



2009 IDEA YOUTH FORUM! BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Youth Forum Newsletter

June 30, 2009

Dear Newsletter readers,

The time is ticking! There are only 24 more days till the YF! It is high time that you start the intensive phase of your preparation for the Youth Forum! The resource section of the Youth Forum will help you out with this! Additionally do share the best practices with the other coaches on how to teach the topics of the Youth Forum! Join the ["Best lesson plan competition"](#)!

This issue of the Newsletter features:

Call for judges!

My impressions about the site with a few tips on what to bring with you

Have your say in choosing the theme song of this year's Youth Forum!



Call for X-tra judges

IDEA is looking for extra judges, who would be able to judge at the IDEA Karl Popper Debate Championship taking place in Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina from July 23-27, 2009.

We will cover your participation fee, so all you need to do, is to get to Sarajevo's airport or train/bus station and we will take it from there! For more information and conditions, please contact [Veronika](#), the Youth Forum Coordinator ASAP!

MY impressions about the YF site...

On June 2-5 2009, Marcin and I have visited the venues for this year's YF, both in Jahorina and Sarajevo. Although the hotel Bistrica, one that we will stay in, is not exactly the type of 4-star hotel you would expect in larger cities, the personnel is very nice and also customer oriented. What the hotel may lack in terms of looks, it offers in high standard of services. There is a great hangout area with table tennis, pool/ billiard, game machines, fitness, swimming pool (all inside) and large areas for sports (3 basketball, 1 volleyball and one real official size football courts) and games outside. There are enough rooms for debating and the lab rooms will all be in closed up (no unfinished balconies :) ventilated areas with direct light and chairs and tables.

We have also had a taste of the typical food that will be served throughout the event and it tasted well and portions were large enough (also for guys;). We will also make sure it's international enough, to suit the tastes of most of you. As the cuisine of BiH is largely based on meat, we will make sure the vegetarians have varying and nutritious food too. As some of the population of BiH eats halal food, the hotel is very much used to cater for special dietary needs - like kosher and halal food.





The whole Youth Forum staff is enthusiastic and creative in using all that the spaces this place offers. DO check the [schedule](#) for a hint on the socials and after lab activities! The finals will be held in the building of Parliament in Sarajevo. Please make sure you bring appropriate clothing for this occasion (smart casual required)!

Items to bring:

- appropriate clothing for the Grand Final of the Karl Popper World Championship and Finals of the Mixed Tournament. I strongly recommend [smart casual](#)
- national flag - for the opening ceremony and KPDC finals in Sarajevo
- clothes for warm and cold weather - nights here can be very chilly as Marcin and I learnt on the site visit - the hard way
- traditional clothing, materials to display and/or items that will be consumed by the participants at the [cultural expo night](#)
- items/clothing that you might need for [talent night, themed parties or the electives night](#)

recommended:

- swimming-suit and sports gear (both indoors and outdoors)
- dictionary
- special card or board games you would like to teach and play with the others
- book you would like to read and then share with others
- good movie you would like to show and discuss with others
- good attitude and willingness to accept differences



Have your say in choosing the IDEA Youth Forum theme song! Listen to the samples, read the lyrics and [VOTE](#) for the best one!
scroll down, look on the left side **and click**

Do not forget that the [resource section](#) features a lot of useful materials (Reviewed articles and papers, Lesson plans, Debatepedia, RSS feed) to help you with the preparation for the Youth Forum tournaments!
