

TransScribe Newsletter - No 1 – 2007



PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS NEWSLETTER TO ALL TRANSPLANTED ATHLETES IN YOUR COUNTRY.

We have had a very busy start to 2007 and hope that all our activities will continue to be successful... Many thanks for all the encouragement we receive from you.

16th World Transplant Games 2007

Thailand 2007, 25th August – 2nd September –

The WTGF Council visited Bangkok recently and are happy to report that all plans are making good progress. The upgraded website for the Games www.16thworldtransplantgame.com should be easier to access now.

For your information –

- The Hotels in Bangkok will be allocated by the LOC and you will be informed once you have registered your team.
- We remind all countries that only paid members of WTGF will be accepted for registration – this does not apply to those countries competing for the first time.
- We would remind you that if you need to apply for Visas from your own country to visit Thailand, this should be done as a matter of urgency. WTGF office is willing to provide Letters of Invitation for the Games if required.
- There will be some new initiatives in Bangkok for Team Managers and details will be circulated nearer the time.
- Welcome Reception – we plan to invite Team Managers and Country Representatives again to meet the WTGF on the Monday of Games week. Invitations will be sent to you.
- WTGF Workshop – as a follow up from Canada we are arranging a Fundraising Workshop which aims to give some advice and ideas to our member countries who are less experienced in this area. You will be given the time and date for this soon.

6th Winter World Transplant Games 2008

Rovaniemi, Finland, 26th – 31st March – Olivier Coustere and Jukka Nurmi will visit the venue in March this year and details of the registration will be circulated soon after that visit. Please remember that the Nicholas Cup will be an integral part of the Winter World Transplant Games for the first time in 2008.

Website: www.elinsiirtourheilu.fi/rovaniemi_2008

Events 2007

Details of all National events can be put on the WTGF website and in the TransWorld Journal – please send all information to wtgf@wtgf.org

TransWorld Journal and 20th Anniversary of WTGF

- Next edition: July 2007. The 20th Anniversary edition – WTGF – the official Federation was formed at Innsbruck in 1987 and we are intending to celebrate this 20th Birthday in 2007 – if you have any photos, memorabilia or stories to contribute to this celebration, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **WE NEED A SLOGAN FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY – ANY IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS? There will be a reward for the best....**

New Website

We will let you know when the new site is ready to be launched.

World Transplant Games 2009

Olivier Coustere and Gary Green will visit Australia in June 2007 to inspect the venue for the 2009 World Transplant Games in Gold Coast Australia.

Bids for Future Games

Currently several countries have expressed an interest in bidding for the 2011 **Summer Games**. We would also be interested to hear from any countries wishing to bid for the 2010 **Winter Games**. Please note that formal Bids for the 2011 Summer Games have to be presented in writing to the WTGF Council by the end of June in order to be presented at the 1st Council meeting in Bangkok in August.

Anyone wishing to have a copy of the Protocols for staging a World Transplant Games can apply to the office on wtgf@wtgf.org

ELECTIONS 2007

Nominations for the Council will be circulated to Country Representatives in May – the names of your candidates should be returned to the WTGF within 1 month after that. We would be delighted to see nominations from new member countries – particularly in Africa, South America and Asia – WTGF thrives on the international mix of ideas and cultures.

Please give this matter your serious consideration.

President's diary 2007

KDIGO

Our President Olivier Coustere is delighted to announce that he has been invited to the board of directors of Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes. This is a great honour and for those that are interested their website is www.kdigo.org

Sport and Transplantation Conference, Leuven, Belgium, June 28th 2007

Olivier Coustere has been invited to speak at this conference and will be joined by many excellent speakers including Chris Klug, Olympic snowboarder from the USA who is a liver transplant.

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