



Youth Forum Newsletter

July 8, 2009

Dear Newsletter readers,

**Great news! The Finals of the KPDC will be broadcasted by the National TV of Bosnia and Herzegovina! And! The KPDC trophy will be handed out to the Champions by the current President of the Bosnia and Herzegovina!**

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## **Trips planned for the August 1**

We have prepared exciting choices for the trips! The bad news is, you can go on one of them only :(

### **1. Bosnian pyramids - Visoko - Price: 15€**

No, it's no joke and it's not a mistake. There really are pyramids in Bosnia! There is no need, for Bosnia can boast the first European pyramids ever discovered and recognized internationally, and they are situated a mere 30 kilometers from the Bosnian capital – Sarajevo. If you wish to be a part of the biggest archeological venture in the contemporary world history and contribute to it, the Bosnian Valley of Pyramids is the field tip of your choice.

### **2. SARAJEVO TOUR - Price: 8€**

One half-day trip during the YF to the stunning capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina wasn't enough? Well then this option is for you. This city is marked by the coexistence of many religions and ways of life: Islam, Catholicism, Orthodox Christianity and Judaism among them. This is why city is sometimes called the Jerusalem of Europe. Sarajevo was also the first city in Europe and the second city in the world to have a full-time operational electric tram network running through the city, the first being San Francisco. Delicious food, shopping opportunities and interesting new information will make every minute you spend in Sarajevo a pleasant memory.

### **MEDJUGORJE - MOSTAR TOUR - Price: 20€**

Medjugorje is among the most renowned and important Christian pilgrimage sites in the world. It is believed that Virgin Mary appeared before 6 children from this town on June 24, 1981 and then talked to them. If you are still not quite determined to go to Medjugorje, here is a piece of information that will surely tip the scales in its direction. Should you decide to travel to Medjugorje, we will also take you to Mostar. Mostar is known throughout the world for its Old Bridge, built in 1565 when the city was a part of the Ottoman realm. OK, you are about to think "It's just a bridge, what's there to see?", but this bridge contains in its stone structure the history of the city and Bosnia. An ordinary stone bridge succeeded at uniting the two banks of a wild river flowing underneath it and its architectural design made it indestructible for centuries, thus making it a symbol of merging what has been divided.

### **Jahorina TOUR - Price: 0€**

We can already hear you say: "We are already here, what's the use of yet another trip to the place

we're at as we speak?" Think again! Are you certain that the overwhelming schedule of the competition has allowed you to see the mountain in its entire splendor? During the ride in a cable car you will have a view of the expanses of Jahorina and you will also get a chance to visit Kadina voda (Kada's spring). This trip is perfect for those who would like to take it easy and who enjoy the peace and quiet of the forest, the smell of pine and the sound of cool clear mountain brooks. Along with a pleasant day at the mountain various sport activities will be organized for you, therefore – we await you!

Please check the full description on the [YF website!](#)

### More information about the hotel Bistrica

As I have mentioned in the previous newsletter the Hotel Bistrica offers many services and opportunities for fun free-time and chill-out after the debate sessions and competition. Here are some of them:

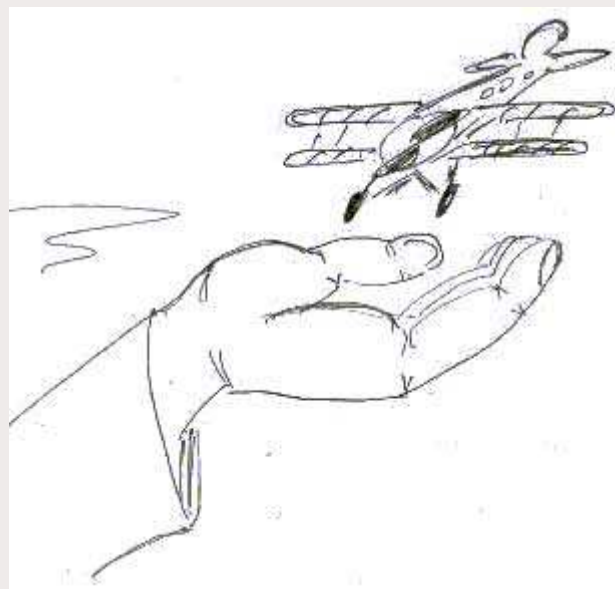
- hangout area with table tennis, pool/ billiard, game machines, fitness room, swimming pool and sauna (all inside)
- large areas for sports (3 basketball, 1 volleyball and one real official size football courts)
- large parking lot for games outside
- bar and lobby area for just hanging out
- reading room, arts&crafts room, movies room, cards&games room
- computer room with 10 desktop computers and 20 w-lan cables to connect your own computer
- wireless connection in the bar and lobby area
- possibility to print and copy materials (50 copies per team per competition)
- 10 hairdryers at the reception area
- small store for buying basic toiletry, phone cards, post cards and small souvenir
- 24/7 nurse



### Address of the hotel:

#### ["Bistrica" Hotel](#)

Olympic Mountain Jahorina,  
71420 Pale, Republic of Srpska



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### First information on arrival pick-up

All participants will be picked-up from their point of arrival (Sarajevo airport, train/bus station). So that you do get picked up **check your travel information** within the registration system **NOW!**

The primary contact for pick-up information is **Anesa**: [anesa.vilic@efsa.unsa.ba](mailto:anesa.vilic@efsa.unsa.ba) and her telephone number is **+387 61 715 17**. She will be present at the airport of Sarajevo on the arrival days: July 21 and 23 and will help you with any

issues that may arise.

We will send you the transportation details (which bus you will be on) in the next newsletter that will be coming out early next week!

## Some important reminders

### Items to bring:

- as the Finals of the KPDC will take place in the Parliament building of BiH and will be broadcasted by the national TV appropriate we require that you dress appropriately ([smart casual](#)) or in your national costumes. Please do not forget to bring the flag of your country!
- 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](#)

### Other reminders:

- please notice that there will be 2 extended and 4 limited preparation debates at the KPDC. see the motions [here](#)
- there are also new articles and lesson plans in the resources section. [read them now!](#)
- there are some changes and updates to the schedule - [check them out](#)
- if you are staying in Sarajevo before or after the YF and need accommodation here are some tips on [hotels and taxi services](#)
- all participants of the YF are covered by the Travel health insurance offered by the company CareMed. As BiH has bilateral agreements with some countries regarding medical treatment, do not forget to bring your insurance card from your home country too (eg the international pass for EU countries - blue pass)

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**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!**

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