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Dear all,



Welcome to the Heart of Europe International Debating Tournament 2016, we are delighted to see so many of you from both near and

far. The mission of our tournament has always been to bring different peoples together, to help bridge gaps and mend fences, and it has become even more important now, in this time of international crisis, in which cultures clash on the European soil, as well as all over the world. A young generation that chooses speech instead of violence and curiosity instead of hate gives all of us hope for the future.

As always, this event is being organized by the Czech Debate Society, z. s., a non-governmental, non-profit organization, operating in all regions of the Czech Republic since 2004. We are returning once more to the Faculty of Science of the Palacky University in Olomouc, a world class educational facility. We believe that those of you who are visiting our tournament for the first time will grow as fond of it as those of you who are returning.

This year is a bit special, even more so than usual, thanks to the immediately following

World Schools Debating Championships 2016 taking place in the nearby city of Stuttgart in Germany. To make sure that

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none of you who wish to go there miss out on that spectacular event, including several national teams, we have decided to arrange transportation via bus. If you are interested in taking us up on this offer, do not forget to let us know in advance.

But of course, there is more than enough awesome waiting for you in Olomouc alone. Considering Olomouc has been one of the top hidden treasures of Lonely Planet three years running, there is simply too much to discover in a single week, and that is taking into account the substantial amount of free time you will be given to explore it. We have even set secret plans in motion to make the exploration more rewarding this year, not to mention all of the socials that are in store for you.

Sincere thanks to you all for choosing our tournament, from me and our staff. Rest assured that we will do our best to provide the greatest possible experience.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in July,

Jakub Kadlec

Chief Organizer

President of Czech Debate Society



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CAP stands for Chief Adjudicators Panel and it consists of some of the best debate Adjudicators out there. We are always trying to have a diverse CAP, so that all regions of the world participating at the Heart of Europe are represented equally. The CAP will be responsible for ensuring high quality of adjudication at our tournament.

More about CAP at <http://heart-of-europe.org/ca-team/>

The most important member of the ORGCOM for any participant are the Delegates Care and Logistics Officer, who are in charge of coordinating the helpers – turn to these people with most of the normal practical issues like seeking directions, general information, or if you need to get miscellaneous items. With the more fun and free time centered queries, address Social Officer, a person responsible for the hosting of all the socials and organization of free time activities:



Matylda Klosova
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You can contact the Communications Officer if you have some ideas or wishes related to your media presentation (participation on interviews or news specials, providing contacts for news channels or other media outlets, etc.):



Ondrej Gardavsky
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The Venue Manager is responsible for managing the smooth running of the tournament. If you have any problem that could impact the schedule of the event or a difficult organizational question to which the volunteers may not know the answer, he is the person to talk to:



Mgr. Martin Rezny
(Czech Republic)

Venue Manager
00420 725 999 100
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Very important member of our staff to know is the medic, trained in first aid. If you or anybody else in your vicinity experience any health problems, especially if they are sudden and intense, make sure to seek him out immediately, or tell other members of our staff that are nearby to summon him.

He will have a first aid kit handy with some basic prescription-free medication. On a related note, we recommend you also drink enough water during the tournament to stay hydrated, not just caffeinated and energy drinks, so that the number of such emergencies stays low. Contact: **00420 737 624 530**



If you happen to have any problem or feel like something is not going on in accordance with the rules, the law, or our Code of Ethics, address Complaints Officers



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SCHEDULE

Wednesday 13th July

- 08:00 – 19:30 Arrivals and registration (reception of Generala Svobody Hostel)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Dinner (Faculty of Science 5th floor)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Debating at the HOE 2016 & WS format – Lecture for Novices and the Lecture for Experienced Debaters (Faculty of Science)
- 19:30 – 21:00 Adjudicators' briefing and adjudicators' social (Faculty of Science)

Thursday 14th July

- 08:00 – 09:30 Breakfast (Faculty of Science)
- 09:30 – 10:00 Group photo (Faculty of Science)
- 10:00 – 10:50 Opening Ceremony, Speeches & Announcement of draw for round 1 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 11:00 – 12:30 Round 1 THBT constitutions of liberal democracies should not enshrine LGBTQ rights.
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch (ZELOS)
- 14:00 – 14:15 Announcement of draw for round 2 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 14:15 – 15:45 Round 2 THBT constitutions of liberal democracies should not enshrine LGBTQ rights (side swap).
- 16:00 – 16:15 Announcement of draw for round 3 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 16:15 – 16:30 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 16:30 – 17:30 Preparation time
- 17:30 – 19:00 Round 3 impromptu
- 19:30 – 22:00 International Friendship Night, talent competition (Faculty of Science – 6th floor)
- 19:30 – 22:00 Dinner (Faculty of Science – 5th floor)

Friday 15th July

- 08:00 – 09:15 Breakfast (Faculty of Science 5th floor)
- 09:15 – 09:30 Announcement of draw for round 4 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 09:30 – 09:45 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 09:45 – 10:45 Preparation time
- 10:45 – 12:15 Round 4 impromptu



- 12:15 – 13:30 Lunch (ZELOS)
- 13:45 – 14:00 Announcement of draw for round 5 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 14:00 – 15:30 Round 5 THW pay citizens to house refugees.
- 15:45 – 16:00 Announcement of draw for round 6 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 16:00 – 17:30 Round 6 THW pay citizens to house refugees (side swap).
- 17:45 – 18:30 Slot 1 (group photos of teams in front of the Faculty of Science)
- 18:00 – 20:00 Dinner (Faculty of Science – 5th floor)
- 20:00 – 22:00 Slot 2 (guided night-time sightseeing tour, meeting in front of Generala Svobody Hostel)

Saturday 16th July

- 08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast (Faculty of Science 5th floor)
- 08:30 – 09:15 Announcement of draw for round 7 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 09:15 – 09:30 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 09:30 – 10:30 Preparation time
- 10:30 – 12:00 Round 7 silent impromptu (Adjudicators do not announce results)
- 12:15 – 13:15 Lunch (ZELOS)
- 13:45 – 17:00 Slot 3 – museums Art/Archdiocesan/Car/Regional/of Astronomical Clock; Archbishopric Palace; Archbishopric Tomb (meeting in front of Generala Svobody Hostel)
- 13:45 – 17:00 Slot 4 – the tour of depth and heights of Olomouc (meeting in front of Generala Svobody Hostel)
- 13:45 – 17:00 Take out dinner packs available at the Faculty of Science on 5th floor
- 17:00 – 17:15 Announcement of draw for round 8 (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 17:15 – 17:30 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 17:30 – 18:30 Preparation time
- 18:30 – 20:00 Round 8 silent impromptu (Adjudicators do not announce results)
- 20:15 – 20:30 Play-off announcement (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)

Sunday 17th July

- 08:00 – 10:30 Breakfast (Faculty of Science)
- 09:00 – 10:30 Slot 5 – soccer/volleyball tournament/aqua park (meeting in front of Generala Svobody Hostel)
- 09:15 – 09:30 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 09:30 – 10:30 Preparation time
- 10:30 – 12:00 Octo-finals
- 12:15 – 12:30 Announcement of quarterfinalists (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch (ZELOS)
- 14:00 – 14:15 Tossing of motions and sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 14:15 – 15:15 Preparation time
- 15:15 – 16:45 Quarter-finals
- 17:00 – 17:15 Announcement of semifinalists (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 17:15 – 17:30 Tossing of Motions and Sides (Faculty of Science – in debate rooms)
- 17:30 – 18:30 Preparation time
- 17:30 – 18:30 Slot 6 – Team packages with ballots and certificates handout for team managers (Faculty of Science – ORGCOM Room)
- 18:30 – 20:00 Semi-finals
- 21:00 – ??? Slot 8 – Announcing of finalists and tossing of sides and bye bye party (meeting in front of Generala Svobody Hostel)

Monday 18th July

- 08:00 – 09:30 Breakfast (Faculty of Science on 5th floor)
- 09:30 – 11:00 Grand final THBT all EU states should remove restrictions from their former colonies.
- 11:00 – 12:00 Closing ceremony (Faculty of Science – Meeting Room)
- 12:00 – 22:00 Check out and departures (reception of Generala Svobody Hostel)



LIST OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

If you are interested in finding out who are your adversaries going to be for the tournament, here you can look at the list of registered teams (listed in the order of their application):

#	Country	Team
1	South Africa 	BAD GOLD: DELUXE
2	South Africa 	BAD MAROON
3	South Africa 	BAD BLACK
4	Czech Republic 	CDS A
5	Denmark 	Denmark A
6	Denmark 	Denmark B
7	Canada 	Canada Red
8	Canada 	Canada Blue
9	Canada 	Canada Green
10	Canada 	Canada Wesley/White
11	Canada 	Canada Black
12	Canada 	Canada Purple
13	Canada 	Canada Toronto
14	Romania 	SAVA 1
15	Romania 	SAVA 2
16	Belarus 	Belarus National
17	South Africa 	RHS ALPHA
18	South Africa 	RHS BETA
19	Bulgaria 	Bulgaria Green
20	Bulgaria 	Bulgaria Red
21	Canada 	Brentwood College A
22	Canada 	Brentwood College B
23	Canada 	Brentwood College C
24	Bosnia and Herzegovina 	Gorgije
25	Bosnia and Herzegovina 	BiH
26	Nigeria 	Nigeria A
27	Nigeria 	Nigeria B



28	Turkey 🇹🇷	Robert Blue
29	Turkey 🇹🇷	Robert White
30	Turkey 🇹🇷	Robert Red
31	Sweden 🇸🇪	KDS Omega
32	Sweden 🇸🇪	KDS Alpha
33	Sweden 🇸🇪	KDS Epsilon
34	Spain 🇪🇸	Comunidad de Madrid
35	Peru 🇵🇪	Peru National
36	Hungary 🇭🇺	Milestone Jefferson
37	Hungary 🇭🇺	Milestone Voltaire
38	Hungary 🇭🇺	Milestone Rousseau
39	Canada 🇨🇦	UTS-A
40	Canada 🇨🇦	UTS-B

ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION

Basic information

First of all, before you even start your journey to the Czech Republic, you should let us know when you are planning to arrive in Olomouc (presumably at the main railway station in Olomouc hlavní nadraží), so that one of our volunteers can pick you up and help you get to the dormitories as quickly and safely as possible (see the list of organizers above and look for a contact to our Delegates Care & Logistics Officers).

Secondly, there are some practical details related to accommodation you should be aware of. **You need to pay a 20 Euro refundable deposit** for your room keys, which will be returned to you at your departure (if you do not lose the keys, naturally). For additional 2 Euro each you can also purchase internet connection cables from us, should you need them, or you can borrow them. And lastly, we recommend you bring your own towels, though some should be provided with the rooms.

If you are confused as to how you can make your payments in the Czech Republic, all the details can be found at this web address:

<http://heart-of-europe.org/money-matters-2016/>



All the participants of Heart of Europe 2016 have also better exchange rates at our partner exchange offices:

UNNI Trading, s.r.o.
(city centre)
Riegrova 5
779 00 Olomouc

Smenarna nadrazi Olomouc
(train station)
Jeremenkova 23
772 00 Olomouc

Galerie Santovka
(Next to Interspar)
Polska 1201/1
779 00 Olomouc



How to reach Olomouc from Prague

The best way is to take Airport Express bus (AE) directly to the main train station. The stop for Terminal 1 (Prague Vaclav Havel (Ruzyne) Airport – Terminal North 1) is situated in the municipal transit area in front of the Letiste Praha, Terminal 1 check-in hall. Terminal 1 is for flights to countries outside of the Schengen zone. The single ticket is 60 CZK / 2,40 EUR. The stop for Terminal 2 (Prague Vaclav Havel (Ruzyne) Airport – Terminal North 2) is situated in the municipal transit area in front of the Letiste Praha, Terminal 2 check-in hall. Terminal 2 is for flights to countries in the Schengen zone. <https://www.cd.cz/en/vnitrostatni-cestovani/specialni-nabidky/airport-express-na-letiste-praha/-8899/>

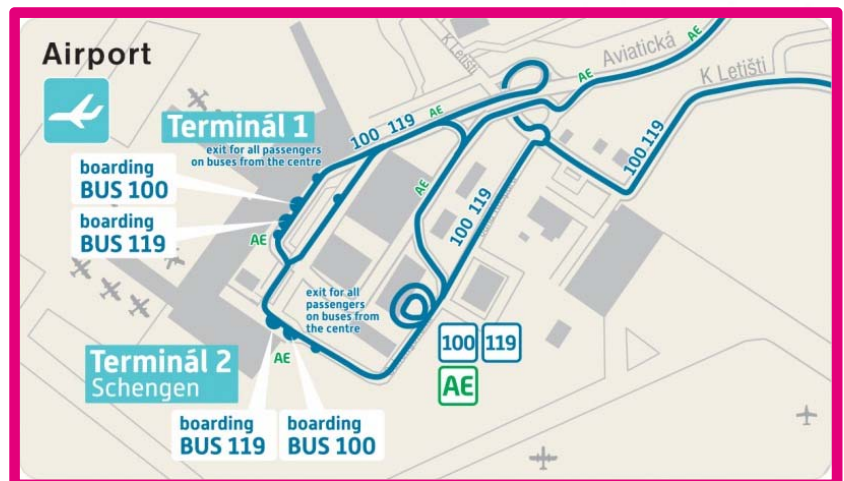
The taxi in Prague would cost approx. 500 CZK / 20 EUR for 30 minutes without any traffic jams. Taxi Terminal Taxi Praha. <http://www.levnenaletiste.cz/> 00420 605 11 40 88

You can also take Bus 119 for the "Nadrazi Veleslavin" station, on which you catch the Green Metro line (Line A) to "Muzeum" station, where you change to Red Metro line (Line C), direction "Letnany" (on your right after the transfer from A Line) and exit on the next stop at "Hlavni nadrazi". (tickets for public transport in Prague zone P:

one day ticket – 110 CZK / 4,40 EUR, single ride ticket 32 CZK / 1,30 EUR). SMS tickets <http://www.smsjzdenka.cz/MATicketsDPP/sms/index.do>

From the Praha hlavni nadrazi, you can take direct train to Olomouc (usually direction Ostrava). A group ticket is the most convenient option for the whole delegation. Trains are leaving approx. every 45 minutes. The timetables are available at www.jizdnirady.cz.

For more information visit our page: <http://heart-of-europe.org/transportation/>



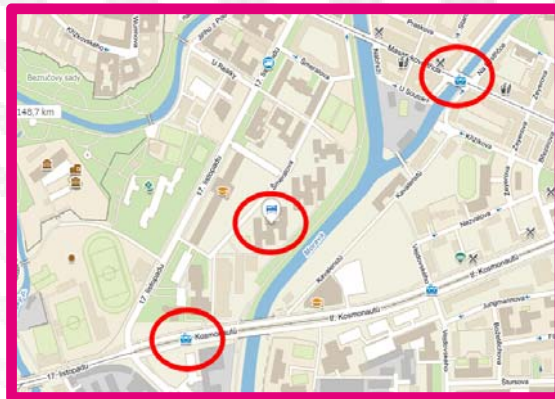


Accommodation

The accommodation is located at:

Address: Smeralova 1122/12, 771 11 Olomouc

Phone: 00420 585 638 175 (reception)



You can get there using these lines of public transportation:



Nearest tram stops:

Zizkovo namesti (lines 2, 3, 4, 6)

Envelopa (lines 1, 5, 7)

Connection from the main railway station - Olomouc hlavní nadrazi:

Tram No. 1 direction Nova ulice, exit at stop Envelopa

Tram No. 2 direction Neredin, exit at stop Zizkovo namesti

Tram No. 3 direction Trnkova, exit at stop Zizkovo namesti

Tram No. 4 direction Nova ulice, exit at stop Zizkovo namesti

Tram No. 5 direction Trnkova, exit at stop Envelopa

Tram No. 6 direction Nova ulice, exit at stop Zizkovo namesti

Tram No. 7 direction Neredin, exit at stop Envelopa

DPMO - public transport company in Olomouc

Public transport timetables Olomouc. <http://www.mhdspoje.cz/mesta/Olomouc/>

Transport schematics

<http://www.dpmo.cz/pdf/plansite/web-mapa.png>



All registered participants with the ID card of a participant can use DPMO public transport for free. They need to have the registration card on board. The registration cards are going to be distributed upon arrival.



You can also use the services of our partner taxi service. Alfa Taxi, s. r. o. **All registered participants with the card of a participant can use Alfa taxi concessionary fare.**

Alfa taxi[®] S.R.O.

They must have the registration card on board and produce it to the driver prior to the start of fare. The registration cards are going to be distributed upon arrival.

REGISTRATION PROCESS IN OLOMOUC AND PAYMENT

We will be collecting registration fees upon arrival. We would ask you that for each delegation you have one person prepare the **exact amount of money** to be paid (please do not forget to prepare refundable deposit for keys, it is 20€ per key bunch), and also all the **passports or IDs (Schengen)** for the delegation that we have to check (we will return them to you on the spot). We will also need the forms expressing agreement to the **Code of Ethics signed by every participant** to be handed to us by this person. The form can be downloaded here: http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2016/2015_11_01_code_of_ethics_HOE_2016.pdf

We will also be collecting one other document at the registration spot, from the people who have not sent them in electronic form - from Adjudicators their Adjudication Resume:

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

Documents from teams which can (and wish to) participate in the EFL track will not be required this year at the registration spot. There is no special form. Instead, it is now a box in the online registration form. Without ticking the EFL box in the online registration form, we cannot guarantee it will be possible to be registered as an EFL (English as a Foreign Language) team after the tournament has already commenced, so make sure you have filled the online registration form accurately. After filling it out, we will send you the entered data as we have received them for you to review and confirm them.

Those of you, who paid via bank transfer, bring also some document issued by your bank or a scan or a print out of your electronic banking statement confirming the transfer.





RULES

The debating format used at this tournament is called WS – World Style. If you are uncertain as to what exactly it entails, you can find the complete rules of the format and all the other necessary information at this web address:

<http://schoolsdebate.com/resources/>

All the regulations and guidelines of the tournament are available here:

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

MOTIONS

There will be two kinds of debates during the tournament – prepared debates and the so called impromptu debates. More details can be found at this web address:

<http://heart-of-europe.org/2015/11/03/motions-for-2016/>

Allocation of motions to rounds is mentioned in the schedule.

ADJUDICATORS

If you are participating as an Adjudicator, there are some things you need to know in advance, mainly in regards to the initial compulsory briefing and training lecture, where all questions will be answered. All the necessary details can be found at this web address:

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

Please go through all the documents there, to be familiar with them at the opening lecture.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP NIGHT – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

This is the main social event of the tournament, and that is why it deserves special attention. The best part of it is that it is you, the participants, who makes it happen and creates the program. It is a great opportunity for everyone to present their country and their culture. It is up to you if you focus on your country's history, cuisine and beverages, art, religion or any other area which is significant where you come from.

We encourage you to bring some samples and examples with you which you can share with the rest of the world – the more of each you bring, the better the night will be for everyone. Naturally, it would be wise to also bring your national flag, so that you can visually represent your country wherever you go, not only at the international friendship night. The all time favourites are crazy foods or drinks and live musical performances. Pictures of handsome celebrities will undoubtedly also be received very positively.

DRESS CODE

Recommended dress code is **business casual** or comparable (in your culture).

You can find short introduction to this style of clothing here:

<http://www.career.vt.edu/JobSearchGuide/BusinessCasualAttire.html>



RECOMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

- Things for international friendship night (your traditional foods, drinks, other products, pictures, clothes, music, musical instruments, movies, etc.;
- National flag 150 cm × 100 cm – for international friendship night, breaking rounds, and also for taking group photos;
- Dictionary and almanac of data;
- Towel, if nothing else, [you should always have a towel on your person](#)

TALENT SHOW

After a one year break, we have decided to bring back this social inspired by the reality television competitions that most of you are probably very familiar with. If you have any skill that can make for an interesting performance, be it singing, acting, poetry recital, stand up comedy, juggling, or whatever else that you'd be proud to perform in front of an audience of your fellow debaters, we say bring it on! We are quite confident that many of our participants are artistic, which is why we believe it can be a lot of fun. If you wish to register for this social as a performer, contact our Social Officer.

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<http://www.heart-of-europe.org/web/>

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Ustream – streaming the debates online

<http://www.ustream.tv/user/HeartofEuropeTV>



Instagram – share your photos from the tournament

<https://www.instagram.com/czdebatesociety/>



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Heart-of-Europe-Debating-Tournament-Official-Site/175134202532094>



Facebook event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/924074894297822/>



VK page

<http://vk.com/hoedt>



VK group

http://vk.com/heart_of_europe_dt

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/#!/HeartofEuropeDT>

Flickr

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/czdebatesociety/>

YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TheCzechDebateTV>

Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heart_of_Europe_Debating_Tournament

