



CITY OF ATHENS

INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

June 23 – 28, 2009, Athens, GREECE

Mayor Carl Zehr
Kitchener, Canada

Athens, January 26th, 2009

Dear Mayor Zehr,

It is our great pleasure to announce to you that Athens will host the 43rd International Children's Games from June 23rd to 28th 2009 and we would like to invite you to actively participate in this event. Endorsed by the International Olympic Committee, the International Children's Games is a premier global, youth athletic event that combines sports and educational programs and cultural exchange opportunities.

Five years after the success of the Olympic Games in 2004, the city of Athens will welcome young athletes from all over the world, yet again giving the city the opportunity to show off the experience and knowledge it has gained in hosting all kinds of sporting and cultural events.

The main aim of the Organising Committee is to provide a truly international event, which will serve as a vehicle to promote alliances and common understanding among 2.000 coaches and athletes, expected to participate from around the world. Young athletes will compete in the following seven sports: football, tennis, swimming, volleyball, athletics, basketball and gymnastics.

Aiming to make the motto of the Athens Games "Together, All friends" a reality, the 2009 event in our city will be differentiated from the previous ICGs, as follows:

- The events of the Games will take place in different sports grounds all over Athens so that the entire city can take part in the celebration
- For the first time ever, physically challenged children will also be taking part in the Games

The participation of your city will contribute to our effort to organise a truly global event and will give young athletes of your city the opportunity to gain such a unique experience.

We would be delighted if you would accept this cordial invitation.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your delegates in Athens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Kaklamanis'.

Nikitas Kaklamanis
Mayor of Athens

