



### Upcoming Events

February 11, 2011:  
**Vienna Valentine – Vienna, Austria**

February 18, 2011:  
**QUAC Ski-n-Swim – Salt Lake City, UT, USA**

March 5, 2011:  
**4th Annual John O’Keefe Spring Splash – Miami, FL, USA**

March 12, 2011:  
**Orca’s Emerald City Meet – Seattle, WA, USA**

April 16, 2011:  
**All OUT Swim 2011– Toronto, ON, Canada**

April 29, 2011:  
**ACC Water Polo Tournament – Montreal, QC, Canada**

May 6, 2011:  
**11th Annual Tsunami de Mayo – San Francisco, CA, USA**

June 10, 2011:  
**Women’s Aquatic Meet, Manchester – Manchester, Greater Manchester, UK**

June 25, 2011:  
**GLLAM 2011 – Victoria, Greater London, UK**

July 6, 2011:  
**2011 IGLA Championships - Honolulu, HI, USA**



## IGLA is Ready to Erupt!

It starts with our next two IGLA Championships being held on the Hawaiian and Icelandic Islands, both know for some hot, smoken activity of the volcanic type. The new IGLA board is channeling this Island Fever attitude to make sure things stay HOT yet Cool for the foreseeable future.

Our entire IGLA Board for 2010-11 is truly committed to this Hot yet Cool mentality.

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## WAMM!

Women’s Aquatic Meet, Manchester – For lesbians, bisexual women, and female friends Manchester is to host the UK’s first ever lesbian and bisexual (LB) women’s swimming event, and only the second ever to be held in Europe, breaking exciting new boundaries in LGBT sport.

This groundbreaking event is the brainchild of a group of young lesbians who live in Manchester, who recognised the lack of provision for the needs of women within standard LGBT swim meets. **Continued on page 2.**



## FGG Call for Women

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## Gay & Out 2018 – 1 Quadrennial Event

By most accounts the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) and Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) are ready to kiss and make up – but it is not yet clear whether this reconciliation is going to be an “open relationship” or whether this result in a civil union of the two organisations.

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## IGLA 2011 Memberships

Come on in! The water’s GREAT!

By joining IGLA, your team will receive voting privileges at the 2011 IGLA general meeting in Honolulu, HI, USA, up-to-date IGLA membership directories, and IGLA information via the Internet or e-mail.

If your team has a website, we will also include a link to it from the IGLA website. Also included this year – we want to connect with your team via Facebook and Twitter. **Continued on page 3.**





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In order to stay Hot, IGLA has expanded its championship location beyond our traditional borders and for the first time we will be holding our aquatics crescendo on true destination Islands.

Hawaii does not have an IGLA host team, however the University of Hawaii aquatics coaches are working with our IGLA host West Hollywood Aquatics to make for an exciting and most professional aquatics competition in 2011. The fact that IGLA is holding our championships beyond our traditional borders gives our organization the ability to potentially expand, spread the word and show our organizations strength. The state of Hawaii is rolling out the red carpet for our event. The success of IGLA in Hawaii will bode well for IGLA as we look to partner and expand with so-called non traditional allies.

While it is true that there is something Cool to be in the likes of those who are face booking, my spacing and tweeting, rest assured IGLA is Cool too. Our IGLA web-site has been greatly improved, thanks to Jason Stone our web-wizard of cool.

The IGLA web-site will be our main vehicle of communication. Hot off the press you will see a resurgence of "WET-NOTES". This on-line version will provide added reason to visit our IGLA web-site and give members the

ability to contribute articles of interest.

Our renewed effort to expand our IGLA Face book Friends will keep IGLA at the forefront of cool conversations and hot topics.

Open water swimming seems to be one of the hot segments of aquatics these days. IGLA has been a long time supporter of these types of events. However, with the exception of our open water event at our IGLA championships there has not been strong promotional support of our other IGLA open water events. Swim for Life sponsored by the DCAC in the DC Area and the Provincetown Swim in Massachusetts USA, are two swims that are challenging, yet provide financial support for AIDS and associated programs. These programs and others like it will be hotly promoted by IGLA to our members.

It is with mixed emotion that we will be retiring our IGLA Banner. While it has served us well through the years, it is showing its age, therefore we will be introducing a very cool looking IGLA Banner that will make us feel a little hotter as we age gracefully along with it.

Finally, there is a lot of hot aquatic competition taking place around the globe. If there is a geographic location in this world that you have not taken the IGLA plunge, well check out the IGLA calendar of events. We are certain that you will find IGLA events Hot, Cool and always ready to Erupt!



## Women's Aquatic Meet, Manchester

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They have taken action, secured funding from the European Commission, and now are on the warpath to make this event huge.

Designed specifically with the needs of lesbian and bisexual women in mind, the competition is open to all lesbian and bisexual women and their female friends, of ALL abilities and ages. As Imogen Beazley, part of the team of organisers, explains:

"We are working to create a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Swimmers of course will be placed in heats with people of their own ability. We want to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and enjoys themselves as much as possible!"

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# Women's Aquatic Meet, Manchester

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However, most importantly, WAMM will not only stand as an international standard swimming meet, but also a key social event to bring together women from across Europe in friendship. Aimed at encouraging and strengthening the friendships and networks between LB swimmers and swimming clubs, it will include a welcome party featuring local lesbian artists, the swimming competition itself, a women-only celebration party afterwards, a relaxing Sunday brunch and a film show. It will take place over the weekend 10-12 June 2011.

Due to the funding secured from the European Commission through their Youth in Action programme, the organisers have managed to keep the price of registration very low to allow as many people as possible to experience this flagship event. "The aim is to open up the opportunity to women who would not normally be able to compete in such a competition, or have been put off LGBT competitions in the past by the fact that they are often predominantly attended by men", explained Hana Kubacova, from organizing team. However, WAMM is designed to be the first of many such LB events, extending into the future, thus changing the face of LB swimming, and opening up competitions to many more women.

More information can be found by visiting [www.wamm.org.uk](http://www.wamm.org.uk).



## FGG Call for Women

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Within the FGG, steps have been taken to promote the participation of women, including the creation of the positions of co-presidents. When the FGG changed its bylaws in 2006, a debate took place on reserving other positions for women, with as a result the creation of a position of Vice President for Diversity reserved for a woman. And at the 2010 Annual Meeting, the two Sports Officer board positions were assigned one to a man and the other to a woman.

At the FGG 2008 AM in Cape Town, a session on gender equity took place, leading to the FGG Gender Equity Policy ([gaymes.info/201101genderequity2](http://gaymes.info/201101genderequity2)). And as part of the Federation's commitment to greater involvement with

international groups and events, in May 2010, Kate Rowe, VP External Affairs, presented a paper on the challenges of gender equity in the Gay Games and the FGG at the 5th conference of the International Working Group on Women and Sport ([gaymes.info/201101gender](http://gaymes.info/201101gender)).

Today, the FGG faces a particular challenge, because the position of Vice President for Diversity is vacant. Women interested in promoting gender equity, and working on other programs, including issues of disabled athletes at the Gay Games, are encouraged to contact co-president Emy Ritt ([eritt@gaygames.org](mailto:eritt@gaygames.org)) for more information on the position.

## Renew Your Team's IGLA Membership

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Depending on the size of your team, up to four (4) representative names can be added to receive IGLA information. We strongly encourage you to submit email aliases (i.e. [president@swimteam.org](mailto:president@swimteam.org)) as opposed to individuals' email addresses. Your actual IGLA delegates may change between the time you submit your registration and the actual meeting.

Clubs may join according to their actual team size as specified in the table below or may opt to register as a smaller team with fewer organizational votes. However, the IGLA Board strongly encourages your team to register for a team size that corresponds with your actual team size.

We also encourage teams to register each discipline: swimming, water polo, diving and synchronized swimming. You will get extra votes and more recognition for each team.

Teams may join IGLA at any time during the year. IGLA's fiscal year coincides with the calendar year, but dues are not prorated through the year.

Any interested individual, team member, or club representative is invited to the 2010 Annual IGLA meeting. However, only those clubs that have paid their dues for 2010 may vote at IGLA meetings.

Team Size	Representative Votes	Annual Dues
<b>Individual Membership</b>	0	US \$15.00
<b>Small (1-5)</b>	1	US \$30.00
<b>Medium (6-24)</b>	2	US \$ 60.00
<b>Large (25-49)</b>	3	US \$ 125.00
<b>Very Large (50 or More)</b>	4	US \$ 250.00



# Gay & Out 2018 – 1 Quadrennial Event

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The original split of the LGBT sports community took place leading up to 2006. Originally, Gay Games VII was supposed to

be hosted in Montreal in 2006, but the FGG removed its sanction after it and Montreal 2006 were unable to agree on contract terms. The official Gay Games for 2006 were awarded to Chicago. Montreal 2006 announced its intentions to continue organizing the games without the sanction of the FGG. This decision resulted in the first edition of the World Outgames, sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association. That year many LGBT athletes faced back to back major international sports competitions.

In 2009 the World OutGames were held in Copenhagen, Denmark. IGLA sanctioned the aquatics events as the IGLA Championships. In 2010 the Gay Games were held in Cologne, Germany (there are no IGLA Championships in years when there is a Gay Games). Some sports organizations and teams have had to elect between one event or the other. Coming up, the next World OutGames will be held in Antwerp, Belgium in 2013 and in 2014 the Gay Games IX will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. Responding to membership concerns, a number of organizations, including IGLA and The European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF) have come out in support of FGG and GLISA's efforts to have one Quadrennial Event 2018.

FGG Co-President Kurt Dahl (Chicago) stated: "The international community has asked all parties to work toward a single quadrennial event. With GLISA, we established a 1QE 2018 Working Group to assist us in reaching this objective. We know the task at hand is difficult, but we are confident that this group can create what the community wants us to create: a single event in 2018".

Wessel van Kampen, GLISA International Vice-Chair stated: "The timeline for our organisations is tight, but realistic. We also know that we need to keep the end result in mind: this is the first of a series of quadrennial global events that will unite our community – in 2018 and beyond!"

The FGG members of the 1QE Working Group were selected by FGG after extensive consultation with the worldwide LGBT community. FGG representatives were elected by the full FGG General Assembly from a group of 24 applicants.

Emy Ritt, FGG Co-President observed: "Members of this working group come from various parts of the world, reflecting the global focus we all want to see in 2018. The event will be comprised of Sport, Culture and Human Rights, and will reflect our combined legacies and best practices."

Julia Applegate, GLISA International Chair: "A key goal of this group is to define the content of this event. Based on the skill sets, background, knowledge and expertise of the Working Group, I am very confident this group will succeed in creating a very inspiring RFP document (Request for Proposal) on which the new event will be based".

The 1QE Working Group is reportedly working under the direction of both the FGG and GLISA boards and are required to provide status and progress reports to the FGG and GLISA Boards and membership, as well as to the community and interested partners.

The following FGG representatives to the 1QE 2018 Working Group were elected by the full FGG General Assembly:

- Emy Ritt – Paris, France
- Kurt Dahl – Chicago, USA
- Paul Oostenbrug – Chicago, USA
- Martyn Pickup – Berlin, Germany
- Leigh-Ann Naidoo – Cape Town, South Africa
- Kelly Stevens – Seattle, USA
- Jon Baldan – Sydney, Australia

The following people will represent GLISA in the 1QE 2018 Working Group:

- Julia Applegate – Columbus, USA
- Wessel van Kampen – Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Lin McDevitt-Pugh – Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- Thomas K Dolan – Vancouver, Canada
- Sumit Baugh – New Delhi, India
- Kevin Haunui – Wellington, New Zealand
- Gloria Careaga – Mexico City, Mexico

The first meeting of the 1QE Working Group was scheduled to be held on January 9, 2011.

