



Youth Forum Newsletter

June 12, 2009

Dear Newsletter readers,

We are still running the **"Best lesson plan competition!"** So if you are thinking of applying as trainer next year or you would like to get a worldwide attention of debaters, then you should submit your lesson plan no later than every Sunday until July 12! Next deadline is on June 13! We will announce a weekly winner in the next Newsletter. The overall winner will be announced at the Youth Forum Closing Ceremony and the best lesson plans will be published in the Idebate Magazine!

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This issue of the Newsletter features information on health and security



Read more to know more!

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We are expecting to host around 180 participants (teams and individuals) from the following countries:

Australia, Azerbaijan, Botswana, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Ukraine, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Uzbekistan

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### Health and Security information for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Our stay in Jahorina and trips that we organize as excursions – half-day trip to Sarajevo or whole-day trips to Mostar, Medjugorje, Bjelasnica, Visoko or Sarajevo are not considered to be parts that are dangerous in terms of health and safety.

## Health

The hotel employs a nurse (a male) who will be available 24/7 to address any health issues during our stay in Jahorina. The nearest hospital is located in Pale ( 13 km away from Jahorina) or in Sarajevo which is located 25 km away from Jahorina.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has no legal requirements for vaccinations and there are no health risks associated with your stay. Please do remember to bring your prescription medicines you take every day and make sure you have enough to last during your trip.

## Safety

Based on the information provided by the U.S Department of State, there has not been any Travel Warnings or Travel Alerts issued. Bosnia and Herzegovina is considered to be one of the safest places in Europe. Violent crime is virtually non-existent. For men and women alike, walking the streets of any town or city at any time of day or night is a relatively safe bet. There are areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which till today bear the sad reminders of the civil war - mines. These were laid in the areas of fighting. Jahorina and the surrounding areas have not been affected and are perfectly safe. They are popular with tourists from BiH and other countries and are visited by thousands of people each year. None of the excursions or events organized by the Forum will be taking place in or near the areas affected by the remaining mines.

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

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