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IRF votes to go to Paris, France in 2008

The IRF Executive Committee voted unanimously to bring the 14th IRF World Racquetball Championships 2008 to Paris, France. This will be the the second time that the World Championships will be held in Europe after the Championships in Hamburg, Germany in 1988.

The event will take place in the City Form Club in Nanterre, a local district of Paris. The club also serves as site of the French Open every year. In addition, the 1989 European Championships have been held there.

IRF President Keith Calkins, contacted at his California home, stated: "The IRF believes that a World Championship in Paris will offer a terrific opportunity for our sport to expand and grow. We believe that the event will attract new countries and the top players in the World. We have been looking forward to holding the Worlds in Paris for some time. The IRF Executive Committee totally supports Paris and we know that these Worlds under the umbrella of the European Racquetball Federation will be a quality event."

Mr. Erik Meyer, IRF Executive Vice President and chairman of the Local Organizing Committee stated: "We are most excited to have the IRF come to Europe after an absence of 20 years. Racquetball in Europe is growing and the Worlds will be a great asset to push us further. We will also have a chance to showcase racquetball to the International Olympic Committee prior to the 2009 vote by the IOC on new sports for the 2016 games."

40 countries from around the globe are expected to qualify for the 14th IRF World Championships and compete for the World Title. For more information on Racquetball's premier international competition please visit the IRF website in the months ahead.

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