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**25th Anniversary IGLTA Convention Breaks Records
Gay Travel Leaders from 24 Nations Come to U.S. April 30-May 4 2008**

The **International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA)** is set to celebrate its 25th Anniversary in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada from April 30 to May 4th 2008. This year's milestone convention is expected to set records with leading travel and hospitality professionals from all over the world.

According to convention organizers, 25 countries including the U.S. will be represented in Vegas. Delegations will include Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curacao, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mauritius, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, as well as the United States (including Puerto Rico).

With 434 registrations thus far, IGLTA has experienced a 67% increase over last year's convention in Montreal and the previous year in Washington DC.

From Canada, four provinces will be represented, with Ontario being the largest at 21 attendees, and from the United States, there will be representatives from 29 states with the 3 largest delegations from California (53), Florida (40) New York (33) and Nevada (24).

The recently renovated **Flamingo Hotel**, located in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip, will play host to the Convention which will offer industry-leading speakers, educational workshops covering a variety of travel-related topics, and networking receptions.

IGLTA is the world's largest, oldest and leading travel trade association committed to growing and enhancing its members gay and lesbian tourism business through education, promotion, and networking. If you own a business that is connected in any way to the travel industry then IGLTA is the perfect organization to connect your business to the world. IGLTA Members include airlines, cruise lines, tourism offices, travel agencies, accommodations, tour operators, publications, journalists, pride events and more.

The Convention will be held concurrently with Las Vegas Pride which helps showcase the organization's Trade Show, including travel vendors from around the world as well as many of your favorite GLBT publications.

John Tanzella, Executive Director of the IGLTA, shares his excitement: "Las Vegas is pulling out all the stops to host us in their wonderful city. The benefit to our convention

attendees is substantial, both in terms of the “fun” factor and in enhancing their experience as business professionals during our convention. We now can be certain this will be one of our largest conventions ever.”

Past Convention host cities have included Montreal, Canada; Washington, D.C.; Cologne, Germany; Manchester, UK; among others.

In addition to educational aspect of the convention, IGLTA is offering its attendees optional activities such as Pink Jeep Desert Tour, Hoover Dam Discovery, Gays Gone by Tour, the Liberace Museum and Kayaking on Lake Mead and Colorado River Rafting. Several Pre and Post tours are still in the works including a Post-Tour to beautiful Palm Springs, California. For more information and registration, please visit: www.IGLTA.org/convention.

Convention Website

Housed at www.iglta.org/convention/ website is ready to be your one-stop shop for everything related to IGLTA’s 2008 convention in Las Vegas and the legendary Flamingo Hotel. Here you will find links to registration, hotel information and many other essential details. 2008 marks the 25th anniversary of IGLTA and this convention will be sure to blow all other IGLTA conventions out of the desert!

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. To become a member of **IGLTA**, visit: www.IGLTA.org/default.cfm or call +1.954.630.1637.

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