Dear friends,

We are writing to give you further information about ILGA-Europe’s 2013 conference being held in Zagreb. The theme “Family Matters! Reaching out to hearts and minds” has been chosen on the background of the numerous family related discussions that have taken place in Europe over the past year and the very mixed picture when it comes to realities in different states. A crucial message that ILGA-Europe wishes to convey is that family is not just a conceptual debate for LGBTI people, but rather a debate around real and lived experiences. In this context, it is essential that ILGA-Europe not only looks at legal and political arguments, but also closely looks at how hearts and minds of people can be won. The conference will look at how the community can contribute to educate the wider audience.

This mailing includes the following final documentation:

- This cover letter
- Final agenda of the Annual General Meeting
- Proposals from the board and from UNISON
- The proposed Strategic Plan for 2014-2018
- Guide to elections
- Details of elections and nominations for ILGA-Europe Board
- Information from OLKE to host the 2015 conference
- Report on the Executive Board’s activities (will be sent shortly)
- Report on finances and budget for 2013/14, including the audited accounts 2012
- Report from European representatives to the ILGA board
- Delegation and proxy form
- Conference preliminary programme

Elections at the conference
See the attached document: Elections at the conference.
Selection of future conference host
This year’s conference will decide on the host for the 2015 annual ILGA-Europe conference. There is only one candidate: OLKE (Athens, Greece).

Streamlining of conference mailing process - important notice!
As in previous years we are again streamlining the conference mailing process: for each of the three mailings, you will receive a notification that the relevant conference information is available at the ILGA-Europe website. All documents will be available at all times on our website at www.ilga-europe.org/conference.

Practical information
Materials from your organisation – virtual space on the ILGA-Europe website:
On the conference section on the ILGA-Europe website, we have reserved a space for participants to share their materials. You can either easily upload your materials directly here: http://www.ilga-europe.org/home/get_involved/your_space or send files of your publications, leaflets, links etc. to Nanna Moe, Communications Officer (nanna@ilga-europe.org), and she will make sure to make it available as soon as possible.

Material at the conference – Communications room:
ILGA-Europe will make sure that there is a room for displaying materials. We strongly encourage you not to bring too much, and also bring materials not only in your native languages (English preferred). If you would like to send the materials to Zagreb, then contact Nanna Moe, Communications Officer (nanna@ilga-europe.org) for more details.

We are looking forward to meeting you all in Zagreb and wish for a fruitful conference to all of us.

Yours sincerely,

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Co-Chairs of the ILGA-Europe Board

All procedural documents for conference are available at www.ilga-europe.org/conference