



Since 2004 Debattierklub Wien dedicates itself to one mission: Trying to make the world a better place through debating. We think that debating is a profound and important step towards enabling individuals to make independent opinions and contribute to meet the challenges this world is facing today, just as it connects young thinkers across Europe.

This report will give an overview on our activities in the last 12 months (starting with June 1, 2010). It includes workshops, tournaments and show-debates that were organised or attended. To spare you the counting, we have participated in 24 tournaments in 11 countries. Additionally roughly 120 debates with almost 1000 speeches of an accumulated length of over 75 hours were held in regular meetings in this period. One fact we are particularly proud of: DKWien members reached the semi-finals in Serbia, Athens and Bonn and the final in Würzburg and Split - but read more about DKWien's-success below.

A few hints for orientation: The events are lined up chronologically on the right hand side. The captions are linked to the related articles on the website, in the centre you can read additional words and several items we found worth being outlined, which can be identified by the same frame colour. The left hand side is reserved for an eternal line of corresponding pictures.

Before the informative part starts, the authors want to thank everybody, members or non-members, individuals or organisations, who have contributed to the continuing success of DKWien - You are awesome!



Getting The Expertise: 1st Vienna Debating Workshop
 To prepare for the upcoming European Championships, Debattierklub Wien invited the number one English as a Second Language (ESL) Speaker of the World Championships 2010, Manos Moschopoulos (University of Athens), together with ESL quaterfinalist Milan Vignjevic (University of Belgrade) and Lio Kaufman (University of Glamorgan) to hold a full day of workshops and lectures on debating at the University of Vienna. On sunday a small tournament at the WU allowed for plenty of practice. The tournament was won by Fabian Farkas (CEU Budapest) and Christoph Jäger (WU Vienna). The Vienna Debating Workshop takes place once a year shortly before the European Championships.

Meeting Europe In Amsterdam: EUDC 2010
 For the first time ever, Vienna was represented at the European Universities Debating Championships (EUDC). The “Euros”, hosted by the Vrije Universiteit and the Universiteit van Amsterdam attracted over 550 participants to the Netherlands, including two teams and a judge from Debattierklub Wien. Kings Inn won the trophy, Ljubljana succeeded in the ESL category.

Debater's Holidays: Red Sea Open, Eilat, Israel
 Debating tournaments do not always have to be stressful and can easily be connected to holidays. Thus there were three reasons, why we would call the tournament organised by the Ben Gurion University of the Negev likely to have been the most recreational of the year - despite 45° C in the shadow. (1) The region invited to be explored in the form of highly recreative holy-land-cruising. (2) Air conditioned busses saved debaters' brains form overheating. (3) The combination of three rounds per day, a swimming pool, a gigantic buffet with an unlimited bar and the magnificent Red Sea bedazzled us all.

2. Wiener Debattierseminar (2nd Vienna Debating Seminar)
 To introduce new students to the art of debating Debattierklub Wien repeated the successful seminar-format from June in German. Flown in from Berlin was Christoph Krakowiak, founder of the first German debating society “Streitkultur Tübingen”. The 2nd Wiener Debattierseminar was supported by Die Presse and the Verband der Debattierclubs an Hochschulen, VDCH, of which Debattierklub Wien is a member since 2009.

ZEIT DEBATTE Greifswald
 Having organized one itself in March 2010, Debattierklub Wien took part in this year's northernmost ZEIT DEBATTE in the hanseatic town of Greifswald.

All At Once: 3 Tournaments, 1 Weekend
 Another premiere has unintentionally happened in October. On one weekend DKWien was represented at three tournaments. While a large delegation made their way 370km to Zagreb to enjoy a well organised Balkans tournament; two debaters, Miriam Baghdady and Stefan Zweiker, went to Bristol, England to explore British Principles not awaiting any comfort. Moreover Florian Prischl went to Tübingen Germany for judging and, hence, completing the hat trick.

Good Morning Africa: WUDC, Gaborone, Botswana
 This year's World Universities Debating Championships (WUDC) took two debaters and one judge far away across the globe. The University of Botswana hosted the prestigious event with well over 1200 participants for the first time. It was won by the University of Monash, the ESL (English as a Second Language) title went to the University of Haifa, the EFL (English as a Foreign Language) trophy was won by the University of Tokyo.

The participation of the only Austrian team was supported by the Ministry of Science and Research (BmWF).

Debating Goes To School: 1. Debattierabend (1st Debate-Evening)
 Together with the Initiative für Teaching Entrepreneurship Debattierklub Wien introduced the format “Debattierabend”. In this format, students listen to short lectures on relevant topics, then split up into different rooms to debate a motion related to that topic. The first Debattierabend on “intergenerational contracts” attracted roughly 30 students to speeches by Heinrich Gröller (President Junge Industrie Wien) and Helmut Wisiak (Wirtschaftsforum für Führungskräfte)

Hosting The Debating Circuit: Vienna IV 2011.
 It was definitely a highlight: In March the first truly international debating tournament on Austrian soil took place in Vienna. We admit Debattierklub Wien already had experience in organizing due to hosting the ZEIT DEBATTE a year before. However, Vienna IV was probably the most demanding event the society had ever seen before. Possibly the organizers were the ones looking the most forward to it, as they have invested a lot of effort in it, providing food, debates, accommodation and more for three days to participants. And on this point we already have to start thanking everybody who helped, since the amazing team spirit led to what we can now call a great success.

Over 100 students from 19 countries of Europe and beyond came to experience the six rounds BPS tournament. Preliminaries took place at the Vienna University of Economics and Business while the semis and the grand final draw our guests to the University of Vienna on Sunday. The trophy was taken by a team from Colgate University, New York, in a thrilling debate on funding for political parties. In terms of adjudication the quality was guaranteed by the Chief Adjudicators Isabelle Loewe from Germany, Maja Cimerman from Slovenia and Manos Moschopoulos from Greece. Maybe the attendees were mainly swayed by Schnitzel and Strudel, yet we are proud to say that DKWien got quite good feedback on organizing.

This event could not have been possible without supporters. Baker & McKenzie was the main sponsor; partner organizations included Die Presse, WU Vienna, University of Vienna, Coca Cola Austria, Red Bull and many others.

“Talking 'bout My Generation”: 2. Debattierabend
 The second “Debattierabend” on “youth unemployment” featured lectures by Markus Marterbauer (WU, Wifo) and Stefan Apfl (Der Falter) and was attended by more than 40 students. We are happy to say that these evenings will continue in the upcoming year.

Vienna In The Semis: Athens Open 2011
 Having entered the international debating circuit only 16 months earlier it was a great honour and pleasure to make the break at a large English debating tournament for the first time. At the American College in Greece in the suburbs of Athens, Agnieszka and Leonhard made it to the semi finals, where they unfortunately were surpassed by teams from Belgrade and Newcastle. Individual speakers have broken before in German tournaments, namely Christoph Jäger (Bonn, February 2011) and Florian Prischl (South German Championships, April 2009).

Debating Law: Baker & McKenzie Debate Club 2011
 Baker & McKenzie believes that debating is not only an essential asset for individuals in today's world, but a key feature for successful lawyers. To not only encourage future lawyers to start debating, but also find the best debaters among Vienna's future lawyers, the Baker & McKenzie Debate Club was created. Debattierklub Wien organizes these annual debate tournament, where law students are eligible to compete against eachother in the so-called “Baker&McKenzie Debate Club” format. Antonia Cermak was the first to win this prestigious competition.

To Be Continued
 See you soon at our upcoming events!

Weekly Debates	
Montags 19:00 Uhr Deutsch Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien	
Wednesdays 7pm English University of Vienna	
Debattierklub Wien is an organization dedicated to enable students to use their rhetoric, argumentative and communication potential to the fullest through the use and training of organized debates.	
  	
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Chronology	
June 5-6, 2010 Deutsche Debattiermeisterschaft 2010 Münster, Germany	
June 12-13, 2010 1 st Vienna Debating Workshop	
July 9-11, 2010 Tilbury House Summer Open, Köln, Deutschland	
July 11-17, 2010 European Debating Championships (EUDC), Amsterdam, Netherlands	
July 31 - August 1, 2010 Boddencup Greifswald, Deutschland	
August 8-14, 2010 Serbia Summer Debate Camp, Brzeće, Serbia	
August 29 - September 2, 2010 Red Sea Open, Eilat, Israel	
October 15-17, 2010 SOAS IV, London, England	
October 23-24, 2010 2. Wiener Debattierseminar, Vienna, Austria	
October 29-31, 2010 Split Open, Split, Coratia	
October 29-31, 2010 ZEIT DEBATTE Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany	
November 26-28, 2010 Jurierseminar Wiesbaden, Germany	
November 26-28, 2010 IDAS 2010 Ljubljana, Slovenia	
December 10-11, 2010 Bristol IV, Bristol, England	
December 10-11, 2010 Zagreb Open Zagreb, Coratia	
December 10-11, 2010 Streitkultur Cup Tübingen, Germany	
December 27 2010 - January 4, 2011 World Universities Debating Championships Gaborone, Botswana	
February 4-5, 2011 Inner Temple IV, London, England	
February 11-13, 2011 Rheingötter Debattierwettbewerb, Bonn, Deutschland	
February 17, 2011 1. Debattierabend, Vienna, Austria	
February 17, 2011 3. Wiener Debattierseminar, Vienna, Austria	
February 26-28, 2011 Belgrade Open Belgrade, Serbia	
March 4-6, 2011 Vienna IV, Vienna Austria	
March 19-20, 2011 Cardiff IV Cardiff, Wales	
March 23, 2011 3. Debattierabend Vienna, Austria	
April 1-3, 2011 Paris IV Paris, France	
April 9-10, 2011 Süddeutsche Meisterschaft, Bayreuth, Germany	
April 15-17, 2011 Ahtens Open, Athens, Greece	
May 7-8, 2011 LeHavre IV, Le Havre, France	
May 7-8, 2011 Baker & McKenzie Debate Club, Vienna, Austria	
May 13-15, 2011 Split Union Open, Split, Croatia	