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Support from Swedish Development Assistance Agency's Baltic Sea Unit:

Baltic –Nordic Gathering at Gothenburg Book Fair

Gothenburg – Nordic-Baltic rainbow co-operation, building a lasting network to help boost participation in each other's events, strengthening the use of rainbow culture in the battles against homophobia and silence — these are some of the aims at the coming Nordic-Baltic meeting at the giant Gothenburg Book Fair September 27-30 – the biggest annual cultural event in the Nordic region.

Aside manning an information booth and stage presentations at the fair, the Nordic Rainbow Council is also organizing a series of seminars at the near-by Museum of World Culture in this west coast Swedish port city to put a spotlight on the gains made by activists and Pride organizers in the Baltic region – and the continued refusal of the authorities to remove the ban on public rainbow demonstrations in Vilnius – despite Lithuania's membership in the *(continued on page 4)*



Tallinn Pride 2007

1st ILGCN world cultural conference stage in the United States: Minnesota 2008

Plans Rolling for Historic ILGCN Conference in USA

Minneapolis/St. Paul — The Tretter Collection in GLBT Studies and the University of Minnesota Libraries are pleased to announce that the Stage 3 ILGCN world cultural conference will be held at Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis on September 19, 20, and 21, 2008.

Now is an excellent time to begin planning to attend the conference, as there is still time to financially plan for your trip and to get your visas. September is a wonderful time to visit Minnesota *(cont. Page 3)*

Art, Cabarets, Guests from Canada, Italy, Romania

Culture, Award Ceremonies at 10th Stockholm 'Moonbow'

Stockholm – Along with seminars, art exhibits and performances at the 10th Moonbow International Cultural Festival in the Swedish capital, Tupilak's 2007 "Sowelu award" was given posthumously to the late American-born activist, Rita Creighton (killed in a motor cycle accident on her way to a women's rally in Germany) – in honor of her energetic contributions to the Swedish *(cont. on page 3)*



Gallery discussions by Italian Michele Tancredi painting (photo by Peter Fröberg)



Rita Creighton



Report from new ILGCN secretariat in Riga:

Future Plans for Film Festival Secretariat



1). Seminar on homosexuality and war in the cinematography of former Yugoslavia.

It would be an extended version of the seminar already held in Riga on 4 May this year. Our speaker was Alma Telibecirevic, postproducer of *Go West* (Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2005). The main objective of the seminar is to shed light on the conditions of LGBT people both during the Balkan Wars of the 1990-ies and in the post-war societies of the former Yugoslavia.

Apart from Alma, we could involve Dalibor Matanic, the director of *Fine Dead Girls* (Fine mrtve djevojke, Croatia, 2003) and possibly Zelimir Zilnik, the director of *Marble Ass* (Dupe od marmora, Serbia, 1995). The seminar would be interactive with several clips shown to the audience followed by a discussion after each.

However, the final format is still to be finalised. The seminar could be held at the Svenska Filminstitutet. All the three films could be shown prior to the seminar at Cinemateket.



Andrejs Visockis at the ILGCN conference in Vilnius

2). LGBT film festival in Vilnius.

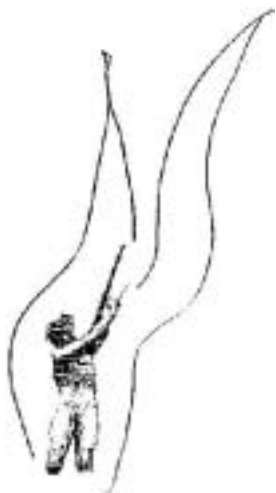
As a result of the conference in Vilnius in May this year, the Lithuanian Gay League is interested in staging the first LGBT film festival in the Lithuanian capital. The exact times are to be confirmed, but an interested venue has been found and there are several ideas on how to raise the money. I would be providing logistical support (film copies, copyrights, contacts with filmmakers, distributors, cultural institutions).

3). QueerFest in Sarajevo.

In July this year I have met with representatives of the two LGBT organisations in Bosnia-Herzegovina - Organisation Q and Logos. Both of them are planning to stage the first QueerFest in Sarajevo including a film festival. I will try to help with logistical support just like in Vilnius, albeit on a smaller scale as they also have local Balkan networks to turn to. Still, I can help them with films that haven't reached the Balkan area.

It is also my ambition to create a package of both fiction films and documentaries that we would have the right to show in connection with different LGBT events in Central and Eastern Europe.

— Andrejs Visockis, Riga



ILGCN Annual Awards: (Proposals welcomed at all Secretariats)

Rainbow Iceberg — (international work)

Orfeo Iris (research in Nazi 6 neo nazi persecution of homosexuals)

Grizzly Bear (work in ferocious homophobic situations)

Orfeo Musica (international musical co-operation)

Sappho in Paradise (libraries, publishing)

Arco Nordica (Nordic co-operation)





Moonbow in Stockholm...

(from page 1) rainbow cultural scene, support for international solidarity and her years-long Stockholm Gay Radio program, "Leaping Lesbians." The award is shared with Danish art photographer and lesbian artist web site (Feminine Moments) creator, Birthe Havmøller – ILGCN cultural ambassador/ co-ordinator for Denmark.



Prize winners Michael Gfroerer, Gudrun Engberg. 2006 winners



Birthe Havmøller

At one of the this year's Moon-bow festival cabarets in Stockholm, the of the ILGCN 'Orfeo Musica' award Swedish singer Gudrun Engberg and Canadian musician/ composer, Michael Gfroerer, also received diplomas as well as performing. Michael was present at the Musik Valvet theater in the medieval Old Town island to perform in person — thanks to the support of his Canadian trade union, CUPE. He was accompanied by Canadian singer, Douglas Rice, flying in for the event from his home in Germany.

Another ILGCN performer at the cabaret ceremony was Carlo Beltrami, ambassador for Italy, as well as Swedish musicians and singers Elise Ria Borderline, Jan Hammarlund and Peter Fröberg.

Rainbow Co-operation between Romania, Sweden and the ILGCN

At Moonbow 2007 seminars, delegates from Romania – present thanks to support from the Romanian Cultural Institute in Stockholm – discussed the recent years rainbow struggles and gains made in their country, as well as plans for a future Swedish-Romanian Rainbow Cultural Festival in Stockholm and a coming ILGCN world cultural conference stage in Bucharest.

Plans for ILGCN Conference in USA...

.... (from page 1) as the weather is cool and you will be able to see how beautiful this part of the world is as the leaves on the trees begin to change and Minnesota presents you with the splendors of our multicolored autumn.

If you would like to make a presentation let us know and we will schedule you, but please specify if you need any specific help such as audio visual equipment or a sound system. We will need advanced notice if your materials run on the European format (PALS for example) to provide you with the correct venue for your presentation. The conference language will be English, as with all ILGCN Conferences, but if you provide us with advanced notice we can try to find translation assistance during the times of the conference.

For additional questions, comments, or concerns our contact information is listed below or you can contact the ILGCN Secretariat, Bill Schiller in Stockholm, Sweden at bill@tupilak.se . Throughout the conference the Tretter Collection will also be providing conference attendees with tours of our Collection and facilities Please plan on joining us for one of the most exciting GLBT cultural conferences ever.



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Tupilak & ILGCN Travelling Art & Photos... on the way to the

8th Tribade Night & Day Festival in Helsinki, Finland September 10-16, 2007



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ILGCN World Cultural Conferences

Toronto “Iranians in Exile,” Canada — autumn, 2007

Bucharest, Romania — June, 2008 (to be confirmed)

Helsinki, Finland — September, 2008

Minneapolis/St. Paul, USA — September, 2008



Baltic/Nordic Gathering at Gothenberg Fair...

(continued from page 1) ... **European Union. Delegates are coming from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden and Norway.**



Also part of the event – supported by the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency’s Baltic Sea Unit located in Visby on the Baltic island of Gotland — are musical performances and poetry – and art work of the travelling rainbow art exhibit of Tupilak (Nordic rainbow cultural workers) and the ILGCN (International Lesbian & Gay Cultural Network).



Another seminar will discuss the work of the ILGCN-prize winning Swedish Pol-Baltic Network – and another discuss bridge-building between the Baltic and Nordic region with Russia and Belarus, the last dictatorship in Eastern Europe, because of the shared geographic borders with the Eastern Baltic nations.

Another supporter, Nordic Rainbow Humanists, will host a seminar on boosting Nordic co-operation and confronting the fierce homophobic attitudes of religious institutions of all denominations – especially in the eastern Baltic neighbors as well as in Russia and Belarus.

Other aims will be to promote rainbow cultural events throughout the year rather than just once and to choose the dates and sites of coming Nordic-Baltic sessions — such as part of future Pride or other rainbow events



ILGCN Secretariat participation in the Stockholm Pride contingent “Marching for those Who Can’t” – with a placard denouncing homophobia in Belarus, Russia, Lithuania and Zimbabwe. (Photo: Sergio Flores)

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