

Hi all!

While I'm sure you are all busy having much fun in the sun, lamenting the results of the Hottest 100 and continuing to take your respective well deserved breaks, there is some very exciting MAD news to draw you away from it all, albeit very briefly.

1) We Won Worlds! Post Worlds Celebration Party - Friday 4th Feb!

One month on from the stunning Worlds win by our very own Fi and Victor, it's time to give them the celebration they deserve!

Come to Fi's place from 8pm to celebrate in the true MAD style! The address will be sent out to all those attending on the facebook event, so make sure you RSVP to the event as soon as possible [here](#). The event promises great food and music, but BYO alcohol!

Looking forward to seeing you all there for a night of fun and dancing, on what promises to be the best social of the year so far!

Any questions, queries or concerns can be emailed to our inimitable Bec Lew at monash.debaters.socials@gmail.com.

2) MAD Mini

Have your debating skills gotten rusty over the summer? Still in the post-tournament lull from the excitement of Worlds? Then Monash Mini, also vaguely known as and occasionally referred to as the Monash Intervarsity Debating Cup is for you! What do you need to know?

WHEN: Friday 18th - Sunday 20th February; undoubtedly you've all kept this weekend free.

WHERE: Monash's Caulfield campus

REGO: Costs is \$50 for debaters and \$30 for judges

STYLE: Three-on-three with POIs and replies. So it's Australs + BP = maximum fun!

You can register for the tournament [here](#). Rego is closing on the 15th of Feb. Head on over to our [Facebook event](#) or check out the [website](#) for "the tournament your tournament could be like" video, schedule, socials and more! Any and all questions can be directed to Ash at convenor.monashmini@gmail.com.

3) Adelaide Easters

As many of you will know, Easters (or the Australian Intervarsity Debating Championships if you can be bothered) is probably the most fun external tournament MADdies attend each year. This year you can look forward to a convoy all the way to 'Radelaide', with some great debates and hectic socials to follow. The only problem is that, due to capacity constraints of the hosts, it seems that MAD will only be getting 8 teams and 7 adjudicators, meaning that not everyone will be able to attend. If you are interested in securing one of the limited places please read the following.

Date: 26th to 29th of April

Location: Adelaide University

Cost: \$320 Registration + \$100 Flights or \$50 Driving (approx.)

This year teams will be composed of one team leader and two novices. Everyone who is experienced by Easters standards (debating at one Australs or Worlds or two Easters) must apply for a team leader spot if they wish to debate. Anyone else is eligible to apply for a team leader spot, but if they miss out on one, they can also apply for one of the other spots in the team at a later date. We would encourage anyone who is interested to apply for a team leader position.

Something else that is new in 2011 is that each team will be assigned a coach. This person will be one of the older, more experienced members of the club, and will work with the teams to develop training programs and facilitate preparation etc. The team leader will be required to work with the coach throughout the process.

Team leader applications will be in writing and must address selection questions (please see attached document). They will be submitted to Gemma via email at monash.debaters.externals@gmail.com by 5pm on the 10th of Feb. The selection committee will then meet and decide who will be given team leader positions and you will be notified shortly after. It is crucial that you read and follow the instructions given in the team leader application form (attached).

Information on adjudicator spots and other team positions will be made available at a later date.

There are a lot of new systems this year, so if you have ANY questions please email our Externals officer Gemma Buckley at monash.debaters.externals@gmail.com, or call her on 0438968613.

4) DAV Adjudicator Opportunities

Do you want to get paid too much money to be critical of young children? Do you want another debating activity to clog up your calendar? Go to the [DAV website](#) to sign up for a beginner adjudicator session and you will be 'qualified' and able to adjudicate the DAV in no time.

5) Silvertongue

As O-Week rapidly approaches, so does our first Silvertongue edition of the year! Check the website in a few days for a list of topic suggestions, but we're happy to take any articles written on absolutely topic (though preferably debating related!). If you have any questions or ideas about articles, email our Publications officer Carmel Wallis at monash.debaters.publications@gmail.com.