

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

The Founding President of the International Children's Games Prof Metod Klement stated at the first games that "My childhood suffered from the 2nd World War. It destroyed my family. Since I – within my possibilities – wanted to create a better world based on friendship, sport seemed to be one of the best means to bring together young people from different countries."



Since that first games originated in 1968, we have had more than 50,000 participants competing in the games.

We hope that more cities will come on board to participate in the ICG. We also hope that more cities will make a bid to host the games to give the children in your city an invaluable opportunity to compete and host children from around the world. The ICG carried the credibility of being recognised and supported by the International Olympic Committee.

Let us unite all cities in the world as we endeavour to join in the spirit of the Olympic Games motto which reads "Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communiter".

Best Regards

*Metod Klement*  
PRESIDENT



For more information, please refer to ICG website

<https://international-childrens-games.org/icg/>



## EXPLORE YOUR CITY



## ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

International Children's Games (ICG) has provided a unique sporting and cultural gathering for tens of thousands of the world's youth.

ICG is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland and governed by a dedicated volunteer General Assembly, Committee, Executive Committee and several active commissions and task forces.

ICG is an internationally recognized organization of the International Olympic Committee.

An alliance of cities and individuals who pursue the common goal of forming friendship and peace through sport, ICG relies on the vision and generosity of cities around the globe to annually host its summer and winter Games.



- 1968 the first Games in Celje, Slovenia
- 1994 the first Games outside of Europe, in Hamilton, Canada
- 1994 recognized by the IOC
- 2002 the first Games in Asia, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 the first Games in Southern Hemisphere, Lake Macquaire, Australia

**54** Summer Games **8** Winter Games

**12 - 15** The biggest multi-sport event for young people aged 12-15 in the world

**46** General Assembly Members

**50000+** participants

**110+** countries **600+** cities

From **5** continents



## HOST THE ICG

Hosting ICG provides a city the opportunity to welcome international visitors, showcase itself as a destination location and major event host, and provide its citizens with a chance to witness peace building in action as well as viewing high caliber sports competitions.



• A Candidate Host City must have participated in the Games prior to placing a bid.

• Obligatory sports

☀ **Summer Games**  
Athletics  
Swimming

❄ **Winter Games**  
One snow sport  
One ice sport

