



# 2009 HWS / IDEA ROUND ROBIN INVITATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 10 & 11 — GENEVA, NEW YORK



## OUR VISION:

The International Debate Education Association and Hobart and William Smith Colleges aim to bring together an elite and internationally diverse group of debaters and adjudicators each year for a weekend of debate at the highest level. The tournament will be held in the WUDC debate format, set up in a unique pre-paired round robin, ensuring that every team debates against every other team exactly once in the preliminary rounds.

Our goal is to facilitate great debating and to recognize the skills and accomplishments of great debaters and adjudicators by treating them to a weekend of satisfying debate and superb hospitality. We will endeavor to ensure that all qualifying teams are able to attend.

## INVITATION CRITERIA:

Sixteen teams will receive automatic invitations to the tournament. Those not earning an automatic bid are encouraged to apply for an "at-large bid". (Applications are due January 31, 2009.) Automatic bids go to the 2008 winners of the following tournaments:

All Asians	Asians	Australs
CUSID BP Nationals	Europeans	Hart House IV
International Mace	Oxford IV	Southern African Champions
Sydney Mini	US UDC	Yale IV

... and the four teams in the grand finals of the 2009 World Championships

At large applications will be reviewed in early February and selections announced by Feb. 14.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2007			2008		
<b>Champions</b>	<b>Yale</b>	<b>Chilton/Denton</b>	<b>Champions</b>	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>Bollard/Early</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Harvard	Ewalt/Early	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Claremont	Wohlschlegel/Sprague
Finalist	McGill	Grek/Patton	Finalist	Hart House	Levy/Ashbourne
Finalist	Harvard	Bollard/Haque	Finalist	Oxford	Worsnip/Turner
<b>Top 3 speakers:</b>			<b>Top 3 speakers:</b>		
<i>Adam Chilton (Yale)</i> David Denton (Yale) Cormac Early (Harvard)			<i>Lewis Turner (Oxford)</i> Alexander Levy (Hart House) Alex Worsnip (Oxford)		

## Features & Hospitality

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- At least \$1700 in cash prizes to the winners & great trophies you actually want to keep
- Top notch domestic and international judging
- Perfectly fair pairings & guaranteed on time (pre-paired round robin format)
- Dinner with at President Mark Gearan's home (Director of the Peace Corps under Clinton)
- Great food at every meal (no exaggeration) and lakefront accommodations
- Friday night wine tasting party featuring numerous local wineries
- Awards banquet at The Cobblestone, an elegant local restaurant
- Distant teams can combine this tournament with the US UDC at UVM on the prior weekend

## Advisory Committee

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**Julia Bowes:** Won the 2007 World Universities Debating Championship in Vancouver, Canada. She is a law student at Sydney University. Julia has served as the President of the University of Sydney Debating Society and has otherwise remained very active in the world of Australian and international debating.



**Rory Gillis:** Deputy Chief Adjudicator of the Worlds 2009; currently at Yale Law School and coaching the Yale Debate Association; top speaker at Worlds 2006 & two North American Championships; top speaker or winner at 11 other tournaments. A native of Canada, Rory was the top speaker and winner of the Canadian National Championships in high school.



**Neill Harvey-Smith:** Chair of the World Debating Council; World Championship grand finalist, World Masters Champion; winner of the John Smith Memorial Mace; Chair of the Grand Final at 2004 Worlds, having previously adjudicated the Grand Finals of Worlds, the European Championships & the International Mace. As a student he won around 25 inter-varsity debating competitions.



**Jason Jarvis:** Chief adjudicator for 2007 All Asians; founded Northeast Asian Open Debate Championship in 2003 & was CA in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Broken as an adjudicator at Worlds in 2006, 2007 and 2008; adjudicated finals of 2005 Asians, 2006 & 2007 All Asians, and 2005 Worlds ESL; professor at Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, and the Co-Author of *An Introduction to English Language Debating in Asia*.



**Ian Lising:** Chair of the World Debating Council from 2002 until 2008; 6 time Grand Finals Adjudicator at Worlds; currently coaches at La Verne, formerly at Ateneo; his teams have become World Octofinalists, Quarterfinalists, Semifinalists, and Grand Finalists; co-Founder, Chair and Coach of the Ateneo Debate Society from 1991-1998. He coached the 1st Asian Debate Champion team at the inaugural event in 1995.



**Helina Loor:** Convenor of 2008 European Debate Championship in Tallinn and the Tournament Director of the 2008 IDEA Youth Forum; Helina has been involved in the Estonian debate movement for the past 8 years as a debater, organizer, tournament director and, most recently, as training manager; graduated from Tallinn University in 2006, with a degree in adult education and is now pursuing a masters' degree in the same field; Helina has been organizing and running tournaments in Estonia (domestic and international) for 6 years.



**Justice Motlhabani:** Coach of the Botswana Schools National Debating Team; in 2006-2007, he was Africa's representative at World Council, leading and presenting Botswana's bid twice at World Council; he runs debating workshops in schools around Botswana; Tournament Director of the 2006 Botswana High School Championships with over 150 teams; Co-Founder in 2006 of the Botswana Debating Council; freelance journalist and columnist for newspapers in Botswana, writing articles about debating in Africa for the Monash Debating Review.

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