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A FEW WORDS OF THE BOARD :

With 1,135 days to go until the start of Gay Games 10, we are very pleased to send you this newsletter which we plan to update every quarter.

The Paris 2018 Organizing Committee (all volunteer) includes 14 directors plus 120 volunteers, and we still need more volunteers! More information follows in this newsletter concerning our current needs.

Since 15 May, we have been working at our new offices located in the headquarters of the French Federation of Fencing (Escrime), the FFE.

Together, we have achieved the first phase of redefining, organizing, and building the Paris 2018 project. We have launched the second phase of detailing and confirming the entire sport, cultural, and festivities program, as well as validating the venues and defining the pricing structure that will be offered to participants. This is one of our main priorities in 2015, as well as ensuring the financial means to increase the visibility of Paris 2018.

With this newsletter, we hope to better respond to your needs regarding information about Paris 2018 – Gay Games 10, and to stay connected to our social networks and website.

You will find the key dates, updates, and information about the events, venues, ambassadors, and partners...in other words, all you need to prepare for Gay Games 10.

However, there is nothing like direct communication. So we are proposing two meetings per year to meet with all interested supporters. We are also planning many visits in France and around the world during sport and cultural events.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter from Paris 2018, and don't forget, thanks to you the Paris 2018 team is able to do its work for Gay Games 10. Please do not hesitate to send us your comments via the paris2018.com website 'Contact Us' link.

KEY DATES

- SOLIDAYS PARIS, 26 - 28 JUNE 2015
- GAY PRIDE PARIS, 27 JUNE 2015, MARCHÉ DES FIERTÉS
- EUROGAMES STOCKHOLM, 5 - 9 AUGUST 2015
- DÉFI'STIVAL PARIS, 25 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2015

INFORMATION AND UPDATES:

THE PARIS 2018 INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE HELD ITS 2nd MEETING ON MONDAY 30 MARCH 2015

The Institutional Committee met with the Ministry of Sports, the Interministerial Delegate for Large Events, the Regional Government, the City of Paris, FSG, and Paris 2018. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate all Paris 2018 activities and requests amongst the various government agencies.

Agenda :

- Report on Paris 2018 project and presentation of 2015 plans
- Report on Paris 2018 public financing and the overall fundraising strategy
- Report on the Sport and Culture program, with a focus on the venues

MEETING WITH PATRICK KANNER, MINISTER OF CITIES, YOUTH, AND SPORTS, 1 APRIL 2015

The Minister of Cities, Youth, and Sports, Mr. Patrick Kanner, confirmed the financial support of 300,000 Euros which the Ministry commits to allocating to Paris 2018 during the next 4 years.

A PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY

On 24 March 2015, an agreement was signed between Paris 2018 and the business association l'Autre Cercle.

The meeting took place at the Randstad office with Paris 2018 Co-Presidents and the president of l'Autre Cercle, Bertrand Eberhardt.

This important agreement enables PARIS 2018 to:

- Access expertise of L'AUTRE CERCLE, especially concerning diversity in the professional world.
- Access to contacts from L'AUTRE CERCLE for potential support and financing the Paris 2018 project.

And for l'AUTRE CERCLE :

- To contribute to the establishment of a diversity and inclusion policy in businesses that will participate in the Paris 2018 – Gay Games 10 organization, and to diffuse the message of respect in the workplace.

VOLUNTEER CORNER : JOIN THE PARIS 2018 VOLUNTEER TEAM !

If you would like to participate in the organization of Paris 2018 – Gay Games 10 and contribute to the success of this unique event, now is the time – don't hesitate – join us. We would love to hear from you.

Help is needed in many teams – sports, culture, communication, operations, marketing, and

promotion.

[More Volunteer Information](#)

SUPPORT PARIS 2018: WHY? HOW?

With almost 50% of the financial support coming from individuals, the Gay Games are an exception amongst other large international sport and culture events. Participation and commitment are at the heart of the Gay Games.

Since their creation in 1982, the Gay Games, open to all, promote inclusion and acceptance while respecting differences and diversity. Although there has been 'progress' with victories in human rights, we must keep in mind that today there are still 77 countries where homosexuality is illegal, and in 11 of those countries the risk of the death penalty.

Your support for Paris 2018 brings a message of inclusion and promotes the same human rights for all.

You can support Paris 2018 in the following ways :

- [LIKE](#) the Paris 2018 Facebook page
- [VOLUNTEER](#) with Paris 2018
- [COMMUNICATE](#) information and learn more about Paris 2018
- PARTICIPATE in Gay Games 10 (Registration will be open in 2016)
- [DONATE](#) to Paris 2018

SUGGESTION BOX :

This is your space to suggest anything that you think will help Paris 2018 – Gay Games 10. We are counting on you.

IN MEMORIAM



Marc Naimark recently passed away. Marc was not only a Gay Games organizer for the past 15 years, but he was also for many of us a close friend. Always available, a fountain of knowledge and ideas, we will miss Marc – now, during the next months and years, and especially during Paris 2018-Gay Games 10, for which he worked so hard.

In his memory, the Paris 2018 team has decided to establish a [scholarship fund](#) in his name for deserving candidates from around the world. Merci Marc...

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