



# EUROFEST BC SOCIETY

EUROPEAN FESTIVAL \* EUROPE DAY



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Esteemed Mr. Peter Julian,

Metro Vancouver has been Celebrating its European Heritage at the European Festival since 1998. The festival is a great opportunity to highlight not only our European heritage but to promote European culture amongst non-European Canadians. This two day event that will take place at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby, will be packed with entertainment for everyone in the family.

This year, 30 European nations are directly involved in the festival which is expected to attract more than 10,000 visitors and many public figures and dignitaries, from Mayors and MLA's to MP's and Members of the Consular Corps.

One of the highlights of the Festival is the Official Opening Ceremony during which each country present has the opportunity to proudly fly its flag in the Flag Parade. As you may imagine this is a source of great pride for all and inspires the youth to identify with its roots.

This year's Feature Nation will be Turkey.

Other components of the festival are the Ethnic Dance Performances that happen on the main stage for most of the two days. The Cultural Exhibits that allow participating countries to display information about their history and promote tourism and the Arts Exhibits which serve to highlight the connection between the "old country" and Canada.

We must also not forget the much loved Food Tents. Here visitors can sample various ethnic European dishes, many of which are not generally available in the local restaurant market.

It is therefore my privilege to invite you and your guest to Participate in this year's European Festival National Flag Parade, as the official representative of your government at the event.

European Festival Flag Parade  
Saturday, May 30<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
2:00 – 3:00pm  
Swangard Stadium, Burnaby

Reserved Parking will be available (information will be sent closer to the festival date) and your two complementary tickets will be available at the will call booth. The flag parade will commence at 2:00 pm sharp and all participants are requested to meet in the designated VIP meeting area at the South East Corner of the Grand Stand. Volunteers will be available to guide you at the event. Further instructions regarding the parade will be given during that meeting since the Parade route etc. will depend on weather conditions. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

We thank-you for your consideration and look forward to having you in attendance at this year's festival.

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. This year National Flags and flag poles **will be provided for the Parade** by EuroFest BC Society to each participating country.