

# Quebec Student Debating Association

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Wednesday, December 13, 2006

Dear Debating Collegaue,

I am writing to you with further information about the 2007 Canadian Junior National Debating Championships. The event will take place in Montreal, Quebec, from Thursday, May 10 to Saturday, May 12. Travel takes place on the 9th and 13th.

#### Website:

The tournament website is: <a href="http://qsda.net/juniornationals.htm">http://qsda.net/juniornationals.htm</a> You will find all rules, ballots, registration forms, schedule, and this invitation posted there already. You will also find links to our four host schools – Lower Canada College, Selwyn House, John Rennie and E.C.S.

#### **Debating Topics:**

As was outlined in the previously announced schedule, there will be two prepared topics. On Thursday, May 10, the following will be debated in Canadian National Debate Format:

## This House supports standardized testing.

Students will debate both sides of the motion, and will be guaranteed to debate against other provinces.

The second prepared motion will be used for the two rounds of Discussion Style debate. These rounds will take place on Friday, May 11, and will be coordinate style. Students will have a different partner for each round, and will debate with and against students from different provinces. The topic is:

This House believes that governments should regulate the internet.

#### **Adult Accommodation:**

As with previous events we have hosted, we will be arranging adult accommodation at the Best Western Ville-Marie Suites, which is located at 3407 Peel Street, at the corner of Peel St. and Sherbrooke St. in the heart of downtown Montreal. The hotel phone number is 514-288-4141, and its website is <a href="http://hotelvillemarie.com">http://hotelvillemarie.com</a>. If you wish to reserve a room at the special rate of \$125 plus taxes, please contact Rafik Zikry at <a href="rafik@hotelvillemarie.com">rafik@hotelvillemarie.com</a>. Please note that you are responsible for making any arrangements on your own. We will provide transportation to and from this hotel only for adult delegates. Should there be any additional parents, or if debaters would like to stay there as opposed to being billeted, you are welcome to do so under your own responsibility.

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## **Registration:**

We are delighted to invite your province to send **four (4) teams** of two debaters. Students debate as teams for six of the eight rounds. Hybrid teams are allowed, but discouraged unless absolutely necessary. A hybrid team is defined as a team in which two students do not attend the same school. If they do enter, **hybrid teams are not allowed to advance to break rounds**, but are eligible for individual awards.

## **Registration Fee:**

We have set the registration fee at \$175 a student or adult. Please makes all cheques payable to "Lower Canada College" and send them to:

Chris George Lower Canada College 4090 Royal Avenue Montreal, Quebec, H4A 2M5

## **Transportation:**

All delegates should arrive to Montreal's Pierre E. Trudeau airport (formerly Dorval) on **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. You will be responsible for transportation to Selwyn House upon your arrival, presumably by taxi. Your billeting families and the organizers will provide transportation during the event when necessary. You should plan to leave on the morning of **Sunday, May 13**.

We are excited that this event will be in Montreal next year. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email at <a href="mailto:chrisg@netover.com">chrisg@netover.com</a> or by phone at 514-448-9059.

Sincerely, Chris George 2007 Junior Nationals Chair QSDA President

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