

WSDC 2013 Turkey Newsletter 1

Dear World Schools
Debating Community:

It gives us great pleasure and excitement to write this newsletter. In the following months to come we will keep you informed about the organisation of the WSDC 2013 and the unfolding developments.

The Bid

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to listen to the bid presentation or wish to be reminded or have any further questions please feel free to visit www.wsdcturkey.org or e-mail us at info@wsdcturkey.org.

Collaboration With Istanbul University

We have secured support from Istanbul University, it is the oldest and one of the biggest universities in Turkey as well as being one of the most esteemed ones. Istanbul University Debate Club (IUDC) and its administration have agreed to support the WSDC 2013.

IUDC will support WSDC by offering its judging pool as well as volunteers for the organisation. Aside from that IUDC will be helping with the pre-WSDC judge training session by providing venues and accommodation for the trainers and interested local judges.

Aside from these generous efforts IUDC is producing volunteers to be tourist guides when some of the WSDC participants arrive early or leave late and visit Istanbul. These trained guides will gladly help any group of WSDC participants through Istanbul.



Message From Dr. Rıza Kadılar – Chairman, ESU Turkey

Dear members of the WSDC community,

We are delighted to welcome you to Turkey for the WSDC 2013.

Our dedicated team led by Mert Onen have spent several years enhancing the debate culture in Turkey, and now we are ready to invite you all to a truly memorable event.

Turkey, a country straddling two continents, hosts a rich history going back thousands of years and encompasses a number of different cultures and religions. Together with its unique natural beauty, it will offer delegates an unforgettable experience. We believe that with its thousands of years of history, natural beauty, world-integrated economy and state of the art facilities, Turkey will offer excellent opportunities for World School debate community, and the championship will be a platform to meet, share, learn and grow.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon here in Turkey,

With my best regards,

Dr. Rıza Kadılar
President, ESU International
Council
Chairman, ESU Turkey



Convenor's Message

Belated greetings to all of you. As the weeks are passing by quickly more events are unfolding for WSDC 2013 Turkey. With a very talented team of organisers we have started our effort to prepare a magnificent tournament for you. With the warmth of WSDC 2012 Cape Town right around the corner we are excited to see you. The preparations for WSDC 2013 Turkey are going on in full speed, after securing state support in our host city Antalya and gathering more members in our organising committee our focus is now on getting the details sorted and finalising sponsorship deals. We strive to give you the best tournament we can, truly comprehensive, truly entertaining and truly truly memorable. See you in Cape Town.

Mustafa Mert Önen
Convenor, WSDC 2013 Turkey

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Team Cap Revisited

As the organisation team of WSDC 2013 we value both the ability for any country to join the competition without any limitation and the standard of judging equally high. Therefore we have initially presented a bid with virtually no team cap. As a part of this principle, as long as teams are eligible to be present in the competition according to the rules and as long as they have went through the registration phase we will include them in our tournament. Thus we promise not to enforce any long standing nation/ new nation division in the registration phase.

On the other hand we recognise the value of a strong and an adequate judging pool, therefore we will keep the team cap limited to 60 for now and we will not increase it until we are %100 sure that we have the judging pool to handle more teams.

All other questions relating to the increased team cap such as logistics, accomodation and budgeting were already answered during the council meetings and any other comments and inquiries regarding this will be answered through info@wsdcturkey.org.

Contact Us: For any inquiries about WSDC 2013 Turkey please contact us through info@wsdcturkey.org



Collaboration With the Eurasian Schools Debating Championships 2012

In line with our local collaboration and impact policy and in line with our promise of running a local judging pool training we have come to terms with the organisation of the ESDC2012. Those of you who attended ESDC 2011 would remember even though on its debut the tournament managed to gather 56 teams from almost 30 different countries and produced a red herring with team Singapore snatching the victory.

ESDC organisers have generously agreed to co-host world famous judge trainers both before and after the tournament to give trainings to the local judging pool. This way as a fairly new country in the WSDC circuit we will be able to produce a significant number of qualified judges.

The ESDC, you definitely shouldn't miss it this year, check out <http://www.esdc2012.org/>.

Full Governmental Support Secured From Antalya

The Governor of Antalya Ahmet Altıparmak has pledged full support towards WSDC 2013 Turkey. With this support it has become much easier to move through the local organisational and bureaucratic matters. This support includes but is not limited to dedicating a Deputy Police Commissioner to be the liaison in charge of the organisations security matters. Alongside security support the governorship has allowed to open many government facilities and provide venue and organisational support.

The Director of Education for the city of Antalya has also pledged full support of this organisation. The City Education Board is giving us support for any school venues we need, volunteers for the organisation as well as some surprises for our participants. The City Education Board has designated a Branch Manager (Mr. Muzaffer Şahin) specifically for this event.