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Newsletter 1

Dear Friends!

This first letter (of five that you will receive) is to give you the basic information about the **15th World Schools Debating Championships**, the first in Latin America. As you have read in our invitation, the competition will be in August 06-15, 2003. Our commitment is to offer a well-organized, enjoyable, and productive tournament. We guarantee that this will be a great experience in Latin America.

We will send to you four more newsletters:

- No. 2: October 15, 2002
- No. 3: January 15, 2003
- No. 4: April 15, 2003
- No. 5: July 15, 2003

ACCOMMODATION

Delegations will be staying at the Swissôtel, located in the district of San Isidro, a very pleasant and central zone of Lima. All participants will be accommodated in double rooms. Feel free to visit their web page at www.swissotel.com. At the end of September 2002 you will be able to visit our web page

REGISTRATION

The registration fee will be as follows:

- Debaters, coaches, and all adjudicators: US\$335.00
- Observers: US\$1,000.00

Important deadlines:

- January 1st, 2003: Registration begins
- January 30th, 2003: Official Pre-registration. Each delegation must pay a 25% deposit confirming its participation
- April 30th, 2003: full payment of entry fees (the remaining 75%)

All payments can be done electronically, like in South Africa and Singapore.. We would appreciate all delegations making their payments electronically.



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ADJUDICATORS

We need experienced judges. We hope each delegation will include at least two adjudicators (feel free to bring more if you can).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegations' Arrival• Registration
Thursday 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjudicator's briefing (out of Lima)• Debaters have a free day at a country club out of Lima• BBQ Lunch• Evening: Opening Ceremony
Friday 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rounds 1 & 2</i> at local schools• Free evening
Saturday 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free day out of Lima• Peruvian Horse (Caballo Peruano de Paso) exhibitions
Sunday 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning: <i>Rounds 3 & 4</i> at local schools• Afternoon: Tours
Monday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rounds 5 & 6</i> at local schools• Exhibition debate between coaches and adjudicators
Tuesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rounds 7 & 8 at local schools• Night Party! (Learn to dance Salsa!)
Wednesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Octofinals and Quarterfinals</i>• Peruvian dinner and traditional dance exhibition
Thursday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exhibition debate in Spanish• <i>Semi-finals</i>
Friday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning: World Council Meeting• Free morning for debaters• Afternoon: <i>Grand Final</i>• Night: Closing Ceremony and Dance
Saturday 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegations depart• (Optional country tours)



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PERU'S AND LIMA'S PROFILES

Peru is a country of contrasts. It has three main geographical regions: coast (where Lima is located), sierra (high lands), and jungle. Each region has different climate, different flora and fauna, and different cuisine.

Lima is a large city (eight million people) with many interesting contrasts: modern and colonial buildings, wide highways and pebbled-stoned narrow streets, exclusive neighborhoods and developing areas, etc. The Swissôtel is located in a modern area.

It is winter during the month of August in the Southern Hemisphere. This means an average of 17°C and there is no snow or rain, but hopefully some sunshine. The fieldtrips out of Lima will definitely allow you to enjoy sunny weather. You should bring some warm clothing such as coats, jackets and sweaters, but also remember to bring casual lighter clothing, bathing suit, tennis shoes, and sunscreen, for when we go on field trips.

Peru is famous for its cuisine. In Lima you can find a variety of international food, as well as the exquisite and varied traditional taste that combines the Inca and Spanish spices. We guarantee that we have food for every taste.

For those who would like to visit other tourist places in Peru we suggest some:

- In the Coast
- * Chan-Chan, pre-Inca ruins, at the north of Lima
 - * Paracas Reserve and Ballestas Islands, at the south of Lima
 - * Nazca enigmatic giant lines and drawings, at the south of Lima
- In the Sierra
- * Cajamarca, at the north east of Lima
 - * Huaraz, with the magnificent Huascaran peak, at the east of Lima
 - * Arequipa, with the marvelous volcano Misti, at the south of Lima
 - * Cusco, the Inca capital, full of marvelous monuments. After Cusco is the famous Inca stone city of Machu-Picchu
- In the Jungle
- * Iquitos, at the edge of the Amazon River
 - * Pucallpa, with its huge and fantastic reserve of exotic birds in Manu

Let us know if you have an interest in tours to any of these places before or after the WSDC.

We look forward to seeing you in Peru in the 2003!

Sincerely,

Sixto G. Ramos



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