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## Youth Forum Newsletter

May 29, 2009

Dear Newsletter readers,

I have heard that some of you had trouble with receiving the Youth Forum Newsletter lately. Sorry for that. We are looking into solving it as you read this email. As some of you may have missed some news, I will include all information from the past 3 weeks in this issue to this. I will also send it via the regular mailing lists we have used in the past. Therefore I would like to apologize in case some of you receive this email two or three times. I just want to make sure you receive the latest news!

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This issue of the Newsletter features

- details on the [resource section](#) of the YF website and how it can help you with preparation for the Youth Forum and KPDC in particular

- information about the [lesson plan competition!](#)

Read more to know more!

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### [resource section](#)

#### 1. Reviewed articles and papers

Divided according to specific motions we debate under the topics of energy and climate change, YF trainers research and submit reviewed articles to us every week. These include synopsis of what the article is about and reading difficulty level. There are at least 15 new articles every week.

#### 2. Lesson plans

We also recommend some lesson plans that advise on how to teach the motions we debate. You can also find guidelines for how to make a lesson plan there!

#### 3. Debatepedia

Link and a review of a few selected debates and articles on the global change portal and Debatepedia in general.

#### 4. RSS feed

We have created RSS pipes that helps us search the articles on the web automatically. We offer you the unique opportunity to read all there is on the web for the specific motions.

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### [lesson plans competition](#)

This 6 weeks campaign aims to gather lesson plans from the coaches and teachers that focus on climate change or one of the specific motions of the Youth Forum. We will evaluate the lesson plans every week (6 weeks in total) and announce the winners via the YF Newsletter. The author of the best lesson plan of all 6 weeks will be announced and awarded at the closing ceremony. Apart from public recognition, each winner will receive a book of his/her choice from the Debate press.

### 1. Deadlines for submission of the lesson plan

week one - June 7  
week two - June 14  
week three - June 21  
week four - June 28  
week five - July 5  
week six - July 12

### 2. Topic of the lesson plans

The lesson plan should focus on teaching about the topic of climate change. It can also focus on the specific motions we discuss in the Karl Popper Debate Championship (KPDC). Additionally it can focus on teaching any part of the topic analysis: definitions, controversies within the topic, most recent policies, etc.

### 3. Criteria for choosing the best lesson plans

- how original and diverse is the lesson plan
  - how well can the goals set out for the lesson plan be achieved
  - how clear and well explained are the materials and methods used
  - enough details provided for other trainers and coaches to be able to replicate the lesson
- Please see guidelines and some suggestions on how to create a lesson plan [here](#).

**You can submit as many lesson plans as you want! The more you submit, the higher chance you have for winning!**

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## NEWS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

Today is the deadline for registrants wishing to apply for the financial aid!

**Already 150 people have registered!  
Don't hesitate and register:**

[Debaters](#)

[Coaches](#)

[Staff trainers, Board members and Observers](#)

**JOIN US TODAY!**

In case you are interested in receiving the Youth Forum fee waiver, you **should apply until today!** If you are having difficulties with the system or logistics of your participation, **please contact me ASAP so that you are still in for the aid!** In case you are not seeking financial support in the form of a fee waiver you have **15 more days!**

## Visas & travel section of the YF website has been updated!

Please check the [following section](#) to verify if you need visa to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina.

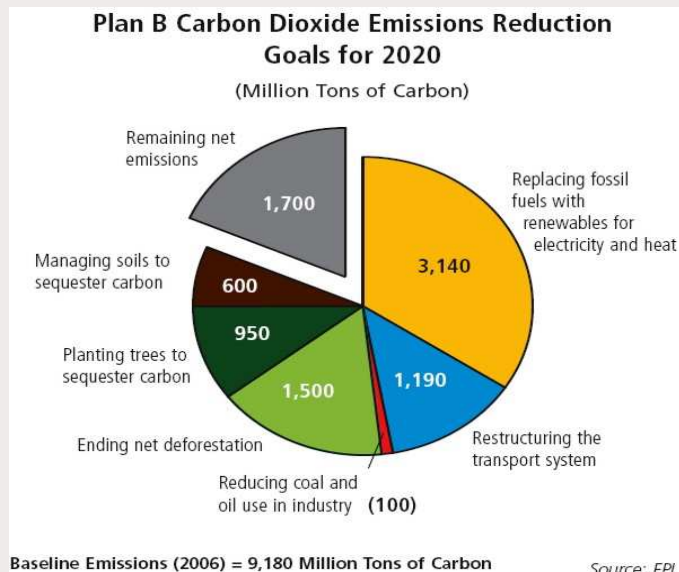
**To avoid any potential trouble at the borders ALL minors (under 18) coming to the Youth Forum need have a from their parents stating that they allow their children to travel with the assigned coach to the Youth Forum. The coach serves as their legal representative. Please use the forms below - fill in forms both in [English and Bosnian!](#) This document should be verified by government stamp, for example at the notary.**



We will be providing pickup at the airport, bus and train station upon your arrival to and departure from Sarajevo. All you need to do arrange is your travel to Sarajevo. Here are some links to the local airlines, which offer good and feasible connection to Sarajevo:

[Hungarian airlines](#)  
[Australian airlines](#)  
[Croatian airlines](#)  
[Adria airways](#)

I have heard that some of you haven't received last week's issue of the newsletter. I am attaching the news here:



**What does the term cap mean?**

Each large-scale emitter, or company, will have a limit on the amount of greenhouse gas that it can emit. The firm must have an “emissions permit” for every ton of carbon dioxide it releases into the atmosphere. These permits set an enforceable limit, or cap, on the amount of greenhouse gas pollution that the company is allowed to emit.

Source: Center for American Progress - Cap and Trade 101 -What Is Cap and Trade, and How Can We Implement It Successfully?

There are over 30 articles solely for the KPDC motion 2: To combat

climate change, nations should use cap and trade regulations rather than impose taxes on carbon emissions

Read more [here](#)

Lastly I would like to introduce 3 new members of our team:

In the position of the Chief Adjudicator: [Andrej Schulcz](#). He will be making sure that the judging standards for the KPDC and MTT competitions are upheld. He will be also leading the judging sessions. If you have any questions now, do not hesitate to contact him.

In the position of Tabulation Officer: Georgi Velkovski, master of tabulation. He will be responsible for the pairing for the KPDC and MTT competitions.

In the position of trainer for the Mixed Team Tournament: Matej Pilat. One of the trainers has unfortunately for us ;) received a prestigious scholarship for summer school and hence had to be replaced by a Matej. He has caught up very fast, so you won't even notice it!

**At least 15 new articles every week! Make use of it! Respond by sending yours or commenting on the existing ones!**

~[Youth Forum organizers](#)

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