



## SPG REGIONAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, 2011

Society of Petroleum Geophysicists (SPG), India is an internationally renowned body of practicing geo-scientists in the field of petroleum exploration and exploitation. Continuing with its endeavours towards promoting and harnessing young talents who are the potential geo-scientists of the future, the Society is proud to present the SPG- Regional Inter-School Debate Competition, 2011, to be held on **Nov. 5, 2011**, featuring the top schools of Dehradun and the region.

The Competition is open to students of Class XI and XII and would be on a topic that is very relevant to the energy sector:

**"Nuclear Power is the best alternative to tackle the energy crises due to depleting supply of fossil fuels"**

SPG invites all top schools in the region to participate in this prestigious competition. Each participating school shall be required to send two entries, one for the motion and one against the motion. While there shall be individual awards and certificates for the top three performers, there shall also be a Best School Award to be given on the basis of the highest points cumulatively scored by the two participants. ***A golden bonanza awaits the winner in the form of a chance to represent the region / state in the SPG All-India Inter-School Debate Competition at Hyderabad during SPG 2012, an International Conference and Exposition being organized by SPG, India from Feb. 16 – 18, 2012.***

The relevant details and guidelines are enclosed in Page 2. The last date for receipt of entries is **Nov. 1, 2011**

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K.M. Shukla

Secretary, SPG-India

## **DETAILS & GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO SPG- REGIONAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION, 2011**

1. **Venue** : KDMIPE Mini Auditorium  
ONGC Campus, 9, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun – 248 195
2. **Date and Time**: Nov. 5, 2011, 10:30 AM onwards (Reporting time 10:00 AM)
3. **Topic**: “Nuclear Power is the best alternative to tackle the energy crises due to depleting supply of fossil fuels”
4. **Level**: Class XI and XII
5. **Language**: English / Hindi
6. **Entries**: There should be necessarily two entries from each school, one for the motion and one against the motion. Each entry should be accompanied by a write-up (in English only) on the topic (one for the motion and one against the motion) in a maximum of 500 words to be send in soft-format as a MS-Word doc. attachment in Arial font (size 11) by e-mail to [spg@spgindia.org](mailto:spg@spgindia.org) .  
In case of receipt of entries from more than 10 schools, the 10 best schools shall be screened on the basis of the write-ups. In such an event, the unsuccessful schools would receive regret intimation latest by Nov. 3, 2011. *However, if the number of schools confirming participation exceeds 10 by only a small margin, then SPG shall endeavor to accommodate all the schools.*
7. **Last Date**: Confirmation of participation along with the write-ups, as mentioned in Sl. No. 6, should reach latest by Nov. 1, 2011 (by 5:00 PM)
8. **Format**:
  - Two teams shall be drawn up from among the participants, one for the motion and one against the motion, each comprising a maximum of 10 members.
  - The speakers shall be judged primarily on the basis of their individual debating skills.
  - The duration given to each speaker would normally be 4 min. (3 + 1) and the speakers would be picked alternately from the two teams, their sequence being decided on the basis of draw-of-lots.
  - The opening speaker (to be chosen by draw-of-lots) from each team, gets an additional minute's time (4+1) to set the tone for the debate, in affirmation or negation of the motion as the case may be.
  - A speaker from each team shall be chosen (on the basis of draw-of-lots) to sum up his/her team's views on the motion at the conclusion. The time allotted for this purpose shall be 2 min. While the performance of the speaker in this case shall not contribute to his /her assessment in the competition, it shall be considered if and only if, there is a tie involving the speaker.
  - The speakers would be judged by a panel of distinguished judges on the basis of a matrix comprising attributes like substance, clarity of thoughts, fluency and eloquence, case building, logic and evidence, argumentative skills (art of refuting/ rebuttal), body language, time management etc.
9. **Awards & Certificates**:
  - The winner, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up shall be awarded trophies and certificates. All other participants to be given certificate of participation.
  - **Best School Award** to be given to the school securing the highest cumulative points combining the scores clocked by the two participants from each school.
10. **SPG 2012**: The winner shall have the **privilege to represent the state / region in the SPG All-India Inter-School Debate Competition at Hyderabad during SPG 2012, a prestigious International Conference and Exposition being organized by SPG, India from Feb. 16 – 18, 2012.** The school would be requested to depute a teacher / representative to accompany the winner for the trip, with all expenses to be borne by SPG, India. Hence, while nominating the participants, *the schools may kindly ensure their ability and willingness to travel to Hyderabad during the said period.* The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up would be stand-by / reserve candidates.
11. **Miscellaneous**: The students representing the schools should be necessarily in school uniform and accompanied by a teacher / authorized representative of the school. Another 2-3 students per school may also accompany the team to be a part of the audience.

For any further clarifications, the debate coordinator, Mr. Rajiv Paul may be contacted @ +91-9410390139

*Note: The program may be subject to last minute alteration / cancellation under unavoidable circumstances*