



THE CROSSROAD OF INNOVATION

JCI is excited to announce that for the first time in JCI's history, we will be hosting the JCI World Debating Championship virtually during the 2020 JCI World Congress!

As enterprising young leaders, we will rise to overcome the current challenges the pandemic is presenting and transform them to an exciting new online debating format!

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Contestants should reference the Debating Toolkit, which provides an overview of the criterias that judges will be looking for and assessing during the debates.
- Teams will be competing over Zoom Meetings, with the help of a timekeeper and event chairpersons to help coordinate the competition. Debates will be available for viewing by registered delegates during the week of November 3 -7.
- The number of debates will be determined by 28 September 2020 once all teams have completed their registration. Debates will be held according to the number of teams registered per language. Contestants may register to compete in the following four JCI official languages: English, Spanish, French or Japanese.
- Our esteemed judges will be selected with the assistance of the Vice Presidents chairing the Debating event. These judges will have the opportunity to join the Zoom meeting and provide their scores and choose winning teams to move forward through each round of debate.
- All debate competitions will be recorded for inclusion in the 2020 JCI Online World Congress. By agreeing to take part in debates, all persons and teams concede and permit to be recorded, allowing JC to use footage of debates at any time. JCI will incorporate all recorded debates into the JCI Online Congress Program, during the week of November 3-7.
- Championship winners will be announced during the JCI Awards Ceremony on 6 November 2020.

Learn more >> jci.cc/events

THE CROSSROAD OF INNOVATION

Q: ***When is the deadline to register?***

Registration will close on September 28th, 2020. Teams can register at jci.cc/events. Teams may be composed of multiple JCI National Organizations but must be competing under the title of a singular National Organization. A team will consist of three total members: one Team Captain and two additional speakers for support.

Q: ***When will our teams be given the topics of debate?***

Potential debate topics will be emailed to team captains the day before the competition. On the day of the debate, team captains will receive the chosen debate topic 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled Zoom meeting. Team captains are responsible for ensuring that their entire team is aware of the topic and ready to compete.

Q: ***Can my team meet in person to join the virtual debate?***

JCI does not recommend meeting in person. If health authorities in your country have suggested that in-person gatherings are safe, you may choose to meet with your team and record as a group if everyone is in agreement to do so.

Q: ***How do we know the order of the debate?***

The Chairpersons of this event will contact all teams 30 minutes before their scheduled meeting begins to make teams aware of the team lineup. A bracket will be emailed to all contestants so they are aware of the structure of the competition prior to the start of the Zoom meeting.

Q: ***What happens if our technology fails during the debate?***

Unfortunately, we know that technology sometimes fails with internet connection, web platforms or audio. While we hope that this will not be an issue, if technology issues happen, the judges will do their best to score the teams on the overall performance. Debates will not be restarted or paused at any time, nor rescheduled.

What are the dates and times of the competitions?

In order to allow for pre-recording of the competition, the debate championships will be held in October! This will allow for the full competition videos to be made public for attendees to the Online World Congress in November. The schedule of competition will be as follows:

3 October 2020: Preliminary Debate Rounds

English: 8:00 am CST, 2:00 pm WAT/CET, 10:00 pm JST
French: 12:00 pm CST, 6:00 pm WAT/CET, 7:00 pm CAT
Spanish: 12:00 pm PDT, 2:00 pm CST, 3:00 pm PYT

11 October 2020: Final Debates

English: TBD
French: TBD
Spanish: TBD