

CLARIFICATION OVER INTERPRIDE REQUEST BY PRIDE TORONTO

At the mid-year meeting of InterPride (Long Beach, CA - April 23 and 24, 2010), board members in attendance were presented with written concerns from several members of the organization regarding the inclusion at Pride Toronto of a group called Queers Against Israeli Apartheid (QuAIA). It was the direction of the board to write Pride Toronto requesting clarification over the situation. This was done with specific recognition of Pride Toronto's hosting of WorldPride 2014 and how any controversy may affect this said event. As the owners of WorldPride it is the responsibility and right of InterPride to work closely with host organizations in ensuring a smooth, inclusive and beneficial event for the whole LGBTI community.

As clearly stated on our website (www.interpride.org): *“InterPride's relationship with its member organizations is one of advice, guidance and assistance when requested. We do not have any control over, or take responsibility for the way our member organizations conduct their events.”*

It was never our intention to suggest that InterPride would withdraw Pride Toronto's hosting of WorldPride 2014 and any interpretation along those lines is misleading and incorrect.

Whilst we truly feel for any Pride organization in times of discontent, we do not, as the International Association of LGBTI Pride Organizers support or condemn their actions but rather hope for a speedy recovery from their time of turmoil. This is therefore also our position in relation to Pride Toronto and any decisions their board may make.

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