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Youth Forum Newsletter

September 16th, 2008

Dear Newsletter readers,
as promised, IDEA Youth Forum Newsletter has new image. From now on, you will be receiving news about the Youth Forum in this form, so as to avoid problems with different programs and formats.

~Veronika

IDEA Solicits bids for hosting Youth Forum 2010!

Host the unforgettable event in your country!

The Youth Forum is the largest and most important event IDEA NL organizes annually since 1995. It hosts over 250 students and teachers from over 30 countries of the world and it is a place to become more knowledgeable and impressive debater and to meet many fantastic people from all over the world.

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For more information read the document below or contact the [Youth Forum Coordinator](#).

IDEA Introduces the YF Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee chooses the trainers, determines the topic areas and helps to steer the Youth Forum to safe heaven of the best debate events!

Robert Trapp (US) is the Director of the IDEA program at Willamette and a professor of rhetoric at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. He is the author of several books and numerous articles on debate and rhetoric. He has coached debate at several universities in the United States and since working with IDEA he has been involved with debate training in a number of countries including Russia, Romania, Belarus, China, Macedonia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Uganda. Robert attended the YF 4 times; last year he was a member of the Committee as well.

Jurate Motiejunaite (Lithuania) is a former Executive Director at IDEA NL, a position she recently exchanged for her motherly duties. She has recently defended her PhD thesis at the University of Alberta, Canada. She has published several books and numerous articles on debate and women's topics. She was the Curriculum Director of the YF in 2004 and 2005 and has been to all Forums since 2000, apart from the last one.

Ronna Liggett (US) is a full time faculty member in the Department of Speech Communication at the University of Nevada, Reno, U.S.A. where she teach debate, intercultural communication, public speaking, persuasion and nonverbal communication. She has done debate since she was 15 and joined IDEA Youth Forum in 2004 and stayed very active and engaged ever since. She was serving on the Curriiculum Committee also last year.

Kenda Cunningham (US) is a Georgetown MA graduate. She has extensive debate coaching and judging experience. Apart from being a very successful debater, she coached and judged hundreds of debates at summer institutes around the country, including: Dartmouth, Michigan, Northwestern, and North Texas. In October of 2006, Kenda directed a debate institute in Caracas, Venezuela and was a trainer at the 2007 IDEA Youth Forum in the Czech Republic. She was the Chief Adjudicator at the last YF 2008 in Bulgaria.

Logan Balavijendran (Malaysia) has debated and adjudicated at many worlds' leading debating competitions. He has also coached debate around Asia, in 10 different countries (Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Taiwan, Singapore, Bangladesh, Thailand, Hong Kong, Malaysia). He currently teaches Speech and Debate in South Korea, where he works mostly with students from an English as Second an Foreign Language background. He has been to the last YF, being one of the trainers in the newly introduced British Parliamentary Track.

Tamara Bobakova (Slovakia) is currently finishing her MA at London School of Economics. Winner of the KPDC in 2002, Tamara attended 4 Youth Forum since then in the capacity of a coach as well as trainer. In 2006 she graduated University of Pennsylvania, where she was a very active member of the Model United Nations club. In 2008 she has graduated from Sciences Po in Paris.

Amila Koso (Bosnia and Herzegovina) is a second year student at Law Faculty, the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She started debating 6 years ago and since she debated and held several seminars for debaters and trainers. A year ago she began to work in the office of the Center of Cultivating Dialogue in Sarajevo (the YF 2009 host organization), where she currently holds the position of a Program Assistant.

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Youth Forum Topics

Trainers selection procedure and call for trainers!

Bidding for the Youth Forum

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I. Host Responsibilities

The Forum host is responsible for smooth running of the Youth Forum in terms of Logistics. The org.com teams' responsibilities are to select the appropriate venues for the Youth Forum (see below for an excerpt out of Standards document defining suitability of venues and list of supplies host needs to provide) and prepare the Forum site by arranging properly equipped rooms for classes and debates. The host is also responsible for providing meals for all its participants for everyday of the YF, adequately addressing the cultural and dietary requirements. The host is also responsible for supervising the work of volunteers, who help out with technology, transportation, registration on spot, copying, entertainment and free-time activities etc. Although OSI and IDEA subsidize the Youth Forum it is crucial that also the host raises funds. In order to do that the org. team needs to come up with an effective PR strategy and implement it within its own country.

I. motivation to organize the Youth Forum

The Youth Forum is the largest and most important event IDEA NL organizes annually since 1995. The Youth Forum develops critical thinking, communication, team work and public speaking skills of the individual, which are essential for success today. Many of the past YF participants now play important roles in youth organizations, public offices as well as private companies. Additionally the Youth Forum provides great opportunity for formal but also informal communication and thus enables to form international networks, which are reinforced by use of blogs and forums provided on our websites. These often result not only in lifelong friendships but also in developing partnership on the organizational level.

Hosting the IDEA Youth Forum means increased international recognition for the national debate association, for the region and country that hosts the Forum. Most of the participants of the Youth Forum tend to remember the hosting country and the winner of the competition. And winning the event has impact mostly on the individuals that won. Additionally as one needs to knock-out about 15 times more teams, it is more difficult to win the KPDC than the competition to host the event. On top of that, hosting the event provides a unique opportunity to promote communication, debate and youth engagement among greater number of people in your organization, (debate) network, community and the host country.

The debate programs tend to grow in size after hosting the Youth Forum, since more debaters, volunteers, and public are directly exposed to benefits of this activity. Moreover in the past the Youth Forums have been endorsed by such prominent figures as former Czech President Vaclav Havel, the leading figure of change of regime in former Czechoslovakia or Nobel prize Laureate Lech Walesa, which increased the visibility of the event, the organization and its members at home as well as abroad.

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IV. what do you need to do for your bid to be considered

Each bid should have the following (needs to be submitted to the Youth Forum Coordinator by November 30)

- name of the organization and a brief background about the organization
- name and CVs of the main organizers (specify the main contact person)
- outline of the event – including 3 options of venues (accommodation and debating rooms/classes), their distance from the capital, airport and train/bus station, food options, theme of the event
- motivation why would you like to host the event (you may want to include what is the catch of your bid, why should you be chosen)
- supporters – list of supporters that would be willing to endorse your event (important figures in your country, potential sponsors, important figures in the world of debating)
- transportation costs from major cities of the world to
- budget – outline of the expected budget – following lines should be included:
 - a) accommodation and venue rental
 - b) food and refreshment (coffee breaks)
 - c) transportation
 - d) equipment rental
 - e) personnel costs
 - f) activity and entertainment

g) PR costs

Submit this document in electronic form to Veronika Vlckova, the Forum Coordinator no later than November 30, 2008! Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or email me :

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Standards for the IDEA Youth Forum (p. 14-15)

Forum Site Requirements

Hosts should use the following guidelines when looking for a Forum Site: The site must accommodate all Forum participants. Apart from bedrooms, the site must have at least 10 rooms available for use as "lab rooms," each of which should accommodate 20 people.

The site must have an available staff meeting room (if necessary, a bedroom of sufficient size could be used for this purpose).

The site must have a room available for the Tournament Director and his/her staff (a large bedroom can be used for this purpose).

The site must provide camp participant access to at least ten computers equipped with high-speed Internet connections.

The site must have at least one fast computer for the Tournament Director and two computers with Internet access for the trainers.

The site must provide two high-capacity copy machines for the needs of the tournament.

Host Supply List

Hosts should provide the following supplies:

Magic-markers in all colors, with the majority being red/blue/black and green. Each Trainer should receive three markers in their supply bag and fifteen markers should be retained for office use. A number of wide highlighters and Sharpies are also helpful.

One black and one blue pen for each participant (including all volunteers and staff), to be provided in the welcome folder. Approximately twenty more should be retained for office use.

A notebook or paper pad (for note-taking) for each participant (including all volunteers and staff) and an additional fifteen or more for office use.

One folder for each participant (including all volunteers and staff). The folders should be large enough to hold the notebook, pen, schedule, and information distributed on the first day. Because a great deal of information is accumulated during the camp, a folder design that features pockets and a rubber-band binding or strap (to keep the folder closed) is advisable.

A single roll of scotch tape for inclusion in each trainer's supply bag. Additionally, at least six rolls of scotch tape and two rolls of masking tape should be retained for office use (alternatively, glue tack can be procured and distributed instead of tape).

Four staplers and several boxes of staples for office use. Additionally, trainers often request packets of material copied and stapled for distribution. If the copy machine is equipped with a staple option, two staplers will suffice. Staple removers should also be available.

Six boxes of white paper and a variety of colored paper (pastels and neons). (The colored paper is useful for sign-up sheets, reminders, various items of importance in the welcome folder, etc.).

Large manila or plastic-covered envelopes (used for camp completion certificates), to be distributed by NGO group or by team. A sufficient number should be supplied for students, coaches, trainers, volunteers/interns, as well as for a variety of other purposes.

At least ten pads of large "flip-chart" paper or newsprint sheets, and an equal number of stands. At the beginning of the Forum, Trainers should receive ten to fifteen sheets for use in their preparations. Trainers should have access to the paper storage area, which should be restocked as needed.

Three or four pairs of scissors

One large box (or several smaller boxes) of crayons, for use throughout the camp

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