



The Newsletter of
**The International Association of
 Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists**

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IAGLMA SPRING SEASON 2007

Gay Games VIII Cologne Germany: “Be Part of it”

That’s the slogan for the Gay Games VIII Cologne in the summer of 2010. Only 42 months to go. That leaves just enough time to learn to speak German, pay off a car, get married, get divorced, get remarried and still have time to earn a black belt degree. This Gay Games, as with the previous games, is what you make it. Whether you’re a last minute participant or a well organized goal setting planner who will use Cologne as motivator, the message is still the same, “Be part of it”.

IAGLMA will “be part of it” in 2010. Like the Gay Games, IAGLMA is what we make it. After all IAGLMA is made up of you, the Martial Arts community of LGTB & friends. We are asking you for your input and to participate in the future of IAGLMA.

- Write about you’re self, your style, your club or organization and let others know more about you.
- Let us know about any Martial Arts LGBT friendly events, past or present, with pictures.
- Attend some of the IAGLMA listed events; TIP 2007, IAGLMA Dallas Conference 2007, TMAA Matthew Sheppard Memorial 2007.
- Sponsor your own event. We’re happy to list your event.

IAGLMA Board Elections Notice 2007

IAGLMA has completed the Board Election for the term 2007-08. All of the eight people who ran were confirmed to hold a seat on the IAGLMA Board of Directors. IAGLMA continues to seek candidates for its 4 remaining board seats. Teresa Galetti and Darl Shaaff are to remain Co-presidents, Andy Maguire will remain as treasurer and Sandy Mackay is the new Secretary. We want to welcome the newest board member ,Adelina Santiago. Adelina has been a long time IAGLMA member and volunteer.

Term 2007-08 IAGLMA Board of Directors:

Teresa Galetti	Sandy Mackay
John Heine	Adelina Santiago
Andy Maguire	Darl Schaaff
Jeff McKissack	Kathleen Webster

-IAGLMA Board

**Memoriam Günther Fischlmaier
 31st December 1967 to 25th January 2007**

We are very sad to inform you that Günther Fischlmaier, aged only 39, has passed away. Günther has suffered from cancer for more than 1 1/2 years, has been fighting and hoping but at the end not been able to succeed against his tragic fate.

Günther Fischlmaier may not be personally known to all of you, but he was as boardmember of EuroGames 2004 in Munich responsible for all participants' matters and IT. He was the one who made hospitality at EuroGames Munich for more than 5.000 participants his very personal task. He was the one to create a tremendous outreach scholarship programme for more than 100 recipients. Günther was very proud to present our final results with a 10.000 Euro-donation for the EGLSF outreach programme.



Gunther was a martial artist who competed in Gay Games VI Sydney and worked with Bushido Munich to include all styles martial arts in EuroGames 2004.

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IAGLMA Martial Arts Event 12th- 14th October 2007

Dallas, Texas National Conference 2007

Event: Film premier, seminars/workshops and mini-tournament sponsored by Club NIN, Dallas

Plans are proceeding for our National Conference in Dallas, Texas this October 12-14 hosted by Club NIN. Friday night's film premier of "The Sensei" is already drawing much local interest with groups such as PFLAG, HRC, YouthFirst Texas and the local GLBT press. We are especially excited that the film's writer, director and star, Diana Lee Inosanto (god-daughter of legend, Bruce Lee) will be in attendance for the weekend along with her husband, Ron Balicki, who also has several movie and TV credits to his name. Instinct Magazine has also shown an interest in covering this unique weekend for a feature story. We are also pleased to announce a special room discount for IAGLMA members flying in for the weekend at the Warwick

Melrose, just across the street from our weekend venue at Club NIN, as well as a short block walk away from the GLBT business and club district of Dallas. Those flying into Love Field will have a short 5-minute drive from the airport to the hotel, and those flying into DFW airport maybe a 30-minute drive.

But once at the Warwick Melrose, practically the entire weekend's activities are a block or two walk away, including area shopping, restaurants, etc. Look for a great weekend October 12-14 with more details to follow.

Tournoi International de Paris 2007



In conjunction with Pink Power and IGLA 2007, the Tournoi International de Paris 2007 will host 19 sporting events including Martial Arts. Niji Kan will hold a forms tournament and several martial arts seminars. TIP 2007 is from 23rd May to 28th.

It's not too late to register for the Paris International Tournament 2007 but registration will close 30th April 2007.



Registration will close on 30 April 2007.

Saturday, 26 May 2007

- Saturday 9 am : Men's & Women's Katas Tournament
- Saturday pm : Martial Arts workshop

Sunday, 27 May 2007

- Sunday 10 am : Martial Arts workshop (continued).

Competition rules :

IAGLMA's rules and referees, www.iaglma.org

For details visit <http://www.fsgl.org> and the TIP website <http://www.paris-tournament.org>,



Dallas, Texas National Conference 2007

Event: Film premier, seminars/workshops and mini-tournament sponsored by Club NIN, Dallas

Date: Friday, October 12, 2007 to Sunday, October 14, 2007

Location: Dallas, Texas.

Friday October 12: Meet & Greet until 7pm; Movie Premier "The Sensei" 8pm

<http://www.thesenseimovie.com>

Saturday: Workshops and Seminars with guest instructors

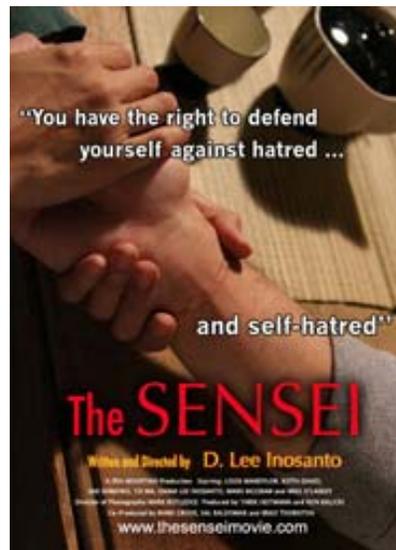
Diana Lee Inosanto and Ron Balicki

Sunday: Mini-tournament (ranks to be determined)

Competition Rules:

IAGLMA's rules and referees

<http://www.iaglma.org/rules.html> (see "Official Rules" in the navigation bar to the left)



Jeff McKissack
IAGLMA Board Member
Club NIN, Dallas



Triangle Martial Arts Association to host Matthew Shepard Memorial Sept. 2007

The Triangle Martial Arts Association is launching a Matthew Shepard Memorial Day appeal and has asked IAGLMA to support it. They will send a letter and e-mail appeal to all United States Governors asking them to recognize October 12th as Matthew Shepard Memorial Day. The letter encourages them to reinforce the idea that disagreement and lack of empathy should NEVER lead to violence, aggression, or murder and encourages discussion, debate, and learning skills to avoid violent reactions, especially in our schools and colleges.

In San Francisco, they are planning different events every evening from Tuesday September 16, 2007 through Saturday September 20th. The Sensei movie will be part of this on Friday evening. They're also planning to host a self-defense seminar for the community, a reading or performance of the Laramie Project and a debate through the Commonwealth Club of California which will likely be covered on National Public Radio.

The Triangle Martial Arts Association has adjusted the proposed date of the Matthew Shepard Memorial movie event in San Francisco to Friday September 19th, to allow anyone from TMAA who wishes to travel to Dallas for the IAGLMA event and are encouraging all of their instructors and students to make the trip to the Dallas Conference. More details on the Matthew Shepard Memorial Day will listed at <http://www.trianglemaa.org>.



www.MatthewShepardFoundation.org

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After EuroGames 2004 Günther was still very committed to the LGBT community in Munich, full of ideas, plans and energy.

Günther was a tough, extraordinary committed and at the same time friendly and charming young man. Born in Kufstein, Austria, he found his way to the LGBT sport community through Martial Arts. From summer 2005 on he knew the diagnosis of a tumor. Even when he lost his right leg he didn't give up hoping for his future in health.

All his many friends lament him. His death is a big loss for us, personally and for the LGBT community in Munich and throughout Europe.

Dear all, as a LGBT community we are some kind of a family. When we are losing one of our family members we should never end remembering the memories, friendship, warmth and love we shared with each other.

*Annette Wolff & Beppo Brem
Board EuroGames 2004 Munich*

IAGLMA is a Director Organization of the Federation of Gay Games



CALENDAR of Events

PINK POWER—Paris International Tournament 2007

Kata competition and workshops
hosted by Niji Kan Karate DO.

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007 to Sunday, May 27, 2007
www.paris-tournament.org

IAGLMA Martial Arts Conference October 2007

Hosted by Club NIN in Dallas, Texas
www.ClubNIN.com

Summer Triangle Games

Hosted by Triangle Martial Arts Association in San Francisco June 2007
www.TriangleMAA.org / info@TriangleMMA.org

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