

International Frontrunners – Annual General Meeting

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1 – 2nd World Outgames* – Copenhagen 2009

- a variety of road and track/field runs, including “Run for Love” 5/10K, marathon, half-marathon, triathlon, hurdles, relays, sprints, track 5 000M/10 000M distances
- total run participants 1 955
 - runs developed with input from local organizers from Copenhagen FR and Seattle FR Track and Field

2 – 2nd Asia Pacific Outgames and 2nd North America Outgames – March, July 2011

- Wellington – intended 5K/10K combination road/off-road route
- Vancouver - intended 5K/10K road run in Vancouver; Alpine off-road marathon/half-marathon in Whistler

3 – IFR AGM – 2011

- Vancouver Frontrunners has offered to consider hosting IFR AGM for 2011

4 – PRIDE House – Vancouver 2010 Olympics/Paralympics

- informal space for Olympic athletes, coaches, friends, family, supporters, others to gather, network, meet other Olympians, obtain GLBT sports/Human Rights/culture information
- GLISA North America a founding sponsor and will assure availability and distribution of information related to GLISA member associations, teams, clubs

5 – Global North/Global South IFR/GLISA Initiative

- special project to build capacity in start-up or struggling clubs in “Global South” by partnering/mentoring each club with established “Global North” Club
- start-up clubs to receive IFR start-up CD, quality used equipment (shoes, tops,

- shorts/pants, caps), mentoring advice from northern club
- evaluation tool to be developed to determine impact/success of initiative
 - framework to be developed with IFR club rep's and GLISA International members for consideration by IFR Steering Committee

6 – IFR “Special Expertise” Network –

- IFR to identify select IFR member-club individuals who have demonstrated expertise and experience in developing and delivering specific types of running events
- each network of individuals would be available to provide advise to organizations requesting IFR expertise in developing and delivering such running events
- specific types of running events would include: **1** - track, **2** – 5K/10K road **3** – marathon/half-marathon; **4** – ultra-distance (50/100 miles/+); **5** -off-road; **6** – triathlon
- IFR to put out call for volunteers to share their expertise when requests for same are received; Steering Committee to select individuals for each Network based on their experience and background in each area and IFR “home” club in good standing

Respectfully submitted

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***Additional information from the 2nd World Outgames**

- more than 6 500+ registrants took part in one of the three program components: Sports, culture or human; registrants came from 98 different nations
- there were 34 sports disciplines and more than 18000 starts
- there were 303 different cultural activities (OutCities cultural activities, exhibitions, parties, etc)
- at the human rights conference there were 24 keynote speakers and 110 workshops
- the participants stayed in Copenhagen eight days, greater than the expected five days

- on top of the 6 500+ participants, there were more than 7 500 specific LGBT-tourists who came to Copenhagen because of the Outgames
- At the opening show there were more than 25 000 people attending (beside all the Outgames-participants and their friends, and lots, lots of Copenhageners)
- All together more than 200 000 people took part in the different Outgames cultural activities (the free cultural programs in the streets of the inner city, the parties, the exhibitions, the free sports workshops, the Run for Love and the closing event together with Copenhagen Pride)
- Financially the expectation is to come out either revenue-neutral or with a small surplus which will be turned over to the local LGBT-community