



**World Universities Debate
Tournament in Spanish,
CMUDE 2012.
Santiago, Chile.**



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CMUDE 2012

Dear friends,

Hello, along with greeting you, we want you to receive the first CMUDE 2012 Chile newsletter. We are pleased to release the invitation for the 2012 Campeonato Mundial de Debate Universitario en Español, CMUDE. The international tournament will be held from August 20th to the 26th in Santiago, Chile.

After the successful first version that took place in Caracas, Venezuela in 2011, and for 2012 Chile will be the host country.

To start, we want to present our website, <http://mundialdebate.unab.cl> We recommend that you check it out since you will find details on accommodations, schedules, venues, tourist information and other important facts.

We are proud to say that the preparations are going well and we are looking forward to having you here in August. CMUDE 2012 will be an opportunity to debate and also enjoy our country. We hope to see you soon.

Álvaro Ferrer.

Director of the Debate Society, University Andrés Bello

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Andrés Bello University

Universidad Andrés Bello (UNAB) is a leading private university in Chile. The University has more than 32,000 enrolled students, and is the one that offers the most careers in its five campuses situated in different cities throughout the country. UNAB was founded in 1989, and is part of Laureate International Universities.

In 2003, the University decided to create the Debate Society, taking in account the importance of debate for the institution. The Debate Society has a director and two coordinators that during the year pursue different activities for university and school students.

For more information about the University, you can visit our website: www.unab.cl

Registration

Registration dates:

May 15th to July 15th 2012.

Registration fee:

The tournament registration fee will be USD 90 per person.

In our website we provide various options for hotels and hostels plus details of the tournament.

To be able to register you need to go to our website: <http://mundialdebate.unab.cl>

For further questions, do not doubt in contacting us. debate@unab.cl or cbascu@unab.cl

Chile and Debate

The Debate Society of UNAB University was created in the year 2003, initially for the university community expanding later to school students. Our mission as a debate society is to teach the importance of debating to different institutions of our country, always keeping in mind the search for truth in the most rigorous way.

To be able to pursue this mission we not only have intensive work with our students at our university, but also with the most prestigious universities of Santiago. For the past four years the most important debate competition has been organized by UNAB and Universidad de los Andes, having positioned ourselves as being able to hold a high quality competition, due to its organization and judges.

Having this in mind, our next step was to host CMUDE 2012, which we have achieved. With CMUDE in Chile, we want debate in Spanish to grow nationally and internationally, having an annual space for a competition in Spanish with rigorous standards.



Importance of debate and debate in Spanish:

This project is of great importance for our University and the Debate Society since we believe that it is vital to continue growing and give more and better opportunities for students to debate in our native language. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world and by organizing this tournament we will give continuity to the project started last year by Venezuela, and allow Spanish debating to begin its own traditions.

Students involved in debate competitions are often talented and natural leaders within their communities. Giving them the chance to interact with such leaders from different countries will help them grow as persons and in competition.



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Details of the Tournament:

CMUDE 2012 is open to any regular student of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree of a University or higher education. The teams are composed of two students. The delegations that participate must register a jury as well.

This annual event will not only be focused on the competition, but also in giving a space where experiences and knowledge of debate can be exchanged. For this we will be offering workshops where all the interested can increase and deepen their knowledge.

FAQ:

What will the topics/motions be like? Impromptu motions, all regarding global issues.

Who will select them? The motions Committee, formed by Alfred Snider (Director of the World Debate Institute), Álvaro Ferrer (CMUDE 2012 Convener) and the Chief Adjudicator.

Will it be kept secret? Yes, teams will get the motions 15 minutes before the debate.

Must students be from the same school? Yes, all students must be regular undergraduate or graduate students from the same institution or higher education.

Will there be some debater and/or judge training for those new to this format? Yes, on the 20th.

How much will it cost to register in the tournament? USD 90 per participant.

Housing: Each team must arrange its own accommodation; the Debate Society will provide alternatives of safe, inexpensive hotels. Also, if available, UNAB will provide family housing.

Air tickets: Financial aid and scholarships are available for those selected upon application

What days are best for arrival and departure? We recommend you to arrive the 19th and participate of the training. For departure, we recommend Sunday 26th of August.