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**Heart of Europe 2017
International
Debating
Tournament**

**13. - 18. July 2017
Olomouc, Czechia**

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Česká debaťní 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 **14th** year of our annual international debate tournament, the Heart of Europe.

Our Heart of **Europe Debating Tournament 2017** (HOEDT) will take place on **July 13th – 18th** in Olomouc, Czechia more known as Czech Republic past Czechoslovakia. The tournament is truly international. The key features of the tournament are as follows:

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- **World Style format**
- **mobile info application of the tournament for Android and iPhone**
- **power pairing; tabulation by Rich Edwards' computer programme**
- **8 preliminary rounds (4 impromptu, 4 prepared)**
- **octo-finals, quarter-finals, semi-finals (all impromptu), and the final (prepared)**
- **team cap of 60 teams**
- **adjudicator panels of 3; world class CA team of 5**
- **social and cultural activities, parties & sightseeing with guide, night sightseeing**
- **cultural diversity (nearly 20 countries participated last year)**
- **fees 200/150/260 EUR (Debater, Team Manager/Adjudicator/Observer)**
- **two people per room; all participants in one facility**
- **live streaming of debates**
- **professional foto & video footage outputs**
- **experienced Organizing Committee**

Since the World Schools Debate Academy (extensive debate trainings) in Slovenia is going to take place prior to Heart of Europe Debating Tournament (HOEDT) 2017 and World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) 2017 Bali, Indonesia, takes place after , this is a great opportunity to culminate your training efforts towards WSDC 2017. On the other hand, this tournament is independent and this is only a suggestion for national teams or competitive ones who would like to have Eurotrip in 2017 starting in Slovenia or in Czechia. 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. (CDS), 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 2017. For example you will have an opportunity to use mobile info application of the tournament for Android and iPhone.

As some of you may remember, this tournament used to be organized at the venue of a local prestigious high school, Gymnazium Olomouc-Hejcin. Seven years ago, we have established cooperation with the University of Palacký 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 Palacký in Olomouc.

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



More about accommodation <http://heart-of-europe.org/accommodation/>.

More about Faculty of Science <http://www.prf.upol.cz/en/>.



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 2017.**

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 and invitation letters**, 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>.

Czechia

The Czechia is located in the heart of Europe, in a region with a stirring past and equally interesting present. Though not large, it is a good place to visit, no matter whether you look for an attractive business location with committed and skilled people, or whether you just want to stop off for relaxing break and enjoy a holiday steeped in history or exploring beautiful landscape areas along hiking, boating and cycling trails.

For further tourist information please refer to the official websites of the Czech Republic <http://www.czech.cz> or <http://www.czechtourism.com> You can also consult some of the travel guide websites, such as <http://www.discoverczech.com>



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 2017 are:

GRAND FINAL

- ♥ This House would penalize corporations for excessive use of planned obsolescence.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

- ♥ This House believes that the United States of America should shift its foreign policy towards cooperation with Russia.
- ♥ This House believes that the culture of violence against women and girls is a serious threat to sustainable development.



The registration fee covers

- ♥ accommodation for 5 nights; meals: 4 × lunch, 5 × breakfast, 4 × dinner, refreshments
- ♥ all free time activities (parties, excursions, trips) ; ground transport in Olomouc
- ♥ reduced taxi fare rates at ALFA taxi, better exchange rates in partner exchange offices
- ♥ professional foto and video footage, live streaming of debates
- ♥ mobile info application of the tournament for Android and iPhone
- ♥ materials



The thirteenth 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 2017

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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/1289562477730081/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/HeartofEuropeDT>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/czdebatesociety/>
- Vkontakte: 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/hoe2017/2016_10_23_adjudication_resume_HOE_2017.doc
- Rules:
http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2017/2016_11_01_rules_HOE_2017.pdf
- Code of Ethics:
http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2017/2016_11_01_code_of_ethics_HOE_2017.pdf
- Photo & Video Approval Form:
http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2017/2016_23_10_photo_video_approval_form_HOE_2017.doc
- This Call for Registration:
http://heart-of-europe.org/files/hoe2017/2016_10_23_call_for_registration_HOE_2017.pdf

