

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Newsletter

DISTRICT 59



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Viewpoint

Dear District 59 Members,

As a District, we've been doing very well thanks to your efforts and the guidance of all the District Officers. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the Annual District Conference, held this year in Antwerp.

As always, this was a wonderful experience, where we could welcome our new DTMs and give appreciation to those who really made a positive impact this year.

Truly something of which we can all be proud! :-)

Arnout Nederpelt | D59 District Director



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Outgoing District Team

From left to right:

Stephanie Tamas, Kin Sanchez, Ilona Ruitenbergh, Gilles Bacquet, David Sargent, Paul Appeldoorn

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Division Contests in Action

Gerben Broens
Division Director



Division C Contests

The Division C Contests were held March 23, 2024, with Dutch and French in the morning and English in the afternoon. Gerben said the location was great. Even the floor manager of the venue was impressed with the Toastmasters concept. A cook came with the kitchen for a set-price lunch. There was no charge for members to attend the contests. Because the contest was held in a creative space, Division C was able to manage within the budget.

This has been a standout year for Gerben and his team, Area Directors C1 Ece Doganer, C2 Kyle Campbell, C3 Markus Sobora, and Natascha Jacobsz. Both Gerben and Natascha are Immediate Past Division Directors. The whole team stepped up to help with the contests.

Hopes are high for Division C and Area C1 to achieve Presidents Distinguished and Area C2 to achieve Select Distinguished.

Division E contests



Dimitri Biniaris
Division Director

Dimitri Biniaris, Division E Director 2023-2024, says the Division contest was a huge event for Division E, with thirty Toastmasters helping out and almost sixty visitors. Close cooperation between the contest masters and chief judge made the event a great success.

This year has been special for all the support Dimitri received during a particularly challenging year with a large number of Division events. Because of the great support from engaged members, the Division was able to manage this year very well.

Dimitri extends special thanks to his team, including assistants Amol and Milena and Area Directors, Helmi, Arthur, Jesper and Valerie. Many thanks as well to Tom Taekema for chairing the National Fall Conference, not to mention everyone else who helped at COTs, contests and the summit. Dimitri's plans for next year are to fill many speech slots, develop workshops for Toastmasters members on public speaking and win a few speech contests.



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online training
10am-1pm

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District 59 Calendar

District Training

- **June 15, 2024**
- **September 7, 2024**

Online District Officer Training / 10am - 1pm

Registration by Google form

Division Training

- **June 1, 2024**

Online Club Officer Training - Division A

10am - 1pm

Registration: <https://forms.gle/itWu9dT6sLGqssx6>

- **June 22, 2024**

Online Club Officer Training - Division C

Registration: https://tmclub.eu/view_meeting.php?t=216465



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online or in-person training
5 hours minimum!

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Outgoing District Officers

Dear District Officers of Toastmasters District 59, We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your exemplary commitment and dedication throughout 2023-2024.

Your leadership has not only inspired our members to improve and evolve, but has also strengthened our community by making it more cohesive and dynamic. Every meeting, workshop, and event you have organized has contributed to making our District a place where personal and professional development flourishes.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the time and energy devoted to Toastmasters.

Thank you for your invaluable service and making this a year of growth and success. Together, we have achieved great things. Thanks to each and every one of you, we can be proud of our accomplishments!

Area Directors:

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| A1- Joran Cappuccio | D1- Tanya Yorderas Carderas |
| A2- Catherine Peltier | D2- Livier Guidat |
| A3- Moussa Yattara | D3- Christos Peolidis |
| A4- Vicki Gerber | E1- Helmi Tatanaki |
| A5- Moutar Diatta | E2- Arthur de Niet |
| A6- Badia Belkouchi | E3- Jasper de Jong |
| B1- Doville Valganskaite | E4- Valerie Lenigk |
| B2- Ismail Panda Lakhat | F1- Nick Cox |
| B3- Rima Sammouri | F2- Audrey Domenach |
| B4- Kirsti Gjertsen | F3- Chantal Sebastia |
| C1- Ece Doganer | F4- Carole Boudou-Sebastian |
| C2- Kyle Campbell | G1- Grace Karijomedjo |
| C3- Markus Sobora | G2- Petros Hakobyan |
| | G3- Cyndy Achieng |

Division Directors:

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| Pascale Leroy | Gerben Broens |
| Dimitri Biniaris | Stephanie Tamas |
| Jack Gilbey | Léon Van Der Ploeg |
| Christina Le Duc | |

2024 Antwerp Conference

SHINE LIKE A DIAMOND... A REAL SUCCESS IN ANTWERP!

Special thanks to Philip Slangen
for all these photos!

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/motiondust/>



DUTCH WINNERS

ENGLISH WINNERS

FRENCH WINNERS



S is for the spectacular number of Toastmasters members gathered last weekend for the District Conference

H is for hilarious, sparkling fun and laughter that filled the speeches, workshops, and hearts of all the guests.

I is for the incredible opportunity to listen and meet the World Champion of Public Speaking 2023!

N is for nervous on the inside, but natural on the outside—the motto of the speech contestants!

E is for the exquisite outfits worn at the gala, where we were all dressed to the nines!

The 'Shine like a Diamond' District 59 Conference 2024 kept its promises.

Everyone, including members, guests, and organizers had their time to shine and feel part of the Toastmasters family.

"Well done!" to the Antwerp team for its dedication and the delivery of a wonderful event.

2024 Antwerp Winners

DUTCH EVALUATION

- Joep Baggerman
- Bianca Van Elp

DUTCH SPEECH

- Eric Schoenmaker
- Jurgen Boorsma
- Michell van Vught

FRENCH EVALUATION

- Carol Bausor
- Nassima Tarmoul
- Katherine Parvis

FRENCH SPEECH

- Hicham Adamou
- Amar Yattabaré
- Jaafar Tabi

ENGLISH EVALUATION

- Carol Bausor
- Zsuzsanna Corridori
- Inès Nijman

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH

- Clair Aghassipour
- Abdallah Hassani
- Zahra Vaghefi



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