives in the ILGA World Executive Board is from the end of the regional conference at which they are elected until the end of the second regional conference after the election. Nomination must be made using the Nomination form. Please follow the instructions set out in **Guidelines for Nominations.**

- **Selection of future conference host**

This year's conference will decide on the host for the 2012 annual ILGA-Europe conference. Member organisations interested in hosting the 2012 conference must submit a proposal. Please see the **Guidelines for Member Organisations wishing to host the annual conference** file.

- **Registration of delegates for voting purposes**

Registration forms to notify which delegate(s) is (are) entitled to exercise a full member organisation's voting rights are attached to this mailing. They include information about voting and proxies and should be filled in for these purposes. Please see the **delegates' registration and proxies' notification** form.

- **Practical information about the conference**

Much practical information about the conference is published at the conference website, [www.ilga-europe.org/conference](http://www.ilga-europe.org/conference), including how to register.