

**World Universities Debating Council**  
Tuesday, January 1, 2008  
Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand

Meeting Called to Order at 10:20 am

Opening Statement

Chair: Happy New Year to all. This will be Ian's last year

Roll Call

Bangladesh: Discussion of status of Bangladeshi representative. U. Dhaka and IBA are recognized by the administration as distinct. **MOTION: On the basis of the clarification issued by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, the Council decides that the University of Dhaka (DU) and the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) can participate in the Worlds as separate institutions and will be identified in the Competition by their distinct names. Team caps, if any, and other rules of the competition shall be applied to each of them separately. Seconded: Netherlands**

England: what was the controversy last year?

Bang: IBA and Dhaka entered as distinct debate organizations. Council made both participate under DU.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

Executive

Chair  
Registrar  
Secretary  
Equity

Voting Status

Registrar: Explanation of weighted voting system. Status A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and new delegates get 1 vote.

SEE REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Worlds 2007 Minutes

Netherlands: Please remove oomlat over the name of the Netherlands representative.

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Barbados: page 20—who seconded the motion to form a diversity and equity forum?  
No information re: who seconded.

Barbados: page 26: who seconded?

No information re: who seconded.

Chair: will the Council approve the minutes with the small errors?

**Passed unanimously.**

Chair: Thanks to Katie Price for the excellent job as interim Secretary. She produced the minutes within a week.

UBC Report and Accounts

Teddy Harrison: Will be brief. Worlds happened. UBC didn't make money. UBC carrying a \$25000 deficit. No major recommendations undiscussed at last year's Council.

Equity: Asked repeatedly for ESL/EFL ranking, didn't receive.

Teddy Harrison: Understood it had been released. Who did Masako ask?

Equity: Asked Kevin Massie.

Teddy Harrison: don't have it.

Derek Lande: have full tab, can forward.

Equity: have the full tab, but not EFL/ESL.

Derek Lande: Can get that to you.

Australia: Will UBC present a budget?

Teddy Harrison: have a budget, but the department carrying the deficit doesn't want it publicized that they did so. Will show budget to anyone interested.

Chair: Thanks to UBC for hosting.

Assumption Report and Accounts

Chair: will AU make a report?

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Rish: the OrgComm is delayed.

Chair: Maybe they'll present later. Any issues that people have?

No issues noted.

Worlds 2009 Bid Defense

Art Ward (AW): Welcome. Will present overview, DL will address adjudication issues. Will submit an executive summary this afternoon for each delegate. Thanks to Assumption University. Thanks to Ian, Neill. Ian seems to know everything. Worlds prep going well. Limited team cap to 300; limited capacity at UCC, adjudication pool will be deeper. Couldn't run a larger tournament. Institution cap: 3 teams per institution with a waiting list. Equality officer: Tommy Murphy. Nearly whole OrgComm is here. Womens' officer: Victoria Wallace. Aiden Shack. Tournament is financially viable—backed by UCC. Will find other sponsors, but have money to run the tournament now. Want to run whole tournament and spectacle. Reg run by Mark Collins. 400 Euros per delegate: will not change. A bit more, but Ireland is expensive. Reg will cover only housing and meals. Questions re: reg should go to Mark. Accommodation in 3 hotels: one new and adjacent to the University. Two adjacent to one another in city center. Bussing will be provided from city center to Campus.

Bangladesh: visa issues—contact Ireland reps in Bangladesh now so they're prepared to assist. Hard for people to travel to Delhi.

AW: will provide letters and documentation for visas as necessary. Hotels assigned per registration order. Food: minority food requirements will be provided at no extra costs to delegates. Includes all special food needs. Victoria also in charge of food issues. Social directors: parties happen around them: Stephen Nolan & \_\_\_\_\_. Will be a party all nights. Parties will build in intensity. Breaks, venues: City Hall, same as Cork Worlds '96. Pass floor to DL re: adjudication and competition.

Derek Lande (DL): Tabbing issues: haven't decided which to use yet; recognize that Tabbie has developed well. Adjudication team: DCAs: lots of candidates and feedback on each. Regional disparities: more feedback from some regions, lack of feedback from others. Very little feedback from National Reps. DCAs selected: Ivan Ah Sam, Erin O'Brien, Rory Gillis. CV summaries circulated. Daniel Patrick McCarthy: Internal CA to assist DCA's with jobs. Links AdjCore to OrgComm.

AW: website up and running: corkworlds2009.com. Communication link goes directly to Art Ward. Cork will host a party on 2 January at Ambassador Hotel.

Europe: Reg Process? Will you accept both Credit Cards and Wire fees?

AW: initial reg process to get prospects. No team will be registered until payment

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received. Will have both wire transfers and credit cards. Reg process will capture as such info as possible.

England: still have 3 rooms for draw announcement? Will you have adjudicator feedback? Eligibility: can web-reg both inform of eligibility req's and require confirmation.

AW: Yes to all 3. Different rooms linked. Will have feedback. Will require confirmation of eligibility requirements.

Jamaica: What is reg deadline?

AW: Not set yet. Will have at least 3 months notice. Do not want claims of "didn't know when closed."

DL: know that WUDC mailing list isn't great. Please watch website for most recent info.

Europe: will institutions be given grace period to arrange wire transfer? Koc had a problem with reg, can alerts be offered?

AW: will be reasonable with grace period. Dates for mailing—c/n identify a date, but will use all channels of communication including regional, national reps.

DL: have used many mailing lists now. If there are others than those named, let DL know. Remember, website is key.

AW: all should sign up to British Debate list. That's a reliable source of info.

Chair: other questions?

Caribbean: will the hotel have air conditioning? Jamaica students lost their voices at Dublin.

AW: has a heating and cooling system in each room. 4-star hotel. Can't guarantee good weather.

Germany: What is institution cap?

AW: 3 per institution, 300 team cap.

Canada: would cap be lifted if an institution wanted more?

AW: wait list will function like other worlds.

Ciaran Lawlor (CL): Composite teams be allowed to compete if other, legitimate teams

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want spots?

AW: Worlds for University teams. Will not be allowing composite teams without an absolute lack of demand for 300 spots from legitimate teams.

Equity: What of new institutions without enough speakers to make a team?

AW: Not OrgComm's responsibility to find a speaker to make a team, but doesn't entitle to rights as a composite team.

CL: If a team registers and is later revealed as a composite team, will you remove them?

AW: Since they had to confirm eligibility, they would have misreperested and would be illegitimate.

Chair: other comments?

Canada: **MOTION: Accept Bid of UCC. Second: England**

**Motion Unanimously Accepted**

Assumption Report and Accounts

Chair: invite Tarique to provide AU report.

Tarique: Financial matters - still have teams who have not cleared reg—some owe AU, some owed by AU. Will call teams to clear reg tomorrow. Please make arrangements with financial department. Rest of tournament: all transportation to Bangkok provided.

Chair: Any questions?

England: Seemed to be communication problems between OrgComm and AdjCore, other internal communication issues. Timing and schedule were frustrating. What happened?

Tarique: Have 300 + staff, not all greatly fluent in English. May have contributed to communication failures. Have a chain of communication from runners-floor managers-OrgComm. Some issues, delays not in OrgComm control. Have tried our best. Made schedule adjustments. Apologize for delays.

Beth O'Conner (BOC): Sorry. Did have internal communication issues. Lessons: more delegation necessary in OrgComm; OrgComm directors need to be in charge of and informed about their areas of responsibility.

Ireland: When team cap was raised, was AdjCore informed?

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BOC: AdjCore wasn't consulted. Had opposed 400 teams, but were told that they were registered.

AW: were all composite teams removed?

Jo Nairn (JN): All but Japan wanted to be removed

Asia: Neither RK nor Ravi were informed of the excess of team cap? How could Assumption people not know.

BOC: Tarique and Ravi seem to have made the decision to expand. RK wasn't consulted. OrgComm posted an email saying AdjCore approved 400 teams; AdjCore didn't know.

AW: is there a rule that requires confirmation of team cap with AdjCore?

JN: OrgComm should, but not aware of rule.

England: Someone from Assumption needs to address why AdjCore wasn't consulted.

Tarique: Registration got out of control. Money transfers didn't match registrations. Ravi and Tarique handling alone. So many requests—124 per day. Did talk with OrgComm—decided to increase cap.

Ireland: Last year AU committed to flying over judges. When you increased team cap, that affected quality/quantity of adjudication.

Tarique: Promised based on availability of sponsorship. Couldn't find the sponsorship to support flying in adjudicators.

England: Agenda says AU should present initial accounts. Will they do so?

Tarique: accounts are being finalized. By tomorrow morning, will be 100% done. Want to be accurate.

AW: recognize that all tournaments have central fund. Given elaborate tournament, why didn't AU decide to fund quality of competition?

JN: some internal costs in Thailand very cheap. To let in 60 more teams compromised ability to fly in judges.

Israel: AU promised to provide Halal, Kosher, Vegetarian food. Promised that last year in bid defense. Price of reg advertised makes no mention of additional fee. OrgComm then decided to charge extra for Kosher food (extra \$300). Unacceptable.

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IONA: Delegates had dietary requirements; told yesterday that the new venue would not have special dietary provisions. Food not provided at all social events.

TJ: Apologize for absence earlier. Re: food, only 1 restaurant in Thailand makes Kosher food per Israeli government. \$50 per meal. Didn't ultimately charge for Kosher foods.

IONA: But what of special diet at new venue?

TJ: miscommunication. Will provide food as possible.

Ciaian Lawlor: What of food allergies? Would OrgComm consider refunding reg fee for those whose needs cannot be met in Pattaya?

TJ: did post menus day-by-day. Have to feed 1200 people.

South Africa: what happened in the end with Kosher food?

Israel: Many ate vegetarian, some went into Bangkok to purchase.

IONA: had at least 4 meals where dietary requirements were not met. Were promised. Issues needs to be addressed.

TJ: Just learned of these problems.

IONA: have allergies. Tried to understand ingredients. Have not been provided with adequate food.

TJ: understand IONA reps case. What else.

IONA: MSG allergies, nut allergies, seafood allergies—people have had reactions. Would have helped to have ingredient lists.

TJ: Will deal with this personally.

England: OrgComm should offer reg refund to those who purchased own food

Australia: Will dietary requirements be met in Pattaya?

TJ: come to see him directly and he'll deal with needs.

Tarique: Kosher folks asked for their needs via email. Didn't receive response.

Israel: not ingredients, but preparation. Cannot address with a menu.

TJ: passing out budget now. Crossed out figures were expected; penciled in amounts are

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actual. AU will absorb overage. Many sponsors didn't give cash, but in-kind. 3.6 million Bhat was cash.

Tarique: many sponsors didn't give money, but goods/services.

TJ: Nonetheless, sponsors did enhance tournament. Cisco give phones, etc.

Germany: to AdjCore: different nationalities seem to have different criteria. Are there different rules?

Kylie Lane (KL): Did pre-tests, marked blind. After tests marked, looked at CVs. Took feedback into account. Tried to account for feedback. At the end of each day reviewed all feedback. Strove for regional representation. Particularly in ESL break.

India: Couldn't standards be addressed at briefing?

BO: Did give standards at briefing; 1 hour presentation. On test so people would consider issue. How can we address regional differences? Any suggestions?

Japan: Maybe judges didn't even go to briefings. Should make it mandatory for judges to attend briefings.

JN: Adj test immediately followed briefing. No test, no chair. Did promote/demote specific judges based on feedback.

Caribbean: In one case, a judge was made to chair. Judge didn't have experience, didn't want to judge. Told that "teams won't break anyway." Spirit of worlds not beer but quality. Some of the chairs should not have been chairs. Some were condescending. Chair would say couldn't understand accent.

BO: Apologize for trouble with individual judges. Didn't say "teams/rounds don't matter," just the opposite. As competition progressed, had to concentrate quality. Did track ESL teams and assigned experienced chair. Assigned chairs to lower rounds based on feedback.

JN: told judge briefing that all rooms matter. Gave complaining teams good judges next round.

Caribbean: appreciate effort to address concerns, still need to address issues.

TJ: Food director just called. She asked for special requirements via email got only one response. Checked with people again and didn't get feedback. Did provide food boxes.

IONA: appreciate difficult task, but advance email commitments need to be honored. Lack of attention to individual needs ruins tournament for those individuals. If can't do



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so, should alert individual so they can address for self.

Barbados: Adjudication—have addressed poor quality since Dublin. Have chaired only one room this year. Had to wing with chairs who were inexperienced. Only late yesterday could wings give feedback on chairs. Judges should not intervene. Did get better judges for his teams and then they placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Were told they had good matter and manner but were dropped. Very expensive to come to Worlds, should treat all teams seriously and with respect. Judges were making fun of debaters last night. If you don't want certain people here, don't allow them to come.

JN: Individual complaints handled by feedback process. Acted on specific complaints. Chairing at past Worlds no guarantee of chairing here. Merit-based system in place. Panelists were invited to provide feedback; AdjCore received much feedback. Didn't break a judge because of reported rudeness. Cannot control 400 people; announced standards and acted on issues.

Equity: Agree that some cases are unacceptable, but not fair to blame AdjCore. Do have a Code of Conduct for the tournament. Could talk with AU Equity or Council Equity to address concerns. Received only 5 equity issues; all dealt with prior to announcement of break. Could have taken action before Council.

US: American teams expected that Thai Airways discount would be in effect. Multiple people said that discount code didn't work. Bids should include effort to address air fares.

TJ: Attempted to address with Thai Airways activation of discount code.

AW: re: specific judges, AdjCore made an effort to address judge ignorance. Can't hold responsible for individual judge errors.

Barbados: no one holding them responsible, just voicing concerns.

DL: Problems getting worse because OrgComms are under pressure to increase caps; that affects the quality of the judging pool. Perhaps community needs to say that the tournament is getting too big and should be capped. Smaller tournaments might be a better option. Institutions are selecting judges on criteria other than quality of judges. Should send best judges; don't use adjudication to develop speakers.

BOC: Thanks to Australia and Sydney without whom there wouldn't be enough judges.

Australia: Judging cap: More judges could have come but were prohibited by cap. Perhaps should allow per quality.

DL: need a cap because inexperienced judges crowd out quality judges.

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Chair: Often adjudicators are sent as second-chance spots for institutions. If you treat adjudicators as 2<sup>nd</sup> class delegates, you'll get 2<sup>nd</sup> class adjudicators. Should send the best adjudicators.

Chair: Thanks to organizers for gracious hosting of Worlds 28.

Bids for Worlds 2010

Determination of order of presentation by draw:

1. NTU
2. Koc
3. Botswana

Presentation Format: 10 minute presentation; 5 minutes question period.

10 minutes recess; reconvened at 12:28

Roll call to determine quorum; Registrar announced that quorum achieved.

Registrar: Outline presentation format. At end of presentations, voting. Differential values for bids per voting status. 2 rounds of voting: one to exclude lowest recipient. Second round of voting will determine simple majority. Total of 83 votes available.

Chair: After 1<sup>st</sup> round of voting we'll break for lunch. Reconvene to make final vote.

*NTU Bid Presentation*

Jess Lopez (JL) introduced bid. A short video was shown. Singapore very accessible. Cheap: flights sponsored by Singapore Tourism Board. Australasian Worlds—support development of debating in Asia. NTU has hosted Worlds in 2004—few delays. Campus suitable. Student volunteer manpower. NTU designed Tabbie. 2010 appropriate: Youth Olympics and Formula 1. STB has pledged \$200,000 in support. Will be a \$1,000,000 tournament. Reg: \$450 US dollars/ 312 Euros. 350 team cap. OrgComm will consult with AdjCore to adjust team cap as needed/possible. DCA's based on nomination. Socials will be memorable.

Philippines: how integrate Australs and All-Asian schools of thought. How does NTU's hosting address different debate styles?

JL: Will travel to regional tournaments to train. Want foreign judges to see what Asian debating looks like. May fly in judges.

India: How can you assure that adjudication will be good throughout the draw?

JL: Have many good quality judges in Asia, Australia. Training. Costs least prohibitive.

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Israel: providing Kosher food without additional costs?

JL: Singapore multicultural. Yes, will address dietary requirements.

AW: what level of support in US dollars?

JL: divide by 1.4.

Botswana: Is it equitable to host within 4 years?

JL: key is the quality of the bid, not geographical diversity.

Chair: Time. Koc's bid, please.

*Koc's Bid Presentation*

Presented by Can Okar (CO), prospective CA. Have been preparing for 5 years. Have had much experience over that time. Have over 100 people involved with 5 years experience. To miss bid this year means that a lot of that experience goes away.

Arda Ozansoy (AO): logistics—host city is a tourism center—Antalia. Has infrastructure that goes unused during winter. Hotel: Have a contract signed with a major hotel. Experience will be inclusive---free, unlimited. Softdrinks free; all Turkish-brand alcohol free. Debate rooms are all in the hotel. Socials: Euros attendees will attest to the great parties. 5 different bars in the hotel—can choose entertainment.

CO: ask anyone who's been to Euros about logistics. Other issues: cost. Will work on discounts for airlines. Reg: 350 Euros. Want to give discounts to developing nations. Development: spread debating—2010 should go to a new institution. Turkey unique: next to the Middle East, good relations with Turkic nations. Northern Africa. Qatar debate training 1000's. Kazakhstan debate. Can't have development without good judges. Need good adjudication and tab. Will fly people in; did in Euros. CA should be in bottom and top rooms. Food and Drink: have messed up, poisoned someone. Have learned from experience. Hotel has contractual obligation to provide quality service. Could change world, Worlds and regional debating.

Malaysia: Will panelists give feedback on chairs?

CO: can't ask people to look at forms—1000's. Use expert judges to review feedback.

Europe: How many teams will you accommodate?

CO: Team cap = 360. Could go up to 800 teams in the hotel. Hotel rooms will be converted into debating venues.

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Phillippines: Estimate reg and transportation costs?

CO: 350 Euros. Koc is a rich family. Will get 150,000 Euros. Sponsors will be sought. Travel? Probably \$150 more than Singapore.

Botswana: Turkish politics and security. Turkish gov't has transgressed into Iraq to attack insurgents. Terrorism is a serious factor in the region. Can you guarantee security in the region?

CO: No. Not responsible for Turkish policy. Will inform police and army of movement.

Chair: Time. Welcome Botswana.

*Botswana's Bid Presentation.*

Justice Korporan (JK): Introduce bid team. Impressed with AU's hosting. Development of debating in Africa: 53 countries, only 3 participate in Worlds. Have been in contact with various African nations. Would provide a different location for the tournaments. World Championships should rotate geographically. Botswana is a safe country, no bombs or terrorists. Most transparent country in Africa, democracy. University able to host large event. Big athletic competitions and conferences. Organization: have a seasoned organization committee, some with 5-10 years experience. Have a small community with easy access to sponsors. Accessibility: Johannesburg is accessible. Coaches take 3 hours. World Cup 6 months prior to Worlds. Flights will work. Visas: many countries don't need visas. Venues: 90 classrooms. Big hotel. Will provide food requirement. Rego: \$350 USD. University pledged full support. Socials.

Logan: Amount of support impressive. Second bid, have experience. AdjCore: Logan, Jo Nairn, Sam Block; rest to be nominated and chosen. Many experienced adjudicators have committed to coming. Debaters should visit debating communities: many Worlds in Europe and Asia; should circulate equitably.

Bangladesh: Transport? Will it be efficient?

JK: Can fly or take a coach from Johannesburg. Connections will be efficient.

JN: flight only \$100

England: How large a tournament has Botswana hosted?

Logan: Botswana debating is in the Worlds style. Have hosted 200-team tournament.

Ireland: Will you fly people in to adjudicate?

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Logan: If we have the money.

JN: Some believe enough in the bid who have committed to flying themselves in.

JK: South Africa will assist with adjudication.

\_\_\_: some Botswanans have been on the Oxford debating scene.

Israel: will you provide Kosher food without additional cost?

Logan: Yes.

Japan: how much sponsorship?

Logan: Budget not dependent on sponsorship. Debswana is a major supporter.

Chair: We wish we could go to all three. Good luck to all.

Chair: Lunch: allow the delegates to eat first. Will reconvene at 2:00.

IN RECESS: 1:23

RECONVENE: 2:10

*1<sup>st</sup> round balloting for Worlds 2010 (in order of votes received):*

Japan 4: Koc

Australia 4: Botswana

Bangladesh 4: Koc

South Africa 2: Botswana

Phillippines 4: NTU

Hong Kong 3: Botswana

Indonesia 2: NTU

Thailand 2: NTU

India 2: Koc

New Zealand 2: NTU

Romania 1: Koc

Slovenia 1: Koc

Turkey 1: Koc

Latvia 1: Koc

Singapore 3: NTU

Finland 1: Koc

England 4: Koc

South Korea 4: Botswana

Russia 1: Turkey

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Ireland 4: Koc  
Scotland 2: Koc  
Israel 3: Turkey  
Botswana 1: Botswana  
The Netherlands 3: Koc  
Canada 4: Botswana  
US 4: Koc  
Lesotho 1: Botswana  
Germany 2: Koc  
Barbados 1: Botswana  
Jamaica 2: Botswana  
Malaysia 4: NTU  
Macau 1: NTU  
Croatia 2: Koc  
China 3: Botswana

Results:

NTU: 17 votes  
Koc: 40 votes  
Botswana: 25 votes

Registrar: NTU is excluded per the voting procedures explained above. Thank you to NTU and hopes NTU will consider bidding again next year.

*Second round balloting for Worlds 2010 (in order of votes received):*

Singapore 3: Koc  
Bangladesh 4: Koc  
Croatia 2: Koc  
Japan 4: Koc  
Macau 1: Koc  
Israel 3: Koc  
Australia 4: Botswana  
South Africa 2: Botswana  
Hong Kong 3: Botswana  
China 3: Botswana  
Philippines 3: Koc  
Indonesia 2: Koc  
Turkey 1: Koc  
Latvia 1: Koc  
Slovenia 1: Koc  
Romania 1: Koc  
England 4: Koc  
Finland 1: Koc

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Thailand 2: Botswana  
New Zealand 2: Koc  
India 2: Koc  
Ireland 4: Koc  
South Korea 4: Botswana  
Scotland 2: Koc  
Russia 1: Koc  
The Netherlands 3: Koc  
Canada 4: Botswana  
US 4: Koc  
Barbados 1: Botswana  
Lesotho 1: Botswana  
Jamaica 2: Botswana  
Germany 2: Koc  
Botswana 1: Botswana  
Malaysia 4: Botswana

Results:

Koc: 51  
Botswana:31

Registrar: The 2010 World Universities Debating Championships will be hosted by Koc University of Turkey.

Chair: Congratulations to Koc and thanks to Botswana. We know that Botswana would have hosted an outstanding Worlds. We hope you'll consider bidding again.

Ciaran Lawlor: ESL Break: accidentally omitted teams from the break. Very sorry for those teams who were announced as breaking and didn't; also to those who were not announced and did in fact break. Will hold ESL octofinals. Break still strong; all teams are on at least 13 points.

Hebrew B 17  
Indonesia A 16  
IIUM B 16  
Malaya A 15  
Botswana A 15  
IIUM D 15  
Indonesia E 15  
Tilbury A 14  
Amsterdam B 14  
Zagreb B 14  
IIUM C 14  
IIUM E 14

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IDC A 14  
EDIS A 14  
Koc A 13  
Indonesia C 13  
Tel Aviv A 13  
Hong Kong B 13  
Lums C 13  
Malaya B 13  
DAE A 13  
Sains Malaya A 13  
Hong Kong D 13  
NUJS A 13  
Chulalongkorn A  
\_\_\_\_\_ D 13  
Bandug A 13  
EDIS C 13  
Lums B 13  
NSU C 13  
Chulalongkorn C 13  
Hong Kong C 13

Again, the AdjCore apologizes for the error and wishes luck to all the ESL Octofinalists.

BOC: Please let everyone know. Will be posted. Will adjust schedule to accommodate.

Hong Kong: Explanation, please.

BOC: the ESL/EFL Reg came in late. Not identified in tab correctly—entry error.  
Various entry problems contributed. Some general oversight.

Japan: What of judges?

BOC: Those who judge main octos will also judge ESL octos.

Asia: Change in EFL break? Incheon withdrawn?

BOC: Incheon informed the AdjCore that they were ineligible because they missed a round.

Chair: Thanks to DCAs for their decision to address the problem by adding Octofinals.

Order of Distinction/World Council Member Emeritus

Chair: Instituted Order of Distinction/Emeritus Member for at Dublin. First award went



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to Colm Flynn. Council should consider adding this to the Const.

Proposed awards for 2008:

Omar Salahuddin

Ray D'Cruz:

Constitutional Review

<i>Order of Distinction</i>
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England: **Proposed Constitutional Amendment:**

**7. The council shall award individuals who served the World Universities Debating Championships in an extraordinary capacity the Order of Distinction.**

- a. Awardees shall be given the title of World Council Member Emeritus**
- b. Emeritus members shall be permitted to advise the Council without voting privileges.**

**Seconded: Ireland**

**Amendment passes unanimously.**

Registrar: the man to his left has been to Worlds 15 times. Largest Worlds goes off with most people treating others with dignity and respect. He's widely respected. Established Masters, many other changes. Made Worlds the tournament it is today. Requests permission to present the award at Grand Final.

(Standing Ovation for Ian Lising)

Chair: Thank you, all. Don't overlook Ray D'Cruz or Omar Salahuddin; this was to be their year.

Bangladesh: Ian is to be honored for his contribution.

<i>ESL/EFL Subcommittee</i>
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Intended to honor efforts of those with special burdens. Lars Dursma convened

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subcommittee to propose.

Sam Greenland (SG): The committee advances this proposal because we believe in the need to recognize ESL/EFL competition. The document represents the strong consensus of the committee. Believe that the classification relies on disclosure; cannot administer an examination. Council trusts people to disclose 4 year eligibility. The reason EFL/ESL need to be recognized—and both need to be recognized—is that some participants must labor under an additional burden. Should recognize that and award accomplishment. Broad spectrum of ability; difficult but necessary to draw lines. Marginal cases must be sorted even though it's tough; the standards attempt to guide that decision. The proposal does three things: 1. constitutional cleanup establishing ESL/EFL; 2. provide guidance on the procedure for administering the competition; and 3. to establish standards for ESL/EFL. Should start by determining if Council wants both EFL/ESL categories.

Caribbean: What is ENL?

SG: English as a Native language. Recognize spectrum.

Giles Robertson (GR): Not intended to establish a new category.

Caribbean: Strike ENL; should be working with only ESL/EFL. Thanks to the ESL/EFL committee.

Hong Kong: Synopsise the subcommittee's support for two categories.

SG: Some have never encountered English outside their study of it as a foreign language. Different from those who use English regularly though it's not their first language.

Asia: Both Asian championships have an EFL competition. Has been hosted twice as a separate break at Worlds.

DL: Language Review Officers should be appointed by the AdjCore. AdjCore has more experience with competition. People who ultimately have responsibility are the AdjCore. Keep it under one roof.

SG: May come back to that, on page 3 of document. Can we go through other issues, particularly the agreement in principle re: have an EFL const?

Registrar: Need two motions, right? One to create EFL competition because it's been voluntary in the past. Another to establish the procedures by which that competition will be held. Proposal makes sense to tidy up the constitution.

Caribbean: Adjudicators have enough work already. OrgComm should consult. Definition shouldn't be arbitrary.

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Australia: **Motion: Council, in principle, supports an EFL Final and requires all future hosts to run such a competition. Second: Malaysia**

Israel: No reason. Distinction artificial.

DL: Oppose motion. As proposed, would require but offers no criteria by which EFL determined. Should amend with criteria.

Malaysia: Distinction between EFL/ESL vast. Can be articulated and determined.

Japan: Debaters speak English only in debating competition. Genuine and significant burden.

Australia: Present motion will create urgency to pass criteria.

England: Support in principle. Even if we can't resolve criteria, can rescind the "in principle" motion. Call the vote. Seconded: Malaysia.

Vote called.

**Motion passes unanimously.**

England: **Motion: Council approves the incorporation of the recommendations of the ESL/EFL subcommittee into the Constitution of the World Universities Debating Championships. Second: Australia.**

GR: Details of recommendations. Drafted the document as a coherent whole; use caution when changing these recommendations. 1<sup>st</sup> two pages: add EFL to ESL and Main competition. Article 3: indicates what the Championships will be. Clarifies that ESL will have elimination rounds, not just final. Article 30 adds EFL. Propose team that 80 to Quarters for ESL count both EFL and ESL teams. Should be allowed to break into highest qualifying break but may not break in more than one category at once. Clause 4.5 says if you break into a higher category you can't register in that category in subsequent years. Propose only an EFL final.

SG: Recommendations try to extend existing practice to codified documents. Page 3, Article 22 addresses how to put teams in a category. OrgComm should appoint, but may defer to AdjCore, the Language Review Officers. In principle: should review people's experience with their proficiency. Look for expert LROs who will apply consistency in the categorization of ESL/EFL. Should categorize early. Has an appeal avenue. Article 31: criteria for ESL/EFL. Recognize the real difference in language experiences. These are broad cutoffs but should give guidance to those who register so they'll know if they'll be allowed to compete before they come to the tournament. Give Language Review Officers ability to exercise discretion; criteria are very conservative. Regarding speakers: can only be an EFL/ESL team if both members qualify. May want to recognize

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individual speakers.

Russia: 80 teams? 80 ESL and 80 EFL, or combined?

SG: Combined ESL and EFL teams.

DL: For speaker awards, ESL/EFL speakers on mixed teams are not eligible. Cork will follow that practice. LRO appointment should be something that the AdjCore participates in. Worried about ambiguous situation; must have clear line of authority.

Ireland: **Motion: With the exception of Article 22, Clause 8, where the words “Organisational Committee” shall be replaced with the words “Adjudication Team.” Second: Germany.**

GR: Subcommittee recommends that the OrgComm have responsibility. May decide to include CA and DCAs; authority still rests with OrgComm. Think that OrgComm will allow LROs to be included in a bid.

SG: The AdjCore isn't mentioned elsewhere in the Consitution.

GR: We don't like DL's amendment.

SG: Ultimately, the OrgComm is responsible for the AdjCore. Odd not to trust the OrgComm with this.

Europe: AdjCore may not have realistic oversight of the whole ESL/EFL competition. Look at this year's competition.

Scotland: Call the question. Second: Hong Kong

Registrar: explanation of parliamentary procedure.

**Ireland withdraws their motion.**

England: Shall Language Review committee decision be final as articulated in the recommendations?

GR: Yes. Broad perspective of LROs. Hard to administer practically if every categorization is appealed.

England: can your status change from year-to-year?

SG: Yes. May consider past decisions, but can change based on LRC review. Likely that each LRO will see applicants and appeals made to whole committee.

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India: Speaker rankings should not include EFL/ESL speakers partnered with ENL.  
What does EFL/ESL mean?

SG: Can be a debater skilled in various languages. Does language barrier affect your debating.

Hong Kong: Is this applicable to present Worlds? Would prevent an Octofinal in ESL.  
What will be controversial will be the required interviews. What of those who misrepresent their status?

SG: Retroactive stripping of honors available as a remedy to those who misrepresent themselves. Registration procedures up to the OrgComm: should be clear what criteria are and delegates will disclose. All delegates claiming status will be interviewed.

The Netherlands: What of impact on present Worlds? Past decisions: can't imagine losing status.

Registrar: Passage would not affect present competition.

SG: People may be miscategorized. Criteria are experiential, can only go up, not down.

Romania: What of those who meet EFL criteria but have ESL proficiency?

SG: Realize that different people will benefit differently from different experiences.  
Experience has most of impact, but should also consider proficiency.

Russia: Why is study pegged at 5 years? Wouldn't people be fluent at 4 years?  
Regarding EFL, should say "not spoken in principle at home or in social circles."

SG: May speak English at home as one of several languages. Realize that 5 years is arbitrary, but experience of interviewing EFL/ESL delegates says 5 years is meaningful.

Turkey: EFL/ESL should consider both experience and fluency. Should have geographical diversity on committee. Decision is discretionary upon committee's opinion. May be able to study for a long time and speak poorly but write well. Should not be dependent on years of study.

SG: Clause 2, Article 31 requires assessment of both experience and proficiency. LROs may exercise discretion. Believe OrgComm can choose to represent geographical diversity and expertise. Need criteria as a basis for committee decision.

South Africa: Criteria qualify competitors for a more restrictive competition. Not set rules, allows discretion.

Philippines: Why is debating and adjudication different? Also hard to adjudicate in a

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non-native language.

GR: Can have that discussion later. Recommendations reflect consensus of committee on this issue.

Romania: Should EFL be based on experience or is it determined by proficiency.

SG: Committee agreed that opportunity to learn English is the major determining factor to determining burden.

Malaysia: Would commend subcommittee for fair criteria. Nothing in recommendation allows LROs to exercise discretion.

SG: Believe that is expressed, but could put in as explicit.

Thailand: Article 22, Section 5 addresses Malaysia's question. Thanks to subcommittee. **Call the question. South Africa second.**

**Passes Unanimously.**

**Motion Passes Unanimously.**

Chair: Congratulations to the subcommittee for their work.

<i>Code of Conduct</i>
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Australia: have Code of Conduct in the packet. Committee was established last year, they recommend that each OrgComm have a Code of Conduct. **Motion: Council approves the incorporation of the recommendations of the Equity Policy Subcommittee regarding the Code of Conduct into the Constitution of the World Universities Debating Council. Second: Malaysia.**

England: Purpose of Championships article should mention the competition.

Registrar: Why limit adjudication to 10 minutes?

Australia: Katie Price wrote this; she's not here. That's from All Asian wording.

IONA: Should agree that if a complaint is made, the person against whom the complaint is made should be alerted. Affects ability to break, etc.

Germany: Thinks that 10 minutes is part of the rules.

England: Article 32 already in the Constitution. Changes here will also change

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**Article 3.1. Amendment: With the exception of 32.3, which shall include:  
“and the enjoyment of participants of the Championship.” Seconded: Ireland**

**Amendment passes unanimously.**

South Africa: Why are the mechanics of debating included in the Code of Conduct?  
Already addressed under rules of style. Why specify different activities, why not say all  
participant in subcommittee.

Subcommittee: The Code of Conduct is not mandatory, simply a template that  
OrgComms may use.

Australia: Rules for adjudication addressed elsewhere. No one has tried to define way  
out of code.

Bangladesh: Can we modify 31.4 to say the provisions of Article 13 apply?

Hong Kong: In case adopted wholesale, example code of conduct should be  
unproblematic.

**Bangladesh: Amendment: Amend proposed article 32.4 to state “The  
provisions of Article 32(3) will apply, among others, to the following, but not  
limited to:”**

**Seconded: Hong Kong**

**Amendment passes unanimously**

Croatia: This should be the Code of Conduct, not just a model.

Australia: Australasian model is just a model. We can't mandate a Code because it  
makes Worlds Council liable.

Canada: CUSID's Code not mandated because it creates liability. Tournaments seem to  
pass along their codes, but it's their responsibility to have one. Need to get the language  
correct.

Croatia: If an OrgComm can't comply with the Code, shouldn't be hosting a tournament.

Subcommittee: When Council mandates, they become liable.

England: If they were so in violation of the model code, they likely wouldn't get the bid.

**Australia: Amendment: “Equity officer” in the draft code of conduct should  
read “ Worlds Council Equity Officer and the Organizing Committee Equity  
Officer in cooperation.” Seconded: Lesotho**

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DL: This, too, would make Council liable.

Equity: Both OrgComm and Council Equity Officer should cooperate to investigate. Hard to do alone.

AW: No need to put in a provision that makes Council liable if we all agree to do the right thing.

**Amendment passes unanimously.**

Recess: 5:00

Reconvene: 5:16

Registrar: Clarification—Discussing Code of Conduct. Last vote was confusing—many have come to say they misunderstood their vote on the amendment to include both Council's and OrgComm's Equity Officers. Australia has expressed the desire to withdraw the original amendment given the confusion.

Australia: Most important thing is to pass the Code of Conduct as a whole. Can rely on practice to pass along the principle of cooperation.

**Motion re: Equity Officer cooperation withdrawn.**

Chair: Constitution before you isn't the accurate Constitution. David Ham proposed a great number of changes to tidy up the constitution. He then had his laptop stolen and the Council didn't have an accurate record of those changes. Have done our best to recreate the changed Constitution.

Canada: Want to get rid of references to the mechanics of debate in the Code of Conduct. **Amendment: To amend the proposed Article 32 Schedule 1 to remove sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 and amend section 10 to remove "(as per Article 11 of the Constitution)." Second: England**

England: On 6, mandating people to accept the adjudicator's decision is irrelevant.

New Zealand: Deletion of these mechanical issues makes the document stronger and minimizes the chance of complaints.

Barbados: Risk becoming too clinical. Not saying you agree with adjudicator, but accept that the decision stands. Can repeat directives expressed in the Constitution in the Code of Conduct. Liability of Council: constitution of an organization superceded by constitution of a country. Do we check ages of



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participants with regard to the consumption of alcohol? Should pay attention to more important issues. Cannot legislate decency, but can give guidelines.  
United States: The model Code of Conduct has an expressed enforcement mechanism. Procedural defects in rounds should not be subject to the Equity process.

Bangladesh: Model addresses debating in general. Do need some guidelines.

Barbados: If the rules conflict with the constitution of the host country, the rules must be set aside.

Australia: Regarding the principles of the Championship, if the laws of the host country don't address sexual harassment, at least the Code of Conduct will have some basis for it.

Canada: Manner in which debaters accept decisions, grant could be relevant. Already covered by other areas of the schedule.

India: Shouldn't have anything that addresses how to debate or judge. Should not be able to complain about responses to decisions per this document.

Caribbean: This just gives a process by which participants may address decisions about which they have concerns.

Women's: Agree that 6-9 should be stricken. The discussion at present is off the point.

South Africa: **Call the question. Second: US.**

**Carries.**

**Amendment Carries.**

Australia: **Call the question on the main motion. Second: England.**

Carries.

**Motion Carries Unanimously.**

Chair: Thanks to Katie Price and all members of the Equity Policy Subcommittee.

<i>N-1</i>
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Chair: Constitution doesn't have N-1. Has traditionally left it to the host. The person

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who was interested in discussing it isn't here.

AW: If it were in the Constitution, Sydney wouldn't have been able to send so many qualified judges.

<i>Eligibility</i>
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DL: Manchester issues from last year opened broader discussion of eligibility issues. Haven't had a chance to get a committee together. Exchanged emails with several folks about eligibility issues, particularly re: what constitutes an institution's societies. Believes the Constitution is sufficient to address general principle but allow for case-by-case consideration of issues. Wants to gather Council's consideration of eligibility issues to serve as a guide; hasn't yet done so. In ambiguous situations, hosts may consult with Council, but are not required to. No real consensus re: eligibility, Constitution is functional.

Chair: People can discuss, but no Constitutional change proposed.

England: Institutions should have to approach Council to address exceptions. Specific circumstances may warrant exceptions. No one document that expresses the principles that address eligibility. Article 22 archaic: requires enrollment in term immediately prior. There are a lot of exceptions that exist.

AW: Some teams may be coming to the competition not knowing if they're eligible to compete if Council makes case-by-case determination.

England: **Constitutional Amendment: Amend Article 22 (5) to read: "Competitors must be students enrolled in the institution which they represent on the last day of the term preceding the competition." Second: South Africa.**

Australia: Does Article 22 sufficiently express that competitors should be legitimate students?

DL: Should not attempt to over-regulate. We're operating on a challenge-based system. Not that many ambiguous situations that arise. Real problem is that OrgComms are not willing to enforce rules expressed in Constitution. Should register as Adjudicators and, if allowed, convert to debaters.

Registrar: DL already said that consensus doesn't exist, so perhaps we should not pry open this section of the constitution on a piecemeal basis. Recommend that those interested work on a whole package of changes.

DL: Happy to facilitate that discussion, but Neill is correct.

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England: Agree, but want to go forward with proposed Constitutional amendment. Actual constitution doesn't reflect practice. May consider a whole package next year, but should clarify this for now.

AW: Perhaps should change practice to adhere to rules.

The Netherlands: Practice has sometimes preceded Constitutional change.

**US: Call the question. Second: Canada**

**Passes Unanimously.**

Vote (Status A Nations)

Bangladesh: Yes

Australia: NO

Canada: NO

England: Yes

Ireland: Yes

Japan: NO

Malaysia: NO

US: NO

**Motion Fails.**

<i>Regional Representation</i>
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Caribbean: Need representation for all regions at the Championships. Institutions open late and can't, therefore, register in time. Different regions of the world have different administrative challenges. Please consider this. Composite teams shouldn't be allowed to register before legitimate teams do. Must consider that all regions in the world be allowed to register teams equitably. To seriously develop debate, must think about these issues. Should honor the Dublin Accord.

Registrar: Came up at Europeans Council. They instituted a policy that every country that comes to Council is guaranteed a spot for at least one team in the competition.

Caribbean: Thanks to Registrar for support. In this case, Tarique misunderstood the Caribbean institutions. Perhaps should give new countries a spot.

Israel: Israeli school year starts in the end of October; Israel doesn't have any trouble. If each country gets one team, how do you allocate?

Registrar: In European Council, first come first served.

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Scotland: Not just Caribbean problem. Take onus away from University and have delegates register selves. Would be happy to talk to Caribbean about how to do that.

AW: reason for two-stage reg process is to get an overview of the whole reg. If registrants don't pay, they they're not registered. Must be given leeway to be very strict about payment deadline.

Asia: Should be careful about hamstringing hosts. Know that Worlds is at the same time each year. Perhaps recommend rather than require.

Russia: Universities start after September, unsure of financial support. This prevents several teams from coming. One country one team would be a good idea.

SG: Individual institutions may not know if they'll have people to compete in the next year. May not have institutional stability.

DL: Europeans reg happens while schools are in term. Koc Euros filled in 2 hours. Motion won't do much because the first phase of reg that this motion would require would still happen during the summer.

Malaysia: Council must recognize that some universities have different levels of bureaucracy to overcome.

Barbados: Don't think one team per region can work. Problem is not registration, but getting payment in on time. Hard to reconcile that some teams have a huge contingent while others have little chance of getting teams in because of administrative concerns.

Croatia: Future hosts should announce when they'll be opening reg. **Motion: Council recommends that future hosts guarantee a place to one legitimate team from each country which attended the previous Worlds Council, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis at the first stage of registration. These places may be offered to other teams at the second stage of registration. Second: Russia.**

Australia: Know that Australia often benefits from opening caps but still supports regional diversity. Real problem is that deposits are required; some small institutions cannot afford to lose deposits. Would be good if people could proceed to entering details before having to pay for all.

Chair: When Anteneo hosted, 300 teams indicated interest and only 177 showed up. Budgeted on large attendance and organizers lost a lot.

Finland: Can't get funding until they're registered, and may risk personal finances to make a deposit. One team from a region doesn't hamstring a region. Will only be a small number of teams. OrgComm can request proof that teams are pursuing funding.

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Caribbean: Cost Cave Hill \$26000 to bring 6 people. Seeking funding is difficult; need some legitimate status.

IONA: Pointless unless it's binding – if people can't pay because of admin or funding, they are different problems. Given Cork want to do this, the wording should be changed to recommend this practice.

CA Koc 2010: With WUDC going down in team cap, possibly one day stampede for rego, it could be useful to ensure stability of vote at Council, but this first stage may be in August so it wouldn't solve the problem. At Euros we had one country who wanted to send 20 teams but didn't – then we were able to open it up to others. By October it may be too late to but flights, for example, so better to leave it open to OrgComm.

Caribbean: At times, OrgComm is so pressured they don't make good decisions. Need formal declaration.

Barbados: Can't arrange finances without confirmation of registration. Have had promises before; many not honored. Leading up to this tournament couldn't even get a response to an email. If we promise three teams, will bring three teams.

AW: Regarding dates for initial reg phase, Cork will announce with plenty of advance notice. Documentation, good idea to prove that delegates are waiting on funding.  
Barbados: trust to pay also requires trust of good faith. Cork will work with delegates who have special needs. Can't afford to trust everyone; some will abuse trust.

Europe: If we support regional representation, should go with motion. Will not unduly impact OrgComm—second phase of reg provide safety net.

Croatia: Regional representation helps Regional Representatives. **Call the question. Second: Botswana.**

**Carries.**

Germany: Clarification—if two teams register from Germany from different institutions, who gets spot?

Registrar: This only guarantees that each country gets one team.

**Motion Carries Unanimously.**

<i>Dietary Requirements</i>
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Israel: Have worked with Registrar to draft motion regarding Kosher food.

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Registrar: Article 10.5—want to include a requirement that future hosts make clear commitment to providing notice of costs of dietary requirements.

**Israel: Constitutional Amendment: Amend the Article 10.5 to strike the second and third sentence and in their place include “Such notice shall be posted at least four months before the round and shall include a legally-binding statement of the total cost to the entrant team of registration and accommodation. This cost must include equal food provision that meets all reasonable dietary requirements (including, but not limited to, vegetarian, Kosher and Halal) when requested in advance of the tournament;” Second: Jamaica**

Australia: A good motion in the spirit of equity. May not cost the same, but can be accommodated by OrgComm and spread amongst all delegates.

AW: To clarify, “in advance of the tournament” must mean within a reasonable amount of time. Hopes all agree.

Caribbean: When registering team, at times you may have to have to change the construct of the team. What if a meatarian replaces a vegetarian?

AW: Sure, grant extenuating circumstances. Can’t expect unreasonable accommodation.

Europe: Should know in advance. Medical requirements should also be included.

Rish: Sometimes dietary requirements do increase significantly the cost of the tournament. May end up increasing rego.

**Ireland: Friendly amendment: to include “and medical requirements”  
Accepted by Israel.**

DL: May be some countries where this imposes a significant burden on a host. Maybe should read “if at all possible” rather than “required.”

Croatia: Reasonable should extend until only the end of registration process.

AW: reasonable notice only extends until the end of the registration process. May accommodate after given extenuating circumstances.

England: Consequences of motion—must hold hosts to provide what they promise. **Call the question. Second: Germany.**

**Carries.**

**Amendment Passes Unanimously.**

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Ireland: Passes floor to Susan Connelly: Suffers from food allergies. Good communication important. When Cork hosted Euros, they pursued Kosher provision through good communication with Israeli contingent because Kosher was so expensive. Worked very well.

Israel: Have no problem with a reasonable notice requirement. **Motion: Participants who asked for Kosher food at registration of the 28<sup>th</sup> World Championships will be refunded for the cost of the meals that was paid as part of the registration fee. Seconded: England.**

Registrar: Nothing in the constitution that allows Council to compel the OrgComm to give money to anyone.

Asia: Need to be careful about precedent of compelling hosts to engage in financial obligations.

Israel: Not sure whether Council has authority to compel hosts. Have an OrgComm member here, will they comment?

Hong Kong: At pre-council, wasn't a motion passed to require a refund?

England: Only expressed a desire that needs be addressed.

AW: Believes a mandate and a recommendation will produce the same effect. One may really create a dangerous precedent.

**England: Friendly amendment: replace “Kosher food” with “special dietary requirements” Israel Accepts.**

**Romania: Friendly amendment: Change motion to include “Council recommends that . . .” Israel Accepts**

Germany: would now require refund regardless of whether provision was made.

New Zealand: Israel asked for commend from OrgComm. Perhaps we could circumvent the motion of they'll address it.

Rish: we're waiting on Tarique to return to Council before we comment.

Jamaica: Understood that rego is nonrefundable. Is it refundable?

Rish: If Council recommends, OrgComm would respect.

Susan Connelly: Provision of special dietary requirements was particularly poor. Should apply to all those who asked because some have not complained.

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Chair: Hosts will be providing dinner.

England: **Call the question. Seconded: Slovenia**

**Fails.**

Barbados: Seems harsh to ask them to provide a full refund to all who asked. They've tried to be gracious.

Malaysia: Muslims and Malaysia didn't have any problem. Commend OrgComm for excellent Halal food. Council should consider future implications of over-managing. Shouldn't impose requirement for refund. May be an availability of food problem.

South Africa: some, undeniably, had a problem. Not majority of cases. Would need to define specific cases to be refunded.

IONA: This is a significant issue. Should consider general consequences. Not over-regulating. In line with an equity complaint.

Chair: Recognize Tarique to comment.

Tarique: talked with Israeli rep. Can work with Council's recommendation if they passes. Only one caterer in Thailand recognized as 100% Kosher. Only 3 people registered as Kosher by November. Already knew that price would be high, so wanted clear requirements. Expensive because they make it in a special location and then transport to here and Pattaya. Wanted total list before, that was a mistake. Once full info came in, realized it would be very expensive. Emailed each delegate asking for response. Some converted to vegetarian. Sought advice. Should have reserved for the three people who responded. Trying to get Kosher for Israelis now.

Israel: Know OrgComm have been working hard. Have appreciation of Israeli contingent. Cannot be held responsible for non-Israelis. Many claim they expressed their dietary requirements in early September. First time Israelis knew of a problem was one week prior to the competition. Many Israelis visit Thailand; there must be some other places. Some people have been to Bangkok to buy their own Kosher food; those people should be refunded at least.

Registrar: Those who registered should likely be refunded. Will the OrgComm commit to dealing directly with the three who certainly did not get Kosher food?

Rish: OrgComm has discussed, will work with the individuals. Open to refunding rego. Want to work to find acceptable food henceforth.

IONA: speaking for three people with allergies and who preregistered. Do appreciate



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OrgComm's willingness to work with complaintants.

Tarique: Has allergies, willing to work with those who need accommodation.

Registrar: Can authors of motion withdraw it?

Israel: Wait a few minutes to see if we can work it out with the OrgComm.

Chair: Will move on to other agenda items while OrgComm and Israel/Special Dietary Requirements talk.

<i>Equity</i>
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Japan: **Constitutional Amendment: Amend Article 10.9 to include “and equity meeting” after “ women’s meeting.” Second: Hong Kong.**

DL: **Friendly Amendment: should strike “the beginning and end of” Japan Accepts.**

Hong Kong: **call question. Second: US**

**Passes**

**Constitutional Amendment Passes Unanimously.**

Equity: Only 3% of participation at Worlds from last 10 years from low-income states. Set a subcommittee to discuss rego fee reduction for low-income states.

Chair: Establishes a *Low Income Nations Participation Subcommittee* to be appointed by next chair.

Committee Reports

Chair: Last report. Have prepared a “Guide to bidding for Worlds” document. Records impression and experiences of bidding for Worlds. Hopefully the document provides some insight. Will send to Colm Flynn to put on Website. Not definitive guideline nor “Old Testament.” Council may change, adopt, reject it. We belong to a community who is able to cooperate to accomplish meaningful change. Should realize the significance of this and pass it along to others. Thanks to Council for support of leadership efforts.

Barbados: Thanks to Chair for help establishing BP style in Barbados. Leadership has improved the activity of debating across the world. Important part of debating is the connections between debaters and skills of discussion and convincing. Have been a

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model of effective discourse.

Registrar: Look after rules, etc. Cork Worlds have worked with Registrar; things are progressing well. Subcommittees have worked very well and have made meaningful change. Constitution needs tidying up; Exec. should work on that before next year.

Secretary: Lots of notes. I'll try to get them tendered soon.

Women's: Women's night had some problems: tone was misplaced. Motions coming from Women's forum: 1. Women's night should focus on women in debating. 2. If there are problems with women feeling uncomfortable, should be dealt with directly. Numbers and gender distribution exacerbate this problem. 3. Will continue as Women's officer in 2009; want to have more contact with national and regional reps. Will give input into strategies to promote women in debating. Will try to gather statistics on women in debating.

Equity: Complaints in context of Code of Conduct. Process: received complaints, assessed urgency, fact gathering, interview of complainant, interviewers discussed an appropriate course of action. At times went on to interview others depending on nature of complaint. Four outcomes: Code of Conduct specifies what to do: give 0 points and a fourth. Most complaints were about judges. Equity agreed to close complaints when complainant wanted to. Five total complaints: one adjudicator demoted, one determined not relevant. Others resolved. Want to recognize Saleema; good job. Equity team: did their best this year. AdjCore worked very hard. Equity Forum: Wants forum to be annual event. Want to discuss low-income nations discount. Propose creating double-octofinals, forum would support.

Dietary Requirements
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Joint Statement from Israel & OrgComm: OrgComm will make an effort to provide Kosher food to the participants who registered for Kosher food in advance. After the tournament ends, these participants will be refunded for the cost of the meals (that was charged as part of the registration fee) in the partial time when Kosher food was not provided.

### Regional Reports

IONA: No Iceland. Ireland, Scotland, England good. Wales here. Looking forward to Cork Worlds.

North America: Continues to expand BP participation. Have a Yale IV. Canada has BP nationals held in Alberta. Tuna Snider trying to develop a BP circuit.

Africa: Much the same as last year. South Africa nationals largest tournament. Not a

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regional championships *per se*. Moving beyond sub-Saharan Africa, but mostly in high school.

Caribbean: Formed Caribbean/Latin American Debating Council. Couldn't bring T&T because of registration problems. Invite Ian Lising to regional Championships.

Europe: Western & Northern Europe-Will host European Championships in Tallinn. Central and Eastern Europe seeing growth. Kosovo debating. Sam Greenland and Derek Lande committed to developing debating in that area. Want to have a Worlds in that area. Turkish rep to speak for SE Europe: more tournaments in Turkey. Contacts with Georgia, they do Karl Popper debate. Seeking to combine debating tournaments. European rep: Debating booming, large attendance.

Oceania: Thriving, look at Worlds attendance. Sydney and others hosting record tournaments. BP continues to grow; IVs in Victoria, Sydney and Melbourne minis. New Zealand have 9 teams at Worlds, 3 in break.

Asia: Hosting two regional championships. All-Asians in Korea; boosted debating in region. Much growth potential in China. ADC promoting debating in Indonesia. Lots of people in BP debating. First regional championship in South Asia (Bangladesh). Movement toward reconciliation between two tournaments.

Bangladesh: Want to welcome all to Bangladesh for All-Asians.

Other Business
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Caribbean: Consider regional rotation for Worlds. Development so depends on Worlds.

Russia: Phrasing of motions: Round 7 was phrased poorly ("THW assassinate Vladimir Putin"). Not just hard to debate, but should not phrase motions to exclude particular regions. PR impossible to with motions like that.

Lesotho: Support regional rotation for Worlds. Many African countries don't have ability to attend Worlds in Europe. same problem in World Cup.

India: Should not restrict content of motions.

Finland: Not fair to exclude ESL speakers who compete with ENL partners from speaker awards.

Croatia: Understand Russia's point. Counterproductive to PR, sponsorship, patronage. At times need public funding; must be sensitive to public institutions.

Can Okar: Koc is hosting the traditional summer tournament. Please come.

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Equity: Should classify ESL based on registration. Should disclose ESL speaker tab.

Asia: Training in Korea, Malaysia, Kurdistan. Want to get many involved in promoting debate, please come with to Kurdistan.

Philippines: Need to extend ESL/EFL standards to adjudication. Need to recognize and reconcile diverse styles of adjudication.

Croatia: Should establish a debate institute, a summer school, etc.

Equity: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tokyo Argumentation Conference in August. Check Japan Debate Association on Google. Had lots of reps from N. American policy. Amsterdam represented well—they lead in argumentation theory.

Germany: Cork should try to avoid regional biases.

DL: If there are things you'd like to see in adjudication briefing, talk to Derek.

Romania: Is there a judging forum going on? If not, why not?

Chair: used to be a listserv on adjudication sponsored by the .za site. Now defunct. Should discuss these sort of things.

AW: Impressed with Council's progress. Come to talk with Cork OrgComm to express concerns, desires, etc.

Regional Reps should meet to discuss elections.

Recess called 8:45

Reconvened: 8:59

Quorum Established via Roll Call

2009 World Executive Committee Elections

Chair
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Ireland nominates Neill Harvey Smith, Seconded by Malaysia.

Elected by Unanimous Assent

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Registrar

Australia Nominates Adiba Shareen, Seconded by Bangladesh.

New Zealand Moves to close nominations.

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Secretary

US Nominates Stephen West; seconded by Bangladesh

Malaysia Moves to close

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Equity

US Nominates Sam Greenland; seconded by Germany

Malaysia moves to close nominations

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Regional Reps

IONA: Ruth Faller

Africa: Joe Roussos

Asia: Thepparith Senamngern

Oceania: Tom

Europe: Chair of European Council will represent. Upon election, will inform.

North America: Steven Johnson

Caribbean: Hugh Simmons

Barbados: Would like to recognize Carlton of Jamaica who says it will be his last Worlds.

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Chair: We hope it's not true.

Chair: Rish worked very hard putting Council meeting together. Thank you.

Adjourned at 9:14 pm.