

Winter Holidays Open

Zagreb, Croatia 19. - 21.12.2014.

Dear members of the international debate community,

Croatian Debate Society would like to invite you to the international Winter Holidays Open (WHO). The tournament will take place from 19TH to 21ST December 2014 in Croatia's capital city Zagreb. Last year's tournament hosted 38 teams and was a great experience not only for us at CDS as organisers, but for everyone involved, as far as we were told.

Debate format will be World schools.

ZWSO will consist of 6 preliminary rounds, semifinals and the Grand Finals.

The best 4 teams coming out of the preliminary rounds will advance to elimination rounds - semifinals. Winners will meet in the Grand Final.

Round 1 will be seeded randomly; subsequent rounds will be power paired. In the preliminary rounds, there will be 2 impromptu motions, 2 prepared motions, each debated for two rounds will be announced on Oct 15th. Motion for the final debate will be randomly selected out of the two prepared motions.

Registration

There is a 70 team cap on the tournament. Teams should consist of three members. Every delegation needs to come with at least one judge or observer who will be at least 18 years old. This person will be responsible for the team and all the communication with the organizers on behalf of the team.

There will be an N-1 rule. This means that every delegation needs to send at least as many judges as the number of teams they're sending minus 1. (i.e. 1 team/1 judge or observer, 2 teams/1 judge, 3 teams/2



judges, etc.) In cases where this cannot be provided, the teams will have to pay an additional fee of 80 € to cover an extra judge from another country.

Since we want WHO to be as diverse as possible, a selection process for teams will be adopted. While registering, you should state your preference by adding a letter behind the name of the team (e.g. Austria A, Slovakia B, etc.). We will use the following key to award places to international teams:

1. Preference to teams will be given according to the rank with which they were registered. Therefore every delegation will be guaranteed a spot for their first team. (So we firstly register all A teams, then B teams, C teams etc.)
2. We may not be able to meet the full demand of teams. Since we also need to ensure plurality of judges, we will give preference to teams from delegations that are able to bring a higher number of their own adjudicators. It means that the C team from delegation that has registered 3 judges will be preferred to the C team from delegation that has registered 2 judges)
3. If there are more teams than free spots remaining, spots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



How to proceed

Registration form for delegations (head of delegation and teams) can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/WhoDebateZagreb>.

Registration - 01.10. - 05.11.2014.

Registered teams announcement - 07.11.2014.

The list of participating teams will be announced at hdd.hr and sent to all registered participants. Every delegation will receive an email with further instructions afterwards. Teams will be selected according to above mentioned set of criteria. The registration form for judges and observers can be found here.

Fees

The different types of fees are summed up below:

Type of payment	cost
Hostel - Debaters or Judges	67 €
Hotel - Debaters or Judges	92 €
Hostel - Observers	77 €

Hotel - Observers	102 €
Self-organised accomodation	39 €
Additional fees:	
N-1 fee per team (if there are fewer judges than N-1 teams from a delegation) - 95 €	
Extra day accommodation (hostel + meals) - 22 € per person per day	
Extra day accommodation (hotel + meals) - 30 € per person per day	

The participation fee includes costs for accomodation (board and lodging) from 19. - 21.12. in Zagreb. Lunch and dinner will be provided at the tournament and are included in the fee (19.12. dinner, 20.12. lunch and dinner, 21.12. lunch) for everyone participating or observing. Breakfast on 20.12. and 21.12. will be served at the accommodation venue.

Teams will be required to pay registration fees in full by 01.12.2014. Payment instructions are available at www.hdd.hr. In case of difficulties with transferring fees and similar problems please contact the organizers.

50% of the fee will be refundable up to week before the tournament.

Please note that teams are responsible for any bank charges which may apply when they make the payment to WHO 2014.

Travel information

BY TRAIN

Zagreb is available by train from all neighboring cities, use the following link to see availability (destination station should be Zagreb Glavni Kolodvor).

<http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query2.exe/en?Id=9643&country=GBR&seqnr=1&ident=07.01460643.1379336430&rt=1&OK#focus>

BY PLANE

There are daily direct flights from all major Airports - Budapest, Rome, Munich, Vienna, Frankfurt, Paris, London, Istanbul

GETTING AROUND ZAGREB

All delegations will be met upon arrival in Zagreb and a volunteer will help you with getting around the city and from the station/airport to the accommodation.



If you need the invitation letter or another kind of help from organizers, please let us know as soon as possible (ideally as soon as you know the composition of your delegation).

Dress code

Business casual attire is required for all preliminary and elimination rounds of the tournament.

Contacts

You will find more information on the Croatian Debate Society, the organizing team and venues of WHO 2014, as well as travel information at <https://www.facebook.com/WhoDebateZagreb>

In case of further questions please do not hesitate to email us at **who@hdd.hr**. If you have friends that would be interested in this tournament, please forward them this email or let them know through other means of communication.

We hope you'll join us in Zagreb this year in kicking off the holiday season right because nothing says winter holidays like a little debating and a lot of fun.

Hope to see you in Zagreb in December,

Chief Organizers of WHO 2014

Anastazija Stupar and Bojan Marjanović



Tentative schedule

19.12.2013.

Arrivals

17:00 Start of the tournament

17:30 - 19:30 - Round 1

20.12.2013.

09:00 - 19:00 - Tournament - Rounds 2 to 5

21.12.2013.

09:00 - 14:00 - Tournament - Round 6, semi finals

15:00 - Grand final

Departure

