



# Heart of Europe Olomouc-Czech Republic 16.-21.8 2009

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The 6th year of HOE International debating tournament took place as always in Olomouc in the Czech Republic. In this tournament over 70 debaters participated, judges and volunteers from 7 countries all over the world (Canada, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Romania, Czech Republic Great Britain and Belorussia). This year was organized by Debating Club Olomouc and the tournament took place again in Olomouc only because of partners and sponsors: Olomouc Region, Olomouc, DPMO, Moravská Vodárenská, a.s., DigiART and others.

The tournament was debated in world style which is usual in international tournaments. The first semifinal debate was Canada vs. Republic of Korea KMLA, and the motion was, “TH would put the UN out of its misery.” And the second semi-final debate was between Slovenia A and Republic of Korea Baumgardener, on the motion, “TH believes in the power of press.” The final debate took place at municipality of Olomouc between Slovenia A vs. Republic of Korea KMLA and the motion was: “THBT subsidizing the car industry will not solve the world economic crisis.”

The winner of the HOE International debating tournament for year 2009 is Republic of Korea KMLA. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The HOE tournament was not only debating but also entertainment and culture. For example, participants had the opportunity to participate in the cultural evening, sightseeing tour, visit the museum of modern art, and compete in a bowling tournament. We wish to extend great thanks to all participants especially whole team volunteers and organizers!

## Top Teams:

- 1st -Republic of Korea KMLA (Lee Seung Heon, Yang Young Hyo, Lee Seung Ho, Lee Jaehyun)
- 2nd -Slovenia A (Sobočan Monika , Žitek Barbara, Vrečić Vanja)
- 3rd -Canada (Cena Frankie , Kwon Carol ,Kassam Armaan, Yu Christina)

## Best speakers:

- 1st Yoon Sung Ah (Carla)- Republic of Korea
- 2nd Cena Frankie- Canada
- 3rd Nell Jeon Young Jae- Republic of Korea

# European Universities Debating Championship Newcastle, England

Over 160 teams of two representing different countries across Europe participated in the European Championships held in Newcastle, England last week.

During the course of the event over 300 debates were held and dealt with various controversial issues such as allowing doctors to actively lie to their patients in order to create the placebo effect, whether Gay Rights Movements should support gay marriage, and do western liberal countries have the moral duty to spread democracy throughout the world. In between the intense schedule of debating, students from different universities across Europe had the chance to mingle and share their thoughts. “It’s always great to meet intelligent people from all over the world and share stories and opinions. I also got to know some great people from other Israeli clubs, who I needed to go to Newcastle to discover,” says Daniel Gindis, Co-President of the RRIS Debate Club.

The first night opened with a Global Festival, each country brought selected food items from their homeland and shared it with anyone who wanted to taste a new culture. Israel’s table had piles of Bamba and Halva, Russia felt it appropriate to present themselves with enough Vodka for the entire soviet army, the Netherlands served cinnamon cakes and honey waffle cookies, and the Irish were happy to serve their favorite brands of beer.

Throughout the event over 500 students were accommodated on Newcastle University’s campus, which was of remarkable resemblance to Harry Potter’s Hogwarts. “The names accommodations were hilarious, I slept in Havelock Hall in Castle Leazus in a neighborhood called Spital Tongues!” Daniel adds with a laugh. The students enjoyed meals together at the University’s dining hall and participated in on-campus social