

Press release

The International Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Founding Assembly

Montréal, 17 October 2006 – The International Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (IGLCC) Founding Assembly took place, in Hamburg, Germany, in presence of the 9 following founding countries: Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Mexico, Switzerland and the USA. The Board of members has been voted and it was decided that IGLCC will start its activities as soon as the beginning of 2007.

Moreover, as it has been agreed upon last summer, the IGLCC headquarters will be established in Montreal. Montréal has been chosen for its international vocation, its safe and politically-neutral location, in addition to being symbol of the kind of openness all LGBT communities aspire to.

M. Pascal Lépine, Quebec Gay Chamber of Commerce President, leader of the project, was delighted and proclaimed: « I am fully satisfied with our today discussion since, after two years of hard work, we reached an agreement which respects everyone's project. »

The International Gay and Lesbian Business Organization is an international non-profit organization specifically which represents the LGBT business community worldwide.

Finally, IBM has announced that it became the first corporate partner.

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