

## Debaters of the World!

You are invited to this summer's premier high school debate event!



**The 2009 IDEA Youth Forum is in Bosnia and Herzegovina  
from July 23 to August 5, 2009 at the Olympic Center, Jahorina!**

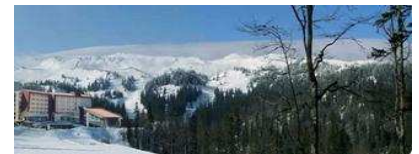
### ***A brief summary of the event:***

Please note: registration opens soon, and will close on May 31, 2009!!!

#### **Dates: July 23 to August 5**

Attend the entire event or just the IDEA Karl Popper Debate Championship, July 23-27, or the separate educational tracks, July 27-August .

**Location: Olympic Center, Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina.** Attendees will stay at the 4-star hotel Bistrica.



**Transportation:** IDEA will provide pickup at the airport, bus and train station upon your arrival to and departure from Sarajevo. You only arrange your travel to Sarajevo.

**Fees: Whole YF:** 600 EUR per person  
**IDEA KPDC and IND only:** 200 EUR per person  
**Tracks only:** 400 EUR per person  
Extra €300 fee for each team who fails to bring a coach  
Some participation fee waivers available

**Cap:** Maximum of **200 participants, or 50 Karl Popper Debate Championship teams.** Every institution that participated in past Forums has **1 space guaranteed.** After that it's first come, first served!

## Detailed information about this event

### Location, transportation:

The 2009 Youth Forum will take place in the **Olympic Center, Jahorina, located 40 minutes from Sarajevo**. We will be staying at the 4-star hotel Bistrica. The location offers a great combination of beautiful scenery and convenient.

The most convenient way to get to the site is through Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sarajevo is easily accessible from all European capitals by plane, bus or train. IDEA will provide pickup at the airport, train and bus stations.

### Language:

All debates, instruction and educational materials will be in English and all participants of the Forum: debaters, coaches and judges are expected to speak English.

### Dates and outline of the schedule

July 23	Arrivals			<b>Legend:</b>  <b>CJT:</b> Coaches and Judges Track, ending with Presentations of the projects  <b>MTT:</b> Mixed Team Track, ending with IDEA Karl Popper Mixed Team Tournament ( <b>KPMTT</b> )  <b>BPT:</b> British Parliamentary Track, ending with IDEA British Parliamentary Debate Tournament ( <b>BPT</b> )  <b>TNT/IND:</b> The Newcomers Track/International New Debaters Track		
July 24	IDEA Karl Popper World Championship ( <b>KPDC</b> ) eligibility – all high school students	TNT/IND eligibility all high school students				
July 25						
July 26						
July 27	Finals, half-day trip					
July 28	CJT Eligibility - high school graduates, coaches	MTT Eligibility - current high school students	BPT Eligibility - high school students			
July 29						
July 30						
July 31						
August 1	Whole-day trip					
August 2						
August 3						
August 4	Presentation	KP MTT	BPT			
August 5	Departures					

Debaters and coaches **arrive in Sarajevo on July 23, 2009**. The **IDEA Karl Popper Debate World Championships (KPDC)** is a tournament of national teams. Teams can attend the championship without staying for the rest of the Youth Forum. Any 3-member teams whose debaters are or have been high-school students in the 6 months prior to the Forum are eligible. If you do not have a complete team (you are a solo debater or a pair), you can also participate in this Championship. Please contact

the Forum Coordinator and she will pair you up with other students in the same situation.

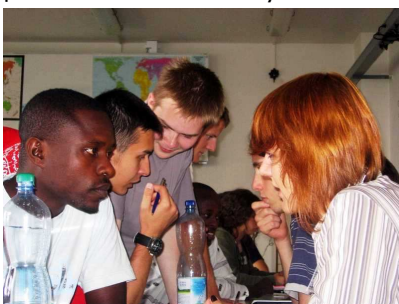
The KPDC will feature 2 extended preparation topics (see: <http://www.idebate.org/ideaforum/node/25>) and 4 limited-time preparation debate topics (announced at the Forum, 30 minutes prior to the round). All topics are in the area of energy & climate change. After preliminary and elimination debates, the best two teams will meet in the Grand Final in a prominent location open to the public and media.

Participants new to debate may join the **International New Debaters Track (IND)** and will gain fundamental knowledge of argumentation and debating. The IND will run parallel to the IDEA KPDC: July 23-27, 2009. This track is designed for individuals who have not been debating for more than one year in any debate format and/or for more than six months in Karl Popper debate.

After the completion of the KPDC and IND students and coaches will be divided into appropriate educational tracks (in case of graduates, of their choice).

The students who are not graduating will be placed in the Mixed Team Track. The coaches will be expected to join the Coaches and Judges Track. The graduating students will have a choice between the British Parliamentary Track and Coaches and Judges Track.

The **Mixed Team Track (MTT)**, July 28 – August 5, the hallmark of the YF since the beginning, focuses on improving of debate skills in an intercultural context. Teams are paired based on their success in debate and also with respect to cultural diversity of the team. The weeklong debate instruction culminates in the IDEA KP Mixed Team Tournament, from August 3rd – 4th, 2009. In order to attend the tournament, participants must take part in the MTT. This tournament will feature one prepared topic and three limited preparation debate topics (announced at the Forum, 30 minutes prior to the round).



The **British Parliamentary Track (BPT)** (July 28 - August 05, 2009) helps the senior high-school students with the transition from high school to university debating using the British Parliamentary format. The track culminates in a British Parliamentary Debate. All the topics are announced 15-30 minutes before the debates.

The **Coaches and Judges Track (CJT)** teaches coaches skills needed to strengthen debate programs by studying topics related to coaching, teaching, and judging. Participants will also have the opportunity to coach one of the mixed teams as well as judge at the MTT tournament.

### **Fees and financial aid:**

The **participation fee** for coaches or debaters is the same for all the events.

- **Entire Youth Forum (July 23 - August 5): 600 EUR per person.**
- **Karl Popper World Championship (July 23-27): 200 EUR per person.**

- **International New Debaters Track: (July 23-27): 200 EUR per person.**
- **All events after KPDC and IND (July 27-August 5): 400 EUR per person.**

The participation fee covers all accommodation and meals, rental of all facilities and equipment, local transportation costs (upon arrival, departure and to the Finals of the KPDC), educational materials and instruction.

Every team of 3 debaters competing at the KPDC must be accompanied by a coach who will also need to serve as a judge. Teams who do not bring a judge for the KPDC must pay an additional **€300 fee**.

IDEA will offer financial aid (coaches and debaters) in the form of partial waivers of the participation fee for those with demonstrated financial need. Please read more in the section on application procedure below.

### **Judges and adult participants:**

Every institution bringing a debater to the YF must also send a coach or assign a designated person to serve as a coach. This person must be at least 20 years old and must be responsible for the debater (s) during the Forum. We will be offering some swing coaches and judges for the teams who have trouble finding their own coaches/judges. Please contact the Forum Coordinator should you have this problem.

In exceptional cases the age limit for coaches can be lowered. This has to be approved by the Forum Coordinator prior to the event based on recommendation from the national debate coordinator, headmaster of the school or parent, who knows the given individual well.

Adult participants (21 and over) who don't meet the above-mentioned criteria are allowed to participate in the role of an observer.

### **Completing the Registration**

**REGISTER as a debater** <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,22801684-1882-4879-8948-25c22a272c49>

**REGISTER as a coach** <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,fe2926f9-7187-4d85-8228-f31a5d29b4c9>

### **REGISTER as a staff, trainer, board member, observer**

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,9d5aa922-221b-40db-b39c-82ece57ad6ef>

1. All individuals (debater, coaches, judges, observers) must submit the application form by May 31, 2009. Applicants wishing to receive financial aid must submit their full application by May 15. All applicants will be notified of their status no later than June 15.
2. After being accepted, applicants must follow the instructions specified in the acceptance email to complete the registration.

3. Check whether you need a visa for Bosnia and Herzegovina and take necessary steps to obtain your visa if you need one (we will provide you with an invitation letter and required assistance in obtaining the visa) – check our website to find out more about the visa procedure.
4. Pay the participation fee stated on your invoice.
5. Complete your travel arrangements. Make sure you let the organizers know when you arrive and depart (via registration system).
6. Get ready for the Karl Popper Debate Championship using resources on our website and through your own research!

Should you need more information please visit our event website: [www.idebate.org/ideaforum](http://www.idebate.org/ideaforum). Should you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Forum Coordinator ([vvickova@idebate.org](mailto:vvickova@idebate.org)).

### **REGISTRATION CLOSES May 31, 2009**

#### **The participants' selection procedure and financial aid:**

To participate in the Forum, all participants must submit an application by **May 31, 2009**. All applications will be reviewed by **the Selection Committee**. There is a separate application form for coaches and debaters. The Selection Committee will select individuals based on the following criteria:

#### I. Eligibility to attend the event:

Debaters: High school/secondary school students who have either not yet graduated or have graduated within six months prior to the Forum.

Coaches: Must have graduated high school/secondary school and be a minimum of 20 years of age. Exceptions are possible only in extraordinary cases and must be approved in writing by the Forum Coordinator. Without exception, coaches must speak and understand English. Individuals whose English capacity is not sufficient but nevertheless wish to attend the Forum, can participate as observers and are not eligible for financial aid

#### II. Motivation to attend the event:

Preference will be given to debaters who

- Have shown a persistent interest in improving their debate and public speaking skills.
- Exhibit a desire to discuss the Forum debate topics and work in teams during the entire duration of the event
- Express a commitment to participate in debate activities in their communities and express the desire to share the knowledge they gain at the Youth Forum as they return to their community.

Preference will be given to those coaches who:

- Are currently committed and actively participating in debate activities in their own community, country or on an international level
- Have been involved in judging for a longer period of time and have earned recognition either in their own community, country or on an international level
- Show an interest in improving their skills and wish to further their experience even more

### III. Contribution to the diversity of the event:

Since one of the pillars of the IDEA Youth Forum is its focus on reinforcing exchange between young individuals from different backgrounds, the Participant's Committee will seek to insure that a diverse group of motivated young people are represented at the Forum. Preference will be given to teams representing minority and marginalized communities who meet the criteria detailed above, and who will add to the cultural and regional diversity of the Forum.

### IV. English speaking capability

Because the primary language of instruction at the Youth Forum is English, the ability of each individual to read, write and speak English is critical to their having a rewarding Forum experience and contributing to the success of the Forum. The level of comprehension determines whether communication between participants can occur hence the Selection Committee reserves the right to evaluate individual applicants' English language capacity. The motivation letter and other parts of the application will serve as basis for this evaluation. Some participants may be asked to conduct a personal or telephone interview if the evaluators need additional information on the language capabilities of an individual.

If you should have any questions about the Forum, application process and financial aid, please do not hesitate to contact the Forum Coordinator, Veronika Vlckova at [vlckova@idebate.org](mailto:vlckova@idebate.org)