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This Euroletter contains information about the ILGA Sitges seminar in October on The European Union - including information about how to register.

A. Council of Europe

Additional protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights (prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation).

No news!

NGO status of ILGA to the Council of Europe

An application is nearly ready and be sent off by Hans Hjerpekjön soon.

Lesbian and gay rights in Central- and Eastern European countries applying for membership of the Council of Europe

1. Romania

The Romanian Constitutional Court has decided that article 200 paragraph 1 is partly unconstitutional, BUT it has also endorsed the term "causing public scandal". See the attached fax from Scott Long (of which unfortunately a part is missing due to technical reasons).

2. Albania

Be aware of the proposed actions in EuroLetter 26.

Peter Norman from the administrative office has produced a list of useful addresses in Albania. The list is attached. Furthermore Peter Norman has sent letters to many politicians and others in Albania. A sample letter is attached.

Other European issues

A Council of Europe seminar on "Exclusion, Equality before the Law and Non-Discrimination" is going to take place in Taormina-Mare (Italy) from 29 September to 1 October 1994. Alexander Duda and Kurt Krickler are attending the seminar on behalf of ILGA. Further information is attached. Deadline for registration is 31 August.

B. The CSCE - CHD process

Budapest Review Conference

Information about the conference is attached together with Kurt Kricklers draft statement for the conference.

As mentioned in EuroLetter 26 the Dutch government will propose an inclusion of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation in the final document of the conference. We have been in contact with the Danish government, and it has promised to support the proposal. The foreign ministry mentions that if the actual proposal cannot be passed (which is doubtful) it is important to work for the interpretation that the existing non-discrimination statements already cover every form of discrimination - also discrimination based on sexual orientation.

ACTION: Member of the working party should contact their foreign ministries as soon as possible to lobby for the Dutch proposal and report back to the EuroLetter.

Other CSCE information

A seminar on gypsies will take place in Warsaw 20 September to 23 September 1994. The seminar is hardly of any interest for ILGA.

Address of the CSCE office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights is:

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P-00-522 Warsaw

Poland

Tel: +482 625 7040 or +482 625 4293

Fax: +482 625 4357

E-mail: odihrcsc@sam.nask.com.pl

C. The European Union

PHARE application

ILGAs application for the EU PHARE programme is attached, and we have been informed that the money has been granted.

Sitges seminar on the EU

See next page.

D. UN World summit for Social Development

Though this is not a European issue alone, we attach some information about the summit which will take place in Copenhagen 6-12 March 1995.

Sitges seminar on the EU 21 - 23 October 1994

The seminar will take place at the Hotel Romantic, c/ Sant Isidre, 33, Sitges, tel. +343 894 8375, fax: +343 894 8167. Meals will be served at the restaurant "Chez Jeanette".

Time schedule

Friday 21 October

09.00 - 16.00	Reception and registration at the hotel
16.30	Welcome snacks
17.00 - 20.00	Preparatory session
20.00	Dinner

Saturday 22 October

08.00 - 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 - 13.00	Working session (coffee break at 11.30)
13.00	Lunch
15.30 - 19.30	Working session (coffee break at 17.30)
19.30	Dinner

Sunday 23 October

08.00 - 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 - 13.00	Working session (coffee break at 11.30)
13.00	Lunch
15.30 - 18.00	Working session and closure (coffee break at 17.30)

Working sessions can be extended after dinner, but meals have to take place as scheduled due to agreement with the restaurant.

Registration

A registration fee of **pesetas 12.500** has been fixed. The fee includes:

- Two nights accommodation (21th and 22nd) in double rooms with bathroom. Accommodation in single rooms is not possible.
- Continental breakfast and coffee breaks at the hotel and meals at Chez Jeanette (lunch for the 21st is not included).
- Conference room and lounge facilities at the hotel and use of PC's and photocopy service.

All participants shall mail or fax to Coordinadora Gai-Lesbiana, c/ Carolines, 13, E-08012 Barcelona, fax: +343 218 1191, attn. Montse Domínguez the following information: Name, group which they represent, address, country, phone and fax number and sex before October the 1st.

Payment

The registration fee shall be paid in pesetas to the CGL staff upon arrival to the hotel.

If you wish to stay extra nights at the hotel, you can make your own reservations in advance directly with the hotel. As participant in the seminar you will get a 10 % discount from the official price (7500 pesetas for a double room and breakfast).

Information about Sitges and how to get there will be sent directly to participants after registration.

Draft Agenda

- 1) Presentation of background material
 - a. Minutes of the Sitges seminar 1992
 - b. "Homosexuality - A European Community Issue"
 - c. "Lesbian Visibility"
 - d. The Roth report to the European Parliament
 - e. EP resolution of 8 February 1994
- 2) ILGA's general policy towards EU
Time to change the Stockholm agreement?
- 3) The next EU treaty
- 4) Policy areas of interest for ILGA
 - a. Free movement of persons
 - b. Family policy
 - c. Employment rights
 - d. Social policy
 - e. Health policy / HIV and AIDS

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- 5) Work towards EU institutions
 - a. The European Parliament
 - b. The European Commission
 - c. The Council
 - d. The European Court of Justice
- 6) Work with other NGO's
- 7) Research
- 8) Lesbian and Gay Anti-Discrimination Project (PHARE funded)
- 9) Funding
- 10) Structure of ILGA's EU work
 - a. The working party
 - b. The Euroletter and exchange of information
 - c. Lobbying in Bruxelles/Strasbourg
 - d. Lobbying national authorities
- 11) Preparation of resolutions and workshops for the European Regional conference in Helsinki 1994.

