

Around the world in 100 blogs: The Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs Competition IX14 results are out!



(Hamburg, February 20th, 2014) The language blog Lexiophiles and the language portal bab.la have published the results of the 2014 International Exchange and Experience Blogs Competition, also known as IX14. The list features the top 100 blogs on living abroad.

This year's best worldwide blogs about the experiences abroad were chosen out of a pool of 200 nominations submitted by Lexiophiles readers and bab.la users. The ranking is based on near to 4,000 votes by users from around the globe – almost 1,000 more votes than last year.

The 3 Top Blogs – *O nome disso é mundo*, *NonSoloSissi*, and *Live from Hamburg* - are excellent examples of blogs expressing the joys, challenges, and great discoveries of spending time in a foreign country - or even moving there for good. *O nome disso é mundo* features a collection of podcasts of interviews with people who went abroad, thus offering a colourful kaleidoscope of personalities and stories. *NonSoloSissi* is written by an Italian who has been living in Austria for several years now, with her blog showing Italians that Vienna is not just about the Empress Sissi. *Live from Hamburg* is written by an Italian, too, though this girl chose the German city of Hamburg as her new home – and could therefore almost be described as bab.la's neighbour.

“We had a high number of blogs written by expatriates this year again. Reading those blogs, you quickly see how much they differ from blogs written during a shorter period of time in a foreign country. The very different situations these people are in cause them to have highly varying outlooks on their experiences abroad and on their lives in general. I find this fascinating to observe.” says Elisa Nagel, IX14 project manager. “However, one important thing that all the bloggers in this top 100 ranking share is the excitement of embarking on an adventure far away from home. That said, I am already looking forward to the participants of next year's competition!”

The ranking for the Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2014, including a Google map with the location of all bloggers, can be found at:

<http://en.bab.la/news/top-100-international-exchange-experience-blogs-2014>

About Lexiophiles and bab.la

The Lexiophiles language blog (www.lexiophiles.com) is an affiliate of bab.la. Lexiophiles acts as an information source for all language topics, both in English and foreign languages. It publishes language related articles by its multilingual contributors.

bab.la (<http://bab.la/>) is an interactive language portal offering bilingual dictionaries, vocabulary lessons, language quizzes, and language games all for free. Currently available in 24 different languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish and Turkish), the site operates on a wiki - style model, allowing users to contribute content and feedback. bab.la was founded in 2007 by Dr. Andreas Schroeter and Patrick Uecker.

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