



Dear Friends and Fellow-Debaters,

On behalf of the **DEBATING SOCIETY GERMANY e.V.** may we extend a cordial invitation to the

**8th Stuttgart European Debating Week
Saturday 23rd to Saturday 30th October 2004**

In past years we have hosted teams variously from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Slovenia, Spain, and the USA. In 2002 14 German and visiting teams competed, and this year, with even more countries involved, we hope to expand. We see the event as a renewal of the WSDC 2004 in Stuttgart. As our funding is still uncertain hazardous, we must ask you to pay your own fares to get to and from Stuttgart, but we will then accommodate, transport and feed you for the duration of the stay. Visiting teams will be accommodated by individual local schools. We hope that we will not be obliged to demand a participation fee this year, but if we have to it will not be higher than Euro 25,- per visitor for public transport (= Euro 150,- per team of five plus one coach.). Debating will take place in local schools in and around Stuttgart every afternoon, following a programme of visits and receptions in the mornings. We hope to have the Final Debate in a public building of down-town Stuttgart.

We will give you fair notice of set motions, including the final debate, and the motions for impromptus will be announced one hour before each debate. Format will be WSDC parliamentary, with points of information and with no cross-examination. Length of speeches will be eight minutes.

You could either regard it as competitive practice for the WSDC Calgary 2005, or else just as informal debating for your students. All debaters will receive a certificate of participation and the winner will get a nice prize.

Please let us know asap whether you are likely to come, and with what probable age groups. Please mail answers direct to Angelika Höness at:

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With best wishes,
Angelika Hoeness, president
Michael Pates, vice-president