



HEART of
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DEBATING TOURNAMENT

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Heart of Europe
Debating Tournament
13 th year

13th - 18th
July 2016
Wednesday-Monday

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Show your prowess
OLOMOUC
CZECH REPUBLIC
Go to Heart of Europe
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Česká debatní společnost
Czech debate society



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the **Czech Debate Society, z. s.** it is my great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to the **13th** year of our annual international debate tournament, the Heart of Europe.

Our Heart of **Europe Debating Tournament 2016** (HOEDT) will take place on **July 13th – 18th** in Olomouc, Czech Republic. The

tournament is truly international. The key features of the tournament are as follows:

Hashtag #HOEDT

- **WS format**
- **power pairing; tabulation by Rich Edwards' computer programme**
- **8 preliminary rounds (5 impromptu, 3 prepared)**
- **octo-finals, quarter-finals, semi-finals (all impromptu), and the final (prepared)**
- **team cap of 60 teams**
- **adjudicator panel of 5; world class CA team**
- **social and cultural activities including boat trip & sightseeing with guide**
- **cultural diversity (nearly 20 countries participated last year)**
- **fees 200/150/260 EUR (debater, team manager/judge/observer)**
- **live streaming of debates**
- **experienced organizing committee**

Since the World Schools Debate Academy (extensive debate trainings) in Slovenia is going to take place prior to HOEDT 2016 and WSDC 2016 Stuttgart, Germany, takes place since 19th July, this is a great opportunity to culminate your training efforts towards WSDC 2016, and what is more than great, we are going to organise private bus from Olomouc to Stuttgart <http://heart-of-europe.org/2015/09/21/from-olomouc-to-stuttgart/>. On the other hand, this tournament is independent and this is only a suggestion for national teams. Any and all teams are welcome to this friendly tournament, including beginners, as long as they are able to debate in English.





Belonging to the traditional tournaments of Europe, HOEDT is organized by the Czech Debate Society, z. s., and has come a long way since its first instalment. We have constantly tried to enhance our tournament's quality with each new follow-up season, and we will certainly stay on that course in 2016.

As some of you may remember, this tournament used to be organized at the venue of a local prestigious high school, Gymnasium Hejcin. Five years ago, we have established cooperation with the University of Palacky in Olomouc and moved tournament onto academic soil. This year, we continue in this trend and the good news is that all of the participants are accommodated in one facility which is located only 50 metres away from the Faculty of Science

of the University of Palacky in Olomouc.

As those of you who were participating last year have seen for themselves, the Faculty of Science at the University of Palacky is one of the most modern academic venues in Olomouc. We truly hope that every participant will find this to their liking.

The same University will also provide us with their best accommodation and meals. Vegetarian dishes will be available in facility just 200 metres from faculty of Science. More about accommodation <http://heart-of-europe.org/accommodation/>. More about Faculty of Science <http://www.prf.upol.cz/en/>.





Time allocation is as follows:

- Wednesday 13th – arrival and lectures
- Thursday 14th – 3 preliminary rounds
- Friday 15th – 3 preliminary rounds
- Saturday 16th – 2 preliminary rounds
- Sunday 17th – octo-finals, quarter-finals, and semi-finals
- Monday 18th – Grand Final and departures

A final schedule will be created as soon as the cultural and other activities have been confirmed. All participants are welcome to arrive on an earlier day and/or remain in the city after the tournament. It is 20 additional Euros per person per night. **Draft schedule** <http://heart-of-europe.org/schedule/>.

With respect to adjudication, the Organizing Committee (ORGCOM) has invited **Itumeleng K. Mohanoe** (South Africa) to be the Chief Adjudicator for this year and he has gladly accepted. You will find the other members of Chief Adjudicator panel till 31st December 2015. You can find more about them at <http://heart-of-europe.org/ca-team/>. It is vital to point out that in order to ensure the quality of the competition, we strongly emphasize the necessity of having adjudication panels. In view of this, we will be requiring teams to bring more adjudicators than usual.

Registration process

You can register at any point up **until the end of May!** Late registrations after dead line would not be possible. **This is an open tournament. Any organization, society, school or club from any country is entitled to participate.** We can also try to arrange mixed teams for individuals who are applying with no team. More at <http://heart-of-europe.org/instructions-fees/>.

Registration requirements are as follows:

- **Teams**
 - teams may consist of at least 3 eligible debaters according to the rules (basically secondary or high school students or recent graduates who have not started tertiary education yet),
 - each team must be accompanied by an adult (Team Manager) who will bear responsibility for the behaviour of team members,
 - a rule of **n+1** is applied to adjudicators (adjudicators required = number of teams in a delegation + 1),
 - a completed registration form must be submitted to the Registration Officer in online form <https://reg.heart-of-europe.org> or via email registrations@heart-of-europe.org.
- **Adjudicators (both team and independent)**
 - a judging CV must be sent to the Chief Adjudicator ca@heart-of-europe.org,
 - a completed online registration <https://reg.heart-of-europe.org> must be submitted to the Registration Officer or via email registrations@heart-of-europe.org.
- **Observers**
 - a completed online registration <https://reg.heart-of-europe.org> must be submitted to the Registration Officer or via email registrations@heart-of-europe.org.



All participants are obliged to uphold the Rules and Code of Ethics. Participants must have written consent with them on arrival, minors need to have the respective form signed by their legal guardians prior to departure to the tournament. The form can be found at the end of the Code of Ethics. The Photo & Video Approval Form is also obligatory to every participant and is going to be collected upon arrival. **Deadline for registration is 31st May 2016.**

Visa

The conditions of entry and stay of aliens in the territory of the Czech Republic are regulated by Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on Stay of Aliens in the Territory of the Czech Republic, as amended (the "Alien Act").

- General visa information <http://bit.ly/ZZkgok>
- Short-stay visa information <http://bit.ly/Z1P8yb>
- Visa fee schedule <http://bit.ly/1fsUxtq>
- List of States Whose Citizens Are Required to Have Visa <http://bit.ly/MmzXQX>
- Visa form <http://bit.ly/H8E6xQ>

Here you can find a list of the Czech Embassies around the world: <http://bit.ly/w2qqCk>. If you live in one of these countries, the local Embassy will be able to assist you in any preparations for visiting Czech Republic. If you do not have a Czech Embassy in your country, please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic: <http://bit.ly/fg6Er3> for more information.

For inquiries about **visas**, please contact: **Jakub Kadlec** - Head of the host organisation
Email: jakub.kadlec@c-d-s.cz **Phone:** 00420 601 353 165

Travel health insurance

Organizing Committee strongly advises all participants to go through all regulations concerning **TRAVEL HEALTH INSURANCE**. All necessary information can be found at web pages of Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic <http://bit.ly/1Ktu3Ud>.

Recommended dress code

Business informal attire or equivalent (for other cultures) - <http://bit.ly/6L4Wji>





Debate Motions

The prepared motions chosen by Motion Committee of HOEDT 2016 are:

GRAND FINAL

- THBT all EU states should remove restrictions from their former colonies.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- THBT constitutions of liberal democracies should not enshrine LGBTQ rights.
- THW pay citizens to house refugees.



The registration fee covers

- accommodation for 5 nights; meals: 4 × lunch, 5 × breakfast, 4 × dinner, refreshments
- all free time activities (parties, excursions, trips, boat party) ; ground transport in Olomouc
- reduced taxi fare rates at ALFA taxi, better exchange rates in partner exchange offices



The eleventh year of Heart of Europe international debating tournament is upon us. Looking back at the previous year's tournament, apart from having a lot of fun, we have also tried several new things (again), and we are definitely keeping those that worked. For any of you who would want



to participate, there are thematic tours through the city (with a twist) awaiting you, as well as artistic performances to watch and several socials to attend.

But make no mistake, all the free time activities are only the proverbial icing on the cake. Heart of Europe is mainly a place of challenge and learning, where great debaters teach the beginners by example in the preliminary rounds, and then compete mercilessly in the breaking rounds with their equals from several other continents. Everyone is welcome, because we believe in giving everyone a chance to prove what they're worth, but we also make sure the level of the debaters and judges is evenly distributed and all the rounds are properly power-paired.

Let the best team win and everyone have a great time!

Jakub KADLEC

Chief Organiser

Organizing Committee

Heart of Europe Debating Tournament 2016

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Transport, Visa, and other information is available on our website in section PARTICIPANTS <http://www.heart-of-europe.org>. Feel free to ask any questions relating to the tournament or the host organisation at registrations@heart-of-europe.org or info@heart-of-europe.org.

Links and contacts:

- 📍 Website: <http://www.heart-of-europe.org/>
- 📍 Host organization website: <http://c-d-s.cz/>
- 📍 Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Heart-of-Europe-Debating-Tournament/175134202532094>
- 📍 Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/924074894297822/>
- 📍 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/HeartofEuropeDT>
- 📍 V Kontakte: http://vk.com/heart_of_europe_dt
- 📍 YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/TheCzechDebateTV>
- 📍 Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart_of_Europe_Debating_Tournament
- 📍 Registration e-mail: registrations@heart-of-europe.org
- 📍 Information e-mail: info@heart-of-europe.org
- 📍 Chief Adjudicator e-mail: cap@heart-of-europe.org
- 📍 For visa matters e-mail: jakub.kadlec@c-d-s.cz



- For course of the tournament and festivities: festivities@heart-of-europe.org

Documents:

- Online Registration Form for Delegations:

<http://reg.heart-of-europe.org/>

- Online Registration Form for Independents:

<http://reg.heart-of-europe.org/>

- Adjudicator Resume:

http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_10_23_adjudication_resume_HOE_2016.doc

- Rules:

http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_11_01_rules_HOE_2016.pdf

- Code of Ethics:

http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_11_01_code_of_ethics_HOE_2016.pdf

- Photo & Video Approval Form:

http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_23_10_photo_video_approval_form_HOE_2016.doc

- This Call for Registration:

http://www.heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_11_01_code_of_ethics_HOE_2016.pdf

