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2007 IGLTA Convention in Montreal, May 17-20: Special Rates for Freelance Travel Writers

Fort Lauderdale, February 21, 2007 -- May 17th through the 20th the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association will be holding its 24th international annual convention in Montreal at the Hyatt Regency. Previous conventions have been held in locales such as Washington, D.C., Manchester, UK; Cologne, Germany; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Independent travel writers are extended a special discounted registration fee. When registering on the IGLTA website, indicate your status as an independent travel writer and be eligible for a \$50USD registration fee, which includes meals, receptions and all general sessions. (If you currently are on staff and your publisher does not allow you to accept discounted rates to events, contact IGLTA about the full rate for registration.)

At each year's convention, IGLTA offers industry leaders as keynote speakers, informative workshops and excellent networking opportunities. Topics being discussed this year include successful Internet Marketing to the GLBT community, same gender marriage in Canada, and a recent survey completed for the Travel Industry Association by HARRIS INTERACTIVE and Witeck-Combs Communications, and other interesting sessions. Guest speakers at the convention are former Minister of State Tourism for Canada and current President of Tourism Montreal, Mr. Charles LaPointe, as well as Ms. Sunniva Sorby, who will be discussing reasons why human beings feel the need to take risks and travel.

Also at the IGLTA Convention, will be the 2007 PlanetOut Travel Awards, hosted by Ed Salvato. The awards showcase the Top 10 in categories of hotel collection and event, as well as international and domestic destinations of the year!

During the convention there will also be complimentary tours offered of Montreal's beautiful cityscape for all attendees. Additionally, the final night gala will feature a private performance by the world renowned Cirque du Soleil. The days following the convention offer an opportunity to attend a new world premiere show of the Cirque du Soleil as well as a Familiarization trip to the scenic Laurentians area of Quebec and Mont Tremblant ski village.

IGLTA (The International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association) is the world's leading travel trade association for the GLBT community. Founded in 1983, with only 25 members, IGLTA currently has over 1000 members worldwide. IGLTA has consistently been committed to growing and enhancing its members gay and lesbian tourism business through education, promotion and networking.

For more information about IGLTA, visit www.IGLTA.org, 'members' section or to go directly to the Convention registration: http://www.iglta.com/registration_forms/montrealregistration.cfm.