

NEWSLETTER #1

WSDC 2018

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WSDC 2018 is drawing closer and we couldn't be more excited about welcoming all of you in Zagreb in July. With that in mind, we prepared a newsletter outlining all information relevant at this stage.

If you have any questions about our tournament please feel free to contact us at wcdc2018@hdd.hr.

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REGISTRATION

There is no pre-registration for WSDC 2018. Instead, there are 3 stages of registration. Please make sure you register on time as all deadlines will be strictly enforced to avoid last minute dropouts.

Stage 1 - Jan 28th to Apr 1st

Stage 1 registration opens on January 28th, closes on April 1st and will be done through our [web page](#). During Stage 1, delegations will be required to submit delegate numbers, names and roles, as well as indicate if any or all of their delegates need visas to enter Croatia. A payment of 50% of the total delegation participation fee/independent adjudicator fee is due on April 1st. If your delegation or any of your delegates need visas to enter Croatia, please bear in mind that the payment is necessary for the visa process. **Stage 1 registration is obligatory and a prerequisite to be able to advance to Stage 2.**

We kindly ask all delegation leaders and independent adjudicators to create a registration account on our web page as soon as Stage 1 opens.

Stage 2 - Apr 2nd to May 20th

Stage 2 registration opens on April 2nd and closes on May 20th. During Stage 2, delegations will be required to provide details on their delegates, as well as submit necessary documents (travel insurance, Code of Conduct, EFL/ESL forms, passport scans, visa paperwork if needed) and the rest of their payment. Full payment is due on May 20th. **We cannot guarantee participation for delegations that don't cover their expenses by May 20th.**

Stage 3 - May 21st to Jul 1st

Stage 3 starts on May 21 and lasts until July 1st. During Stage 3, delegations will be required to submit their arrival and departure information.

STAGE 1

Delegate numbers

Delegate roles

Delegate names

50% of payment

STAGE 2

Delegate details

Passport scans

Travel insurance

Code of conduct

EFL/ESL forms

Visa documentation

Full payment

STAGE 3

Arrival and departure
information

JAN 28TH TO APR 1ST

APR 2ND TO MAY 20TH

MAY 21ST TO JUL 1ST

ACCOMMODATION AND PARTICIPATION FEES

Our main accommodation site is **Hotel Panorama**, the biggest 4* hotel in Zagreb that can accommodate up to 580 participants in single, double and triple rooms.

Apart from Hotel Panorama, we can offer up to 100 spots in **Hostel Moving**, only 350 meters away from Panorama, for a reduced registration fee.

Hostel Moving offers accommodation in 2 to 8 bed rooms with private bathrooms. Hostel accommodation is subject to availability.

In the event we receive more hostel requests than we can accommodate, hostel accommodation will be awarded as needed to delegations struggling financially.

Delegation leaders are free to register their adjudicators to be accommodated at the hostel even if the rest of the delegation prefers hotel accommodation. However, bear in mind that hostel accommodation is subject to availability.

ALL PARTICIPATION FEES COVER

- 10 nights of accommodation at Hotel Panorama for the regular or Hostel Moving for the reduced fee
- all breakfasts, all dinners and lunch during prelims
- transport to preliminary round venues if needed
- transport to elimination round venues for competitors if needed
- guided Zagreb tours, social events

REGULAR FEE

560 €

PER DEBATER (3 -5 DEBATERS
PER TEAM)
PER COACH/ TEAM MANAGER/
ADJUDICATOR/
INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR

ACCOMMODATION AT
HOTEL PANORAMA

REDUCED FEE

420 €

PER DEBATER (3 -5 DEBATERS
PER TEAM)
PER COACH/ TEAM MANAGER/
ADJUDICATOR/
INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATOR

ACCOMMODATION AT
HOSTEL MOVING

OBSERVERS

990 €

UNLIMITED NUMBER OF
OBSERVERS
PER TEAM

ACCOMMODATION AT
HOTEL PANORAMA

ADDITIONAL COSTS

SINGLE ROOM FEE

340 €

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
ORGANISERS IF INTERESTED

PARTICIPATION

ELIGIBILITY

Each nation can register a single national team. The procedures WSDC Ltd Board of Directors shall use in the event of more than one application from one nation is being submitted are outlined in [WSDC Rules](#), Rule 3.3.

Teams consist of no less than 3 and no more than 5 members. Every team must be accompanied by a team coach and a team manager. A team manager may at the same time act as a coach or an adjudicator. A team coach cannot act as an adjudicator. For more information on participant eligibility, including participants' age and education status, please see [WSDC Rules](#), Part Four.

We highly encourage each participating nation to register at least one experienced adjudicator. Adjudicators must not assist in the coaching of a team at the Championship. For more information, please see [WSDC Rules](#), Part Eleven.

VISA MATTERS

Please consult our Ministry of Foreign Affairs' [website](#) to determine whether you need a visa to enter Croatia.

Given that WSDC 2018 will be held in Croatia only, our participants will not be required to get multiple entry Schengen visas. However, participants who are already multiple entry Schengen visa holders can enter Croatia without having to apply for a Croatian visa.

For other exceptions to the visa rules in accordance with EU border control, see our Ministry of Foreign Affairs' [website](#).

Croatia is a fairly popular summer destination for tourists. Even though the number of flights to Zagreb will increase up to 25% due to the newly built, larger Zagreb Airport, we still expect airline ticket prices to rise sharply before the summer season starts. Please bear this in mind when planning your trip to Croatia.

DATES & DEADLINES

January 28th

Registration Opens

February 10th

CAP application deadline

February 20th

CAP applicant community feedback deadline

March 1st

Independent adjudicator subsidy application deadline

March 15th

Independent adjudicator subsidy allocation announcement

April 1st

Stage 1 registration deadline

May 20th

Stage 2 registration deadline

July 1st

Stage 3 registration deadline

ADJUDICATION

INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATORS AND SUBSIDIES

Independent adjudicators will be able to register through the regular registration page starting with January 28th.

To ensure the quality of the adjudicator pool as well as regional representation, we'll be offering subsidies to a limited number of independent adjudicators.

Subsidy applications will be done through the same registration system. Our Chief Adjudicators will allocate subsidies after reviewing all subsidy applications.

Subsidy application deadline is **March 1st**. The results will be published by **March 15th**, allowing independent adjudicators enough time to finalize their Stage 1 registration by April 1st.

CA CHANGE

When the community awarded us with hosting rights back in 2016, our suggestions for Chief Adjudicators were Aisha Ahmad (Pakistan) and Anna England Kerr (Slovenia/England). The tournament committee vote confirmed them both as WSDC 2018 CAs.

Recently, however, Anna has had to step down for personal reasons, which we are very sorry for. Luckily, Anna agreed to stay on board and provide help to the CAP in the following months.

In other news, we're happy to announce that Claire Ryan (New Zealand) accepted our proposition and has been confirmed by WSDC Board of Directors to join Aisha as WSDC 2018 Chief Adjudicator.

CAP CALL

We're opening applications to serve on the Chief Adjudicator's Panel for WSDC 2018. To be eligible to be a member of the Chief Adjudicator's Panel, the individual must have judged in at least one Championship prior to being appointed as per WSDC Rules.

Applications can be submitted through [this form](#) until February 10th.

The applicant list will be published on February 11th. We kindly ask the community to submit their feedback on applicants through [this form](#) until February 20th.

The Chief Adjudicators will select the members of the Chief Adjudicator's Panel after considering all applications and feedback.

WSDC 2018 CROATIA

As we already announced through the community mailing list, we regretfully have to inform you we will not be hosting a part of WSDC 2018 in Slovenia due to new Schengen border regulations. During our preparations for the bid and the first stages of organizing WSDC 2018, the new, stricter regulations were not place and crossing the border was much simpler and faster.

Since March 2017, we did our best to explore all available options with every relevant public institution in both Croatia and Slovenia (all of which were very keen on us hosting the tournament in both countries despite the amendment). Given how long it would take us to cross the border under the new amendment to Schengen borders code even with their full support, we decided to host WSDC 2018 in Croatia only.

PATRONS



PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

WSDC 2018 is organized under the patronage of the President of Croatia Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović.



MAYOR OF ZAGREB

WSDC 2018 is organized under the patronage of Mayor of Zagreb Milan Bandić.

JutarnjiLIST

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CORPORATION

Our media sponsor for WSDC 2018 is Hanza Media corporation and their flagship Jutarnji List, the best-selling newspaper and most-read news site in Croatia. As the Championship draws nearer, we'll approach several delegations for a short report on their preparation process to be published as a part of their WSDC 2018 coverage.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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