



World Individual Debating and Public Speaking  
**Championship**

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome!



Dear WIDPSC community,

This is a great honour for Educational Debate Centre-Lithuania to have been chosen to host WIDPSC 2010 in Lithuania. The Championship will be organized with the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania. It will be the first time the tournament has been held in Central Europe.

This is the first of four newsletters we will be posting to keep you up to date on our plans for WIDPSC 2010. We look forward to having you as our guests from April 7 (arrival), 2010 to April 13 (departure), 2010.

Virginija Pakšienė

We are all excited about having you as our guests and will do whatever possible to facilitate your visit. For your convenience, we have established a web site at [www.widpsc2010.com](http://www.widpsc2010.com). This is where you can find any future newsletters, the schedule and registration.

If you have further questions or requests, I can be reached at [virginija.paksiene@gmail.com](mailto:virginija.paksiene@gmail.com)

See you all next April,  
Virginija Paksiene  
Convenor, WIDPSC – Lithuania, 2010.

### Venues

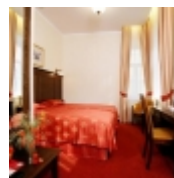
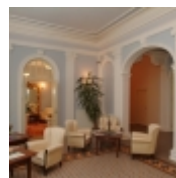
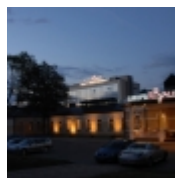
The main venues for the WIDPSC 2010 are Druskininkai "Rytas" gymnasium (April 7-11, 2010) and M.K. Ciurlionis Art Gymnasium in Vilnius (for the Grand Finals on April 12, 2010).

Druskininkai is the largest resort in Lithuania, located in the south of the country, 130 km from Vilnius and Kaunas. The resort is famous for its old sanatorium treatment traditions, wonderful nature and rapidly developing tourism services infrastructure. It has long been famous for its mineral waters and curative mud, which currently are combined with modern technologies and have a great value for health services. Druskininkai is an international resort for active recreation and treatment, which is aimed at a wide spectrum entertainment industry with its highly developed modern service infrastructure. We hope that you will be convinced of the exceptional nature of this resort and its calm aura. Health improvement in Druskininkai is a source of energy and good mood. Enjoy your life, care of yourself and remember – you are always welcome in Druskininkai!!! You can find more information about Druskininkai here : <http://info.druskininkai.lt/en/>

### Accommodation

All participants will be staying at a four star "Europa Royale" hotel, which is situated in the Centre of Druskininkai, within approximately 12 minute walk to the venue of the Championship ("Rytas" gymnasium). It's a beautiful full service hotel. The price list is provided in a separate attachment to this message. You can find more detailed information about the hotel here:

[http://www.europaroyale.com/europa\\_royale/druskininkai/](http://www.europaroyale.com/europa_royale/druskininkai/)



## Tentative Schedule

### Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Arrival of participants, checking in at the Hotel, registration at "Rytas" gymnasium (the venue of the Championship)

### Thursday, April 8, 2010

10.00 - 11.15	Opening ceremony	"Rytas" gymnasium, Assembly Hall or Conference Hall of Druskininkai Municipality
11.15 - 11.30	Group photo of all participants	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 - 13.30	Judges briefing (for Interpretive Reading)	
13.45 - 15.15	Interpretive Reading – Round 1	
15.15 - 15.45	Coffee break	
16.00	Motions for debate (Judges briefing for Debate)	

Full tentative Schedule of WIDPSC 2010 is attached to this message.

## News

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## Registration

We would kindly ask you to fill in FirstReg Form, which is attached to this message and e-mail it back to [virginija.paksiene@gmail.com](mailto:virginija.paksiene@gmail.com). Full registration will be open since the middle of December.



## Travel to Lithuania



Vilnius



Druskininkai



Lithuania

We will be greeting everyone at Vilnius airport arriving on April 7, 2010. You can find all the necessary information concerning the flights to Vilnius in the links below.

- 1) Vilnius International Airport: <http://www.vilnius-airport.lt/lt/>
- 2) A map showing from which cities there are direct flights to Vilnius: <http://www.vilnius-airport.lt/lt/informacija-keleiviams/skrydziu-zemelapis/>
- 3) Information on airlines: <http://www.vilnius-airport.lt/lt/verslui/oro-liniju-bendroves/>

## Visas

Most of the countries don't need visas to come to Lithuania, except for Pakistan and the Republic of South Africa. The visas for citizen of these two countries are issued based on the invitation, which we will issue when we receive all the necessary information about the participants from these two countries. Citizens of Hong Kong don't need visas, but residents of Hong Kong, who have Chinese citizenship, are required to have visa to enter Lithuania.

We will provide you all with the information about the Embassies or Consulates of your countries in Lithuania or the Representations in other European countries.

## Entertainment/relaxation

SPA procedures in Druskininkai – everyone in Lithuania knows these magical words. The resort has been known for its mineral waters and healing mud for hundreds years now. These days healing mud and mineral water is combined with up-to-date technologies for modern SPA services.

“Europa Royale Hotel” is directly linked to the Health center “Druskininku Gydykla” known as the oldest health care centre in the resort. A short list of SPA and medical treatments available at Druskininku Gydykla” is presented below:

SPA and Medical treatments:

- Mud bath
- Mineral water swimming pool with air and water streams
- Multi-sensory hydro-spa system
- Vapor bath
- Carbonic acid bath
- Herbal bath
- Vertical bath
- Four-cell bath
- Underwater massage
- Classical massage
- Mineral water drinks



Reservation of the SPA procedures is available at the reception of “Europa Royale Druskininkai”

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