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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, but it must be considered whether it is wise to do it now in the light of the suspension of ILGA as an UN NGO.

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

1. Romania

Parts of the Helsinki Federation report on Romania are enclosed.

2. Albania

No news!

Other European issues

B. The CSCE - CHD process

Budapest Review Conference

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.

See enclosed letter from Kurt Krickler together with the final ILGA statement for the conference.

C. The European Union

ECAS report on discrimination

The European Citizens Actions Service has produced report "Towards a Europe of Equal Opportunities", which contains a chapter on discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation. The chapter is enclosed.

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.

The background material for the conference is:

- a. ILGAs Stockholm resolution
- b. Minutes of the Sitges seminar 1992
- c. "Homosexuality - A European Community Issue"
- d. "Lesbian Visibility"
- e. The Roth report to the European Parliament
- f. EP resolution of 8 February 1994

Draft Agenda

- 1) ILGA's general policy towards EU
Time to change the Stockholm agreement?
- 2) The impact of new member states
- 3) The next EU treaty and the 1996 government conference
- 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
Identification of friendly members
 - 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.