Dear Jeff,

I just left a rather garbled message on your answerphone. Anyway,

ILGA-Europe's next conference is in Lisbon from 23 -- 27 October. Peter Schieder, the Austrian member of Parliament who is President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, will take part in our conference.  We will have three people present who have taken cases under the European Convention, the most recent 2 (Philippe Frette, adoption, France and Joao Mouta, parenting, Portugal) and Alecos Modinos from Cyprus.

We want to take the opportunity of Peter Schieder's presence to have a small

ceremony recognising the contribution of people who take cases under

Convention, by honouring those present. It would be nothing grand -- just

five or ten minutes of speeches, and then the President would give a scroll

to each person, commemorating their achievement. Then some photos.

The ILGA-Europe Board would be extremely pleased if you were able to come,

as we are particularly aware that you are the elder statesman (forgive the

turn of phrase!) of this exercise.  And of course, yours is the most

well-known case of all.

We would be able to pay for your participation (travel, hotel, food,

conference participation) for the full conference, or for a lesser part, if

you wish.

I attach the current timetable and programme of the conference. You will see

that the event we are describing will take place on Friday 25th in the

afternoon.

Looking forward very much to hearing from you, and hoping very much that you

will be able to come.

We have a very interesting conference programme, and already participation from more than 20 countries, including many from the further flung corners

of Europe.

Best wishes

Nigel