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**IGLTA Finalizes Plans for 30th Annual Global Convention in Chicago
May 2-4 conference celebrates global tourism**

Fort Lauderdale, FL (April 4, 2013)—Key members of the worldwide tourism community will unite in Chicago next month for the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association's Annual Global Convention. The three-day conference, an industry leader for the promotion of LGBT travel, kicks off May 2 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Highlights include:

- Keynote Speech from David Scowsill, President/CEO, World Travel & Tourism Council
- CEO Panel Moderated by Terry Dale, President/CEO USTOA
- Sessions led by Google, TripAdvisor, Professional Association of Innkeepers International, U.S. Department of State
- Breakout topics covering LGBT family travel; the lesbian market; LGBT Asia; gay travel trends; social media; brand development; and more
- Opening Reception at the world-class Field Museum
- Media Trade Show with participation from global outlets
- Consumer event at The Center on Halsted
- Presentation of IGLTA Honors
- IGLTA Foundation Volunteer Day (<http://igltafoundation.org/volunteer2013/>)

Please visit www.igltaconvention.org for more details. For story ideas or press credentials, please contact Media Relations Director LoAnn Halden, loann.halden@iglta.org. Limited convention press registrations are available.

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