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A Word from the Paris 2018 Board

Dear Friends of Paris 2018,

It is with great pleasure that we are about to start a very exciting chapter in the Paris 2018 story. On 13 May 2016, the Paris 2018-Gay Games 10 Registration System will be officially launched during the Paris International Tournament (TIP).

During TIP, from 13 to 16 May, Paris 2018 will be present to promote Gay Games 10 to the public. On this occasion, a 'Very Early Bird' fee will be available to all those who register before 31 May.

As you all know, Gay Games 10 is open to all without any selection criteria or requirements, « first come, first registered ». Will you be one of the 15 000 participants that we are expecting?

Paris 2018 will offer, in addition to 36 sports, a rich cultural program with even more opportunities to participate.

The new [website](#) will be also be launched at this time with a completely new look and feel, accessible and simple to use.

All the information needed to register and prepare for your visit to Paris will be available on the new website. This new site will also provide a comprehensive view of the entire Gay Games 10 program.

In the meantime, we hope you find this newsletter useful. Don't forget that your comments, questions, and suggestions are important to us.

Send to contact@paris2018.com.
You can also find information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

On Behalf of the Paris 2018 Board,
Thank you for your support for Paris 2018-Gay Games 10!

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Key Dates

Sunday 1st May 2016:

Tea dance of sportswomen at Tango (Paris 3e)

From 13 to 15 May 2016:

Tournoi international de Paris (TIP) and official opening of registration for Paris 2018 - Gay Games 10

Saturday 14 May 2016:

Pride March in Le Mans

Sunday 15 May 2016:

Concert at Carreau du temple (Paris 3e)

Monday 23 May 2016:

Cine Club 7e Genre - Paris 2018 at Brady (Paris 10e):
Personal Best (1982)

From 10 June to 10 July 2016:

Euro 2016 - European soccer championship in France
(EuroPrideHouse in Paris)

From 24 to 26 June 2016:

Festival Solidays in Paris

From 29 June to 2 July 2016:

EuroGames in Helsinki

Saturday 2nd July 2016:

Pride March in Paris

From 2 to 6 July 2016:

GALA Choral festival in Denver.

Participation

Share your experience!

Gay Games is a life-changing experience and at Gay Games 10, you will have an unforgettable experience. Could you send us a short testimonial (less than 50 words) about your participation at previous Gay Games or your expectations of Gay Games 10 – along with a high-quality / high-resolution photo?

Anonymously or not, depending on your instructions, your message will be used for the new Paris 2018 website and social networks. In your testimonial, please include the following text: *"By submitting this testimonial and photo, I consent to its being used on the Federation of Gay Games and Paris 2018 Gay Games 10 websites, social media sites, or other marketing materials."*

We suggest that your testimonial include answers to the following questions:

- What does the Gay Games mean to you?
- Which Gay Games did you participate?
- In what activity did or will you participate?
- What does Paris 2018 mean to you?

Thanks for your help. Please send your answers to contact@paris2018.com.

Information and Updates

Opening Ceremony Party will take place at the Grand Palais

The Grand Palais is supporting Paris 2018 and will open its doors to Gay Games participants and supporters during the Opening Ceremony party on 4 August 2016. Thousands of people will attend the soirée under the glass roof of the Grand Palais to celebrate the opening of the first Gay Games in France. An exceptional design team will transform this jewel of Parisian heritage into a unique night club for this special event.



[More information here.](#) Photo: Manuel Picaud, Jean-Paul Cluzel & Marjorie Lecointre © DR

Take part in the 2016 International Tournament of Paris...



Everything is ready to welcome you at the 13th edition of the International Tournament of Paris. That will be an opportunity to share our values of respect, acceptance and inclusion. The 2016 edition expects 2300 participants, offers two new sports: fencing and duathlon and opens at their new village at Carreau du Temple.

Please register [here](#).

[More information here](#)

Partnership agreement signed with French National Swimming Federation (FFN)

Francis Luyce, President of the French Federation of Swimming (FFN), has signed a partnership agreement with Paris 2018 on 11 February 2016.

The FFN confirmed their support for Gay Games 10 and have committed to organize the Gay Games 10 aquatics trials in 5 disciplines: swimming, synchronized swimming, diving, water polo, and open water swim, with support from Paris Aquatique.

[See interview with Jean-Paul de Oliveira, President of Paris Aquatique ici.](#)



Photo: Alain Périé, Manuel Picaud, Francis Luyce & Jean-Paul de Oliveira © FFN

Support

Paris 2018 welcomes new Honorary President

Paris 2018 is proud to announce our new Honorary President, Isabelle Lamour, who will share this honor with the very distinguished Pierre Bergé.

Isabelle Lamour was elected by unanimous consent during the Paris 2018 General assembly on 12 March 2016. Madame Lamour is President of the French Federation of Fencing (FFE) and the only woman president of a national sport federation in France. President Lamour and the FFE have committed to organizing the fencing event during Gay Games 10. The FFE headquarters is also the site of the Paris 2018 offices, which President Lamour has graciously made available.



Find all information about the General Assembly on 12 March 2016 [here](#).

Lilian Thuram, new Ambassador for Gay Games 10



Lilian Thuram, former international soccer player in 142 games for Team France has been named a Paris 2018 Ambassador. Mr. Thuram has a strong history of action in the fight against racism and discrimination. Mr. Thuram created the Foundation Lilian Thuram-Education Against Racism and is also an Ambassador for the 2016 Paris International Tournament.

Photo: Lilian Thuram & Isabelle Thézé, communication director © Franck Weens / Paris 2018

Paris 2018 Distinguished Supporters

Honorary Presidents:

Isabelle Lamour and Pierre Bergé

Patrons :

Laura Flessel, Jean-Paul Gaultier et Ryadh Sallem

Ambassadors

Christophe Beaugrand (Television Presenter)
Jean-Paul Cluzel (Honorary Finance Chair)
Ophélie David (Cross-country skier)
John M'Bumba (Boxer)
Emmeline Ndongue (Basketball player)
Maguy Nestoret-Ontanon (Track & Field athlete)
Gilles Rondy (Swimmer & specialist in Open Water Swim)
Lilian Thuram (former soccer star for Team France)

Support PARIS 2018: Why? How?

With nearly 50% of funding coming from individuals, the Gay Games are an exception among the major international sporting events. **Participation and commitment are at the heart of the event.**

Since their creation in 1982, the Gay Games have been open to everyone, an advocate of inclusion, acceptance and respect of differences. Even though the world has evolved since 1982, and even with victories that have been won, today there are still 77 countries in which homosexuality is illegal. In 11 of these countries, homosexuality is punishable by death.

Supporting PARIS 2018 is a way of sending out a message of inclusion and promoting equal rights for all.

How can you help PARIS 2018?

- Like us on [Facebook](#)
- [Follow us on Twitter @Parisgames2018](#)
- Become a [volunteer](#) with the organisation
- Become a [member](#) of the PARIS 2018 association
- Share [information](#) from PARIS 2018
- Participate in the event (registration opens on 13 May 2016)
- Make a [donation](#)

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