

TransScribe Newsletter - No 1 - Spring 2008



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

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter TransScribe - this will be posted on the WTGF website and we remind you all to advertise it and distribute it to your members.

We hope you have had a good start to 2008 and that many of our members are now preparing for their own national events.

Please use your own country webpage on the WTGF website to post all your information and let WTGF know if you wish us to advertise any event for you.

6th Winter World Transplant Games - Rovaniemi 2008

A fun event with lots of snow, lots of friendships made and a great introduction to skiing for our transplanted children who took part in the Nicholas Cup

It was great to meet Santa Claus in his home town and we thank all the team at the LOC for the hard work which they did to make these Games a success. Lots of photos on the WTGF website www.wtgf.org

17th World Transplant Games 2009

The WTGF Council will travel to Gold Coast in the first week of June for the Inter-Games Council meetings and site visit of the venues for 2009. We hope that the 2009 Games website will be launched during the visit. All countries will be notified.

www.worldtransplantgames09.com

2011 Bids for Summer Games

To date the President and General Secretary have visited 2 of the bidding countries and the 3rd country will be visited during May. The Council will then discuss the bids in detail and the successful bidder will be announced after the Inter Games Council meetings in June 2008 - each bidding country is invited to present an updated bid to the Council at that time.

2010 Bids for Winter Games

We have currently news of one country that is interested in staging the Winter Games in 2010 but would welcome interest from others. Any serious interest should be expressed in writing to the WTGF office before 20th May 2008.

Events 2008 - Around the World

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 - visit www.wtgf.org for links.

1 st - 4 th May	Germany	German National Games, Marktoberdorf, Germany www.transdia.de/Home/Meisterschaften/DM/2008/Allgemeine_Informationen.php
13 th - 15 th June	Ireland	National Transplant and Dialysis Games - www.ika.ie
21 st - 26 th June	EHLT 2	European Heart & Lung Transplant Games 2008, Vichy, France www.ehltf.info

11 th - 16 th July	USA	US Transplant Games, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA www.transplantgames.org
7 th - 10 th August	UK	British Transplant Games, Sheffield, UK http://www.transplantsport.org.uk/
31st Aug - 7th Sept	ETDG 2008	European Transplant and Dialysis Games, Wurzburg, Germany www.etdg2008.com
13 - 20 Sept	Croatia	Croatian National Transplant Games, Rovign, Croatia
4 th - 11 th October	Australia	11th Australian Transplant Games, Perth, Western Australia www.transplant.org.au/
November 8-13th 2008	Iran	The second Asian Transplant Games, Tehran, Iran
17 th - 20 th Nov	MESOT 2008	11th Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplantation, Shiraz, Iran

WTGF Website

Launched in Bangkok in August 2007 - www.wtgf.org offers a whole new look and image for WTGF - full of information, reports, photos and member country news - it is completely current and always up to date. Each member country has its own page - currently x countries have taken advantage of this and have put their news and photos on our site. Training and support are available from WTGF office if you are not confident - please contact wtgf@wtgf.org for instructions on how to get started. We would like all our members to have at least a link to their own sites on their country pages.

Forum discussion - for those countries who have already their codes to enter our website, please go to the Forum page - if you have any issues that you wish to be put forward for discussion, please inform the WTGF office and we can start the ball rolling around our member countries. This is the best forum for official discussion rather than individual messages sent at random.

Reminder re New Marketing Materials

We have placed some material on the new website which will help our members to approach sponsors in their own countries - go to www.wtgf.org - Publications and Resources (left hand side) - Marketing Materials - you will find fact sheets to download and a power point presentation for use when making speeches, presenting to sponsors, talking to medical clinics etc. We are trying to help you to help yourselves.

Insurance for participants at World Games

WTGF has negotiated with a major multi-national insurer to have a repatriation policy to cover all those registering for future Games - the cost of the policy will be added to the registration cost for the Games and it will insure all participants for accidents and medical issues which may occur during the Games. Full details will be provided.

President's diary 2008

- 2011 bidding countries - visits to Northern Ireland and Sweden, Feb 2008 - visit to Denmark, May 2008
- 2nd - 6th - Visit to Gold Coast Australia for Inter Games Council meetings, site visit and official launch of 2009 Games
- 10th June - Visit to IOC Lausanne, Medical and Scientific Department
- 14th - 18th August - World Transplantation Society, Sydney, Australia
- 17th November - MESOT 2008, Shiras, Iran
- 3rd - 6th November : 12th World Sport for all Congress

New Office address for WTGF

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