



REPORT: Meeting and Online Debates „Debatology“ – Preparation August 9th 2013

Name of event: Meeting and Online Debates „Debatology“ – Preparation

Date(s) of event: August 9th 2013

Location of event: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Activities (training, seminar, tournament, etc): Meeting

Number of participants: 4

Background of participants (type of school, age, ethnic background (if relevant) etc):

1. Amer Musić – editor of the internet portal Studomat.ba
2. Tijana Ljuboje – internet debate rounds judge
3. Anesa Vilić – record keeping about weekly and monthly winners and updating Facebook page „Debatology“
4. Nadina Balagić – selection and proposal of competition's topics

Motions/topics/focus:

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Analysis of the results for July
2. Best weekly and monthly debaters for July
3. Proposal of competition's topics for the next period

Describe what happened/what the participants did in a bit more detail:

Tijana Ljuboje moderated the meeting and presented the agenda:

1. Analysis of the results for July
2. Best weekly and monthly debaters for July
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AD1:

Within the first item on the agenda, it was pointed out that there was a decrease of the debaters' activity in Debatology during July. Tijana Ljuboje stated the possible reason for the slightly lower visits to Debatology – the summer break for both high school and university students. Amer Musić, editor of the portal Studomat.ba, proposed that the future topics should be created in such a way that it will interest a large number of young people and pointed out that the topics should be dedicated to current events. Topics in July were in regard to: possible espionage from USA and EU's response, traditional sport events, sanctioning athletes for unsporting behavior, important musical events, Miss World pageant and promoting the values in the society, reality shows, employing interns in BiH and EU, Croatia's policy towards its neighbors after EU accession... Anesa Vilić pointed out that Debatology's Facebook page received two new members during July. It was concluded that it is necessary to create topics which will attract more online debaters to Debatology in August and September.

AD2: Tijana Ljuboje presented weekly and monthly winners on Debatology within the second item. In the first week of July the winner was debater with user name „bajo7“, in second week the winner was user „Jovana5“, and in the last three weeks the winner was Sofija Admundsen. The best debater in July was Sofija Admundsen – Isidora Vuković. CCD contacted the debater, who is currently a student at Faculty of Law in

Belgrade. Amer Musić stated that the interview with this debater was published on August 7th 2013 at Studomat.ba portal. This once again confirmed that Debatology has no boundaries and that it connects young people from the entire Region.

AD 3: Nadina Balagić proposed that topics during August should be in regard to the current issues and problems young people are faced with, especially bearing in mind the education and European Union. Anesa Vilić proposed that in the next period topics related to culture of BiH should be introduced, because these topics are highly disregarded in public. It was concluded that during August topics should include: private universities, quotas for women in EU, civil protesting, censorship in Greece, beggars, political extremists, facebook profiles as base for employment, Sarajevo Film Festival, dispute between Greece and Macedonia...

Remarkable things (quotes, publicity of the event, impact on participants or public, reception, etc):

Monthly winner for July, Isidora Vuković, said this in her interview for Studomat.ba: „I like Debatology because it gives anyone a chance to talk about the current problems. It differs from uncultured discussions which can usually be found on the internet, and on the other hand it is modern enough to keep the pace with the modern and fast life. Another advantages is that people across BiH can be included, regardless of the fact if there is a debate club in their city or not. Many people have large potentials and ideas, but do not have the possibilities or opportunities to show it, and this is the greatest value of Debatology, that is gives everyone an equal opportunity to become active in the society and publically discuss all topics.“ You can read the interview at the following link:

<http://www.ckdbih.com/dokumenti/Debatologija%20daje%20priliku%20svima%20da%20govore%20o%20aktuelnim%20problemima.pdf>

<http://studomat.ba/studentske-novosti/debatologija/13960/>

Lessons learned (if any): Young people lack the space on the internet to freely express their opinion, and without fear of being insulted or belittled. Debatology represents a unique space in the online world where everyone can express argumentative attitude free from fear of condemnation, while respecting the rules of the debate.

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<http://studomat.ba/forum/index.php/board,383.0.html>

