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Conference Biographies

Imke Duplitzer, Épée Fencer, Germany. Olympic Silver medalist, European Champion, 2010 and 1999. She was awarded more than 20 medals at Olympic Games, World Championships and European Championships. One of the first open LGBT athletes already at the Olympic Games in Athens 2004, where she won the silver medal with the team. She made up, in the last 7 seconds, a 2 points backlog against France and marked the final score two seconds after the start of the prolongation. Since 2014 she is Member of the Board of Lesbian and Gay Federation Germany (LSVD). She was one of the few athletes at the Olympic Games at Beijing that spoke out about the human rights situation in China.

Louise Englefield, Director, Pride Sports, the UK's LGBT sports development and equalities organisation. Director of the international Football v Homophobia campaign, and a member of the leadership team of Pride House International. Louise was Co-president of the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Foundation, 2010-2012.

Matthias Gütt, SPIN Sport Innovation GmbH & Co. KG, Germany. Founder of the sport development consultancy SPIN Sport Innovation, Germany. SPIN acts as a facilitator and provides support to organisations in order to develop new fields of action. SPIN delivers sport development concepts, sport policy models, educational and leadership programmes, evaluation and monitoring services, and project management consultancy. Matthias mainly works in political consulting and organizational development in sport at the international level. He has worked as an expert for a variety of European sport stakeholders, including the EU Committee of Regions, the European Commission, and the Council of Europe. He participated in more than thirty multinational projects for a variety of sport organizations, in which Matthias has been mostly responsible for evaluation, quality management and strategic agenda development.

Matthew Lister, Slalom Canoeer, 2x bronze medalist at ICF Canoe Slalom World Championship, LGBT ambassador for the British Athletes Commission, UK. He is a British slalom canoeer who has competed since the late 2000s. He won two bronze medals in the C-2 team event at the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships, earning them in 2011 and 2013. In 2016, he announced his retirement from competitive sport, and is currently working as an LGBT ambassador for the British Athletes Commission and as a model.

Aya Medany, Pentathlete, 3x Olympian and Vice-World Champion, Egypt. She participated in her 1st Olympic Games at the age of 15. As Egyptian and Muslim, she decided to wear the hijab in competition. She is campaigning for Women's and Girls' participation in Sport and acts as a mentor for young female athletes.

Ms Egly Pantelakis, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Culture, Cyprus. She was born in Nicosia and is a graduate of the English School Nicosia and of the Cyprus National Music Conservatory. She has obtained diplomas in piano teaching and performing including the Licentiate of the Royal Schools of Music (L.R.S.M. – performing). She holds a B.Sc. Degree in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and an M. Sc. Degree in Administrative Sciences from the City University, in London. She successfully completed, the Workshop in Environmental Economics, of the Institute for International Development of the University of Harvard. Egly Pantelakis has started her career at the Planning Bureau, (where, for many years, she worked in the Cyprus – EU relations section), reaching the position of Director of Planning, in the Directorate of Development Policy. In parallel she was the national Coordinator (at a technocratic level) for the promotion of the Lisbon Strategy. She was appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment in 2010, and since 2014 she is the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education and Culture.

Egly Pantelakis has represented Cyprus at many International Conferences, as well as at various Ministerial Conferences and Councils of Ministers of the European Union. She has been a Founding member and a member of the Executive Committee of the society "Friends of the L.S.E. in Cyprus" as well as a member of the Town Planning Commission and the Board of Directors of the European Lifelong Learning Programmes Foundation. She was also the President of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Insurance Organization.

At present, Egly Pantelakis is the president of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the Cyprus Symphony Orchestra. She is also the President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation of the Museum Costas Argyrou, as well as of various Committees relating to culture and education. Finally, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cyprus Institute and a member of the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management.

David Evangelista, President and Managing Director, Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia. He is responsible for overseeing the growth and development of Special Olympics across 58 countries in Europe and Central Asia. He brings extensive global experience in the fields of health, international development, and government relations. David is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow for Lions Clubs International and a founding member of the Sports Integrity Global Alliance (SIGA). He is also a former member of the High Level Group on Sports Diplomacy for the European Commission. David is from Rhode Island, USA and currently resides in Vigo, Spain with his wife and their two sons.

Georgios Mavrotas, Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee on Education, Youth and Sport of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and member of the Hellenic parliament. He was an international water polo athlete (1984-2002) with participation in 5 Olympic Games and captain of the national team from 1995 to 2000. Concurrently with his athletic career, he received his PhD diploma from the Department of Chemical Engineering at the National Technical University of Athens with expertise in Operational Research and is currently Associate Professor in the afore-mentioned Department, next to his parliamentary work.

Andrew Parsons, Vice-President, International Paralympic Committee. He is Brazilian citizen and was president of the Brazilian Paralympic Committee (2009 – 2017). He was also the president of the Americas Paralympic Committee (2005-2009), responsible for the III Parapan-American Games Rio 2007 - first edition of the Games jointly organized with the Pan American Games. He is also serves as member of the IOC Coordination Commission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the IOC Olympic Channel Commission.

Hope Patricia Powell, former international football player, coach of the England's women's national football team and Great Britain women's Olympic football team. As a player, she won 66 caps for England, mainly as an attacking midfielder, scoring 35 goals. The Football Association (FA) appointed Powell as England's first-ever full-time national coach in 1998.

Christa Prets, President 100% Sport, Former Member of the European Parliament. 100% Sport is an organization working for gender equality in sport. She is also president of the regional association parasport and board member of some other Austrian sport associations.

Stanislas Frossard, Executive Secretary of EPAS since 2008. Mr Frossard started out in the Council of Europe as an Administrator in charge of the Sports Conventions Unit (Anti-Doping and Spectator Violence Conventions). Before joining the Council of Europe Secretariat, he

had various positions as an NGO leader, a trainer and a consultant in the areas of youth, refugees and environment. He managed a national referendum campaign to defend asylum rights for the Swiss Refugee Council in 2002, and he has been chief executive of national Youth NGOs. Holder of a degree in economic and social sciences from the University of Geneva, with a specialisation in international issues at the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva), he also has a Masters in Public Administration from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (Lausanne).