



Newsletter 3

Dear Friends,

Apologies, first of all, for the lateness of Newsletter 2! This one, No. 3, is on time and the next one will be as well.

As you will see, there are a few alterations, mainly **refinements**, to the schedule; there will certainly be others. However, we all have tried to be so efficient at setting up the programme of activities that this will require only minimal adjustment.

We plan to make **one or two guides available for each team** during the duration of your stay in Stuttgart. These chaperons will be sixth-formers or undergraduate students, and they will accompany you for most activities and events which take place outside the hotel; their main job will be to make sure that you don't get lost while working the public transport system in and around Stuttgart (after all, not *everybody* speaks English).

As you know, **transport** between venues (all excepting the excursions and the Strasbourg trip) will be by public transport. This has now been arranged and you will receive the connection details for each day of your visit. These have been worked out to get your team to the venue in good time and ensure that you are not too rushed in getting home. However, it is of great importance that your team sticks to these connections and also stays together during the transit. It would be a serious logistical problem if one or more of your team members suddenly went missing. Your guides will be briefed on all the connections and will have information and emergency contact facilities should something go wrong. However, we want the whole operation to run as smoothly as possible and so would ask for your help for this.

If any of you would like to **arrive in Stuttgart earlier** than Wednesday, 11th February, this is perfectly possible. You can book your room directly from the reception at the Maritim Hotel (tel. +49-711-942-0 or fax +49711-9421000) at an extra cost of from 40 euros per day depending on the room. Tell them

- a) that you are a member of the xxx national team at the Worlds
- b) that a room is booked for you already from the 11th onwards
- c) that you would like to be booked into the same room as you will occupy during the championships themselves. And don't forget to tell us when you will arrive , if you would like to be met at the station or airport, and we will arrange for someone to be there.

Revised Schedule:

Wednesday 11th - Arrival; all teams will be met on arrival in Stuttgart (station or airport) and taken to Maritim Hotel

Thursday 12th - 8.00 breakfast; teams meet their guides

8.30 – 16.00 briefing for coaches and adjudicators (Maritim Hotel)

8.30 – 14.00 sports morning for debaters (various venues)

14.00 Stuttgart City Council reception and city tour for debaters (meet at the "Rathaus", or City Hall)

17.00 Opening Ceremony (University of Stuttgart)

Friday 13th - 7.30 breakfast

8.30 travel to debating venues in Stuttgart (walk, or public

transport)
10.00 welcome at schools
11.00 – 12.00 **Round 1** (prepared motion)
14.00 – 15.00 preparation time
15.00 – 16.00 **Round 2** (impromptu)

Saturday 14th - 8.00 breakfast
9.00 coaches leave for both Heidelberg and Tübingen
18.00 return to hotel
evening free (an opportunity to eat out)

Sunday 15th - 8.00 breakfast
9.00 walk to University of Stuttgart (K2, Institut für Anglistik)
10.00 welcome at university
10.30 – 11.30 **Round 3** (prepared motion)
12.30 – 13.30 preparation time
13.30 – 14.30 **Round 4** (impromptu)
17.00 ecumenical Christian church service (St.Fidelis)
19.15 – 20.30 show at Stuttgart Planetarium

Monday 16th - 7.30 breakfast
8.30 travel to schools in Backnang, Winnenden, Esslingen and Stuttgart
10.00 welcome at schools
11.00 – 12.00 **Round 5** (prepared motion)
14.00 – 15.00 preparation time
15.00 – 16.00 **Round 6** (impromptu)
travel back to hotel
19.00 **“Jugend debattiert” demonstration debate** and reception (see below)

Tuesday 17th - 7.00 breakfast
8.00 travel to schools in Tübingen, Schwäbisch Gmünd, Böblingen
10.00 welcome at schools
11.00 – 12.00 **Round 7** (prepared motion)
14.00 – 15.00 preparation time
15.00 – 16.00 **Round 8** (impromptu)
17.00 travel back to Stuttgart

Wednesday 18th - 7.30 breakfast
8.30 travel to venues for Octofinals: Esslingen or Stuttgart
9.30 welcome at venues
10.00 – 11.00 preparation time
11.00 – 12.00 **Octofinals** (impromptu)
lunch at venues, return to Stuttgart
14.00 welcome at venues for Quarterfinals: State Parliament, Wilhelms-Palais, Musikhochschule, Haus der Geschichte
14.30 – 15.30 preparation time
15.30 – 16.30 **Quarterfinals** (impromptu)
evening free in town, shopping?

Thursday 19th - 7.30 breakfast
8.30 coaches leave for Strasbourg
10.30 – 12.30 sightseeing in Strasbourg
(Lunch: find some food fast)
13.00 depart for venues: European Parliament or Town Hall
14.00 welcome
14.30 – 15.30 **Semifinals** (prepared motion)
17.00 coaches leave for Stuttgart
20.00 Grand carnival fancy dress party (light dinner provided)

Friday 20th - 8.00 – 9.30 breakfast
9.00 Worlds Council Meeting
debaters visit museums, go shopping
16.00 **Grand Final** (prepared motion) at Liederhalle, Mozartsaal
(Welcome by Minister Schavan, Chairman: British Consul General Mark Twigg)
18.00 Grand Dinner at Maritim Hotel, Alte Reithalle
Closing Ceremony

Saturday 21st - 8.00 breakfast, teams depart

Jugend debattiert (i.e. “Young people debate”)

... is the German schools debating contest, under the patronage of the Federal President of Germany. Established in 2002, the contest is financed and organized by four large German foundations: Hertie Foundation, Mercator Foundation, Heinz- Nixdorf- Foundation and Robert Bosch Foundation. The Hertie Foundation and the Robert Bosch Foundation are also donators to the WSDC. The project is realised in cooperation with all Ministries of Education of the German federal states and their standing conference.

The debating rules of *Jugend debattiert* are different from those of the WSDC: it is a non-parliamentary format! Debates are held by four persons, each speaking individually. A tournament debate lasts 24 minutes, divided into three parts: opening round, free discussion, closing round. The motion is given as an explicit question to everybody. If one speaker is being convinced by the arguments of another in the course of the dispute, he may modify his opinion in his closing statement.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with *Jugend debattiert*, for we feel that they can provide a stimulus for us and vice versa. On the evening of February 16th there will be a demonstration debate for us, offering an opportunity of exchange afterwards.

And finally here are **the motions** for the prepared debates:

Final:

- This House believes that the world is facing a clash of civilisations.

Preliminary rounds 1 – 8 , prepared debates:

- This House believes that Turkey should join the European Union.
- This House believes that trade unions impede progress.
- This House believes that religion has no place in state schools.
- Motion 4 - Because there was some confusion about the clarity of one of the motions we have decided to reword it as follows: **This House would make use of GM crops to feed the world.**

Let me remind you again of our special offer for people who are interested in making **pre and post WSDC trips** to visit some of the famous places in Germany or in Europe. Our special travel agency **DERPART** www.derpart.de have prepared programmes for groups and they will organise your trips for your convenience. They are offering different tours and programmes such as

- **BERLIN – THE GERMAN CAPITAL:** Visit the German Capital for 4 days. (Rate per person based on a group of 8 participants from €420.00)
- **ROMANTIC GERMANY:** Visit the most important romantic places in southern Germany including Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Munich and the Royal Castles in Bavaria, 6 days 5 nights. (Rate per person based on a group of 8 participants from €620.00)
- **CLASSIC GERMANY:** From Stuttgart via Frankfurt, Weimar and Dresden to Berlin. (Rate per person based on a group of 8 participants from €870.00)
- **EUROPEAN CITIES:** Paris – London – Amsterdam, 5 days – 4 nights. (Rate per person based on a group of 8 participants from €720.00)

If you are interested in any tour please contact the agency at incomingberlin@derpart.de so that you will learn about the details and they can arrange your tour.

Roll on February. Be prepared for **bad weather**. If the Canadians can find a sponsor who is willing to provide snowshoes for all, this would be appreciated. Seriously, rain and snow (which quickly melts to slush) is likely here in February, so be sure to bring good **warm** and above all **waterproof shoes or boots**.

Merry Christmas to all!

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