

## World Leisure Congress Québec 2008 Proclamation of the Québec Declaration

Montreal, October 10th, 2008 – The 10th World Leisure Congress came to an end this morning with the proclamation of a common declaration, the Québec Declaration, in the presence of Mr. Michel Beauregard, President of the Congress, Mr. Jean-Paul L’Allier, Honorary Chairman, Mr. Christopher R. Edgington, Secretary General and Mr. Derek Casey, President of the World Leisure Organisation, Mr. Régis Labaume, Mayor of Québec City, Mr. André Thibault, President of the Program Committee, Mr. Lee Kwang-jun, Mayor of Chuncheon, and Mr. Son Eun Nam, President of the World Leisure Congress 2010.

Members of the “Panel of Continents”, the international opening round table, got together to summarise the teachings of this congress. Afterwards, Mr. André Thibault briefly outlined the Québec Declaration, which was read by two students and then acclaimed by all participants.

“We have good reason to be happy that 2,500 people from more than fifty countries made themselves heard for the proclamation of this official declaration which contends that leisure has an essential positive impact on the quality of life of individuals, communities and societies, and that they have solemnly committed to uphold and put into practice its principles for the common good”, rejoiced Michel Beauregard.

After having passed on the flag to the representatives of the City of Chuncheon, Korea, host of the World Leisure Congress 2010, Michel Beauregard proceeded with the official closing of the event. At the end of the ceremony, the attending public figures made their way to Place D’Youville to take part in the various activities set up for the National Sports and Physical Activity Day.

During this international congress, 450 presentations took place during 200 workshops, conferences and round tables focused on the transmission of scientific research results, the summary of a variety of experiences and the promotion of best practices in the field of leisure. The event also hosted an important trade show.

*The Quebec Leisure Council (Conseil québécois du loisir) and the World Leisure Organisation contribute to the social, cultural and economic development of Quebec by encouraging and supporting the practice of leisure activity. It represents national leisure organisations while bringing together groups and individuals involved in leisure development for consultation and consensus-building. It defends the rights of all individuals to dedicate time in the pursuit of leisure activities, and strongly supports unlimited accessibility.*

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