



# **European Same-Sex Dance Association (ESSDA)**

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To the members of ESSDA

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## **Annual Board Report 2008/2009 of the Female Co-President for the Annual General Meeting 29 July 2009 at Copenhagen**

Dear members of ESSDA!

I knew that Jacky Logan has prepared a complete report about the most important issues that the board took care of in the last twelve months. So I confine myself to the matters in which I personally was involved in the period under review.

Many of ESSDA's activities still were of administrative matter. In special and beside that we achieved the following:

- The establishment of a well operating board communication with the possibility of making decisions by e-mail. At present, the results of those board decisions are collected by me.
- ESSDA joined the important LGBT sport associations European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation (EGLSF), Federation of GayGames (FGG) and Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) which means that ESSDA now can send delegates and has voting rights in those organisations. At present the membership fee to those associations is raised by single board members and should be covered by ESSDA in future.

For the FGG, at present, I am ESSDA's contact person. We are an "Associate Member" and can send one delegate with one vote to the Annual Meeting (next AM: 27.09.-02.10.2009 at Cologne).

- The communication with the ESSDA members by e-mail ensured our general Secretary Jacky Logan.
- All information which is sent around is also published on our website. As one of ESSDA's webmasters I am responsible for that. I care for the news site, the competition calendar and the competition results. Frank Morche is responsible for the ESSDA-Forum which is used as discussion platform for our members and friends of same-sex dancing.

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## European Same-Sex Dance Association (ESSDA)

- ESSDA was represented by its board members during different official occasions as there are:
  - on last Sunday at the reception in the city hall by the Copenhagen mayor for Culture and Leisure Administration (Dörte and Vernon),
  - on Monday during the conference of FGG and GLISA "The future of LGBT sports & Culture" (Dörte and Ralf).

Concerning this topic "GayGames/Outgames" I ask for your statements so that we can represent your wishes in the further development of the discussion. The follow-up conference will be the Annual Meeting of the FGG in the end of September/beginning of October 2009 at Cologne. Everybody who is interested has access to this meeting after registration. ESSDA can send one delegate with the right to vote as mentioned above.

Written comments and feedback to the "One Games-Campaign" can be posted at <http://lgbtsportsfuture.wordpress.com/>

- Besides my activities for ESSDA I am the sports director in the board of the German Same-Sex Dance Association DVET (Deutscher Verband für Equality-Tanzsport). Together with Niels Menge and Thorsten Reulen (both in the DVET sports committee of DVET) we try to ensure that the aims of ESSDA are respected on the German national level.
- The different committees with special tasks started their work (Rules and Guidelines, Championships, PR and Marketing, Bylaws). The Bylaws committee now has finalized its work and presents you the finalized version of the Bylaws.

From today on a new board works for ESSDA. (details about the election procedure can be found in the email to all ESSDA members, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009, see news on [www.essda.eu](http://www.essda.eu)).

I cordially thank the departing Board members for their excellent and constructive cooperation. Particularly Jacky Logan as our General Secretary has had most the work, took care for all of us and reminded us to do our work correctly and in time. She kept in touch with our members. I hope that both, Ralf Schiller and Jacky Logan will furthermore suit us aside with their knowledge, their competence and their contacts to the same-sex dance scene!

Copenhagen, Wednesday, 29 July 2009

ESSDA's Female Co-President 2008/2009

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