

# **REPORT FROM THE ESU CHILE DEBATING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**for 2010**

## **WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Qatar 2010 9-19 February in Doha.**

The WSDC team is trained and sponsored by Sociedad de Debates of UNAB, with the collaboration of ESU Chile. Training took place from December 2009 to January 2010 and the following students were elected to form Team Chile for the Qatar WSD Championships:

Sofía Bernier	Nido de Aguilas
Valentina Salvatierra	Santiago College
Elisa Zavala	Villa María
Paulina Valenzuela	Villa María

Chile debated against Hong Kong, Oman, Ireland, Cyprus, Estonia, Slovakia, Qatar and Turkey. The team won 4 out of the 8 debates and came 26/58. This was an enormous improvement over 2009, when Team Chile came 34/36 and won no debates.

**Scotland 2011 16-26 August in Dundee**

In August 2010, 60 students were invited to the pre-selection process to choose Team Chile for Scotland. The students had to have CAE level (Cambridge Advanced Exam) in English and were given additional testing in verbal and mathematical skills. 17 students were chosen and were tutored for 3 hours a week at UNAB by Felipe Ibarra from UNAB's Debating Society (Theory) and Ana María Tomassini (English, Homework, Current Affairs.)

After selection at the end of November, the team trained as follows:

December 2010 - 6 hours a day  
January 2011 - 9a.m-6p.m for 2 weeks  
Training will continue: March/June Mondays 5-8  
During July the trainings will intensify, using winter vacation for training.

Team Chile 2011:

Victor Vidaurre	Colegio Tabancura
Agustinos Zegers	Nido de Aguilas
María Fernanda Mediana	Lincoln International Academy
Juanita Silva	Villa Maria Academy

### UNAB/ESU Schools Debate 2010

16 private schools competed over 5 dates - June 5 and 19, August 7, 21 and 26. The earlier debates were held concurrently in two UNAB buildings, Las Condes and Bellavista.

ESU Chile provided the style judges, UNAB the judges for content, as well as the organisation and financing. It was run under the auspices of the Interescolares Department.

There had been a big improvement in the quality of the debates since the first joint debate in 2009, because of the experience and format gained at the World Schools Debate Championships, which were passed on to the schools.

Colegio Everest were the winners, with Colegio Cumbres second, Lincoln International third and Vila María Academy fourth. The best speaker was Paulina Valenzuela from Villa María Academy.

### ESU CHILE MEMBER SCHOOLS DEBATE 2010

The first two debates involving 12 schools were held in August at Villa María Academy and the final round in October at Nido de Aguilas. The tournament was won by Villa María, with Santiago College in second place and Nido de Aguilas third. The prize of a course in England for the best individual debater, donated by English First, was awarded to Catalina Reyes of Villa María Academy. British Airways sponsored the airfare.

UNAB had provided the content judges for a fee.

### ESU CHILE Member Schools Debate 2011

This is scheduled for 3 days on the following dates:

September 6, October 4 and October 18.

### THREE-TIER DEBATE

A move has been initiated to hold a 3-tier debate between teams from schools, universities and young executives, together with Team Chile as the fourth team. This is scheduled to take place during the second semester of 2011.

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