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The Debating Society Germany e.V. will be hosting the

German Schools Debating Championship 2007

in Stuttgart from 17th – 20th May 2007.

All schools with active English-language debating societies are again encouraged to send their teams. We want not merely to find the best team in Germany, but to give everybody - both beginners and more experienced debaters - the chance to get to know the others, to debate together and simply enjoy themselves.

The opening welcome will be on **Thursday, 17th** in the early afternoon at Königin-Olga-Stift, Stuttgart. The debates will begin on the same day, and they will continue for the whole afternoon and evening on Friday at Taus, Backnang and all day on Saturday at Lessing, Winnenden. On Sunday we will probably have the semi-finals and the final.

Your team should consist of five debaters and one coach, who will have to function as one of the judges. Every team must be prepared to debate either side of any of the motions determined upon. Each speaker may speak for 8 minutes (reply speeches four minutes). All speeches must be in English and may not be read out from a prepared text. For the impromptu debates, the only permitted aids in preparation are a printed reference book, a dictionary and an almanac. Each participant will receive a certificate and there will be small prizes for the winners.

We expect all participants to dress formally for the debates, and to behave decently at all times (re: code of conduct SL and JL); in particular, there is a strict ban on alcohol for debaters no matter how old they are.

Teams must be registered with all names by 5th May at the latest. The non-local teams, e.g. from Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden, Wernigerode etc, will be accommodated in the youth hostel in Stuttgart. The motions for prepared debates will be sent within the next few days.

Because we are still living on a very small budget we are as usual obliged to request a contribution of 65.- € per person (this includes accommodation and breakfast at a youth hostel + all transport during the competition) or of 35.- € per person (without accommodation).

The participation fee must be immediately transferred to the account of the Debating Society Germany e.V., A/c No. 132 0290 at the Deutsche Bank, DB24, bank sort code 600 700 24, your registration will only be valid after your payment has been confirmed.

Registration and information:

A. Hoeness, as above or via Lessing-Gymnasium Winnenden.

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REGISTRATION

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Please, register here on this form, and send it either by post, fax or e-mail to Angelika Hoeness, or do it via our website www.schoolsdebate.de - but please observe the deadline of May, 5th 2007.

Motions, draw, venues & dates will be set centrally and with fair warning after the official registration has been completed.

RULES

As set out and explained in the invitation and our website www.schoolsdebate.de

REGISTRATION FEES:

€ 65 per person for teams with accommodation, €35 for teams without accommodation, to be paid onto our A/c No. 132 0290 of the Debating Society (at the Deutsche Bank, DB24), bank sort code 600 700. "Verwendungszweck Germans,(name of school)"

DSG MEMBERSHIP :

Is expected (coach or school), except for schools registering for the first time.

SCHOOL address:

School fax:

COACH responsible:

E-mail:

Phone (optional):

Names, sex and age of debaters:

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- 2
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We need () accommodation and / or () VVS tickets for _____ persons.

Declaration:

I / we undertake to abide by the DSG rules (website, s.a.), notably concerning the code of behaviour, and to transfer the registration fee.

Signed:

Date: