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The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association Announces 2008 Hall of Fame and Annual Honors

Fort Lauderdale, FL (April 14, 2008) -- Matt Skallerud, Chairman of the Board of the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) announced with pleasure today the recipient of the 2008 IGLTA Chairman's Award.

According to Skallerud, "As the IGLTA celebrates our 25th convention I am very pleased to recognize Alan Beck, the owner and publisher of Columbia FunMaps® – a proud business also celebrating its own 25 years serving LGBT Travelers. Alan has long been an active member of IGLTA and always ready to offer his assistance and support to our organization. FunMaps® has been featuring destinations and providing LGBT travelers with valuable information for more than a quarter century."

Alan Beck responded, "As a long time member of the IGLTA, I am very honored to accept this award and the recognition of my peers. As the Publisher of FunMaps® it's my passion to travel and explore the destinations we cover. FunMaps® has allowed me to meet so many colorful and amazing people, all of whom make me feel at home no matter what city I'm visiting. No other association brings together and celebrates what our community has to offer more than the IGLTA. I'm very proud to be a member of this exceptional organization and I'm doubly honored to receive this award."

The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) also announced Lima Tours (Lima, Peru) has been named the recipient of the 2008 Hanns Ebensten Hall of Fame Award. Lima Tours was one of the first companies in South America to reach out directly to welcome LGBT travelers and groups to show them the sights, sounds and exotic flavors of Peru and global attractions such as Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

John Tanzella, Executive Director of IGLTA said, "We are very honored to recognize a fine organization like Lima Tours, who have been escorting gay/lesbian groups throughout their beautiful country for over three decades. They have been a great friend to IGLTA and the GLBT world community."

Carlos Arrarte, President of Lima Tours said, "We are humbled by such an honor. Lima tours has been welcoming gay travelers into Peru, for over 30 of our 52 years in business. Eduardo Arrarte, my father and founder of Lima Tours, and Hanns Ebensten, a pioneer in Gay Adventure Travel, together designed the first "men only" tours to the Land of the Incas, in the mid-1970's. Today, we are proud to be the recipients of this year's IGLTA Hall of Fame Award, in recognition for our long-standing commitment to serving the gay travel community, and pledge our continued support and involvement in making Peru one of the world's favorite gay destinations."

The awards will be presented in person at the IGLTA Gala Dinner May 3rd 2008 during the IGLTA 25th Anniversary Convention at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. Registration for the convention and dinner tickets also may be purchased online at www.iglta.org/convention. The final night Gala Dinner has been underwritten by Harrah's Entertainment.

ABOUT IGLTA

IGLTA is the world's leading authority, resource and representative of gay and lesbian travel. Membership is in 55 countries around the world and consists of accommodations, airlines, tour operators, travel agents, tourism offices and other key players in the tourism industry. IGLTA works to help the tourism industry attract gay and lesbian consumers and learn more about the gay and lesbian market. For more information please visit www.iglta.org.

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