



## ONE QUADRENNIAL EVENT (1QE) IN 2018

Many members of the worldwide community have attended open discussions about 1QE since last July in Copenhagen, when FGG initiated the discussions on “The Future of LGBT Sport and Culture”, and again in Cologne after the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Participants of these two sessions discussed and agreed that 1QE as soon as possible was the common objective, with 3 components: Sports, Culture, and Human Rights.

With Board approval, the Co-Presidents (Emy Ritt and Kurt Dahl) continued the discussions with GLISA and planned a meeting for 5 March, 2010, in Manchester, UK, to speak with GLISA Co-Presidents. This meeting was planned following several discussions held by the four Co-Presidents. Since the FGG Board-approved joint meeting in Brussels in July, 2009, with one Co-President from each organization, the four Co-Presidents have been meeting frequently via teleconference and updating the Boards regularly.

The meeting in Manchester was the first time that all four Co-Presidents met in person, and followed several months of collaboration and discussions via telephone and email. As a result of these discussions regarding one quadrennial event, on 14 March, 2010, the FGG Board of Directors approved the following statement for public release:

*San Francisco – (17 March 2010)*

*The Federation of Gay Games board would like to issue these statements with joy and unanimous support from the board of directors.*

*Following a meeting of the Co-Presidents of the Federation of Gay Games and GLISA on 5 March 2010, in Manchester, UK, to discuss the future of worldwide LGBT sport and culture, the FGG Board affirms that one quadrennial event in 2018 is our goal.*

*Sports, Culture, and Human Rights will be components of the 2018 event, as they have been in the past. We see a number of steps needed to move in this direction. The FGG's priority is a successful Gay Games VIII, to which GLISA has been invited to participate. After Cologne, more discussions and collaboration are needed between the two organizations and the members and communities which we all represent.*

*A joint working group will be set up between the two organizations to continue the discussions required to carry out our intended goal of one quadrennial event in 2018.*

*We recognize that this is an important step to ensure that the legacy of global LGBT sports and culture continues to flourish.*

*With regard to the above statement, FGG Co-President Kurt Dahl (Chicago) expressed his gratitude to the Board of Directors of the FGG, who recognized the important progress accomplished in Manchester as part of the ongoing process of discussions held between the two organizations with input from our members and the wider community:*

*“We have heard the calls for a single quadrennial event and sought to achieve this goal to better serve our mission of promoting equality. We look forward to the first step in this new chapter, with the presence of GLISA at Gay Games VIII, which has received the enthusiastic support from our host organization, Games Cologne.”*

Approved by the FGG Board of Directors on 14 March 2010.

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