

More than 10.000 people choose the Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2012



(Hamburg, February 14, 2012) The Lexiophiles language blog and the bab.la language portal have published the results of this year's 'Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs' Competition, also known as IX12. The list features the top 100 blogs on living abroad and is based on more than 10.000 user votes from around the globe.

This year's best worldwide blogs about the experiences abroad were chosen out of a pool of 239 nominations submitted by Lexiophiles readers and bab.la users, topping last year's record. The top 3 blogs – *Intercâmbio de A a Z* (Exchange from A to Z), *Petr's Maastricht blog – student's life on scene* and *Na terrinha do tio Sam* (In the land of Uncle Sam) – are excellent examples of the joys, difficulties and great discoveries of spending time studying or working in a foreign country. From a Brazilian woman traveling the entire world to a Czech student in the Netherlands and a Brazilian girl in Ohio (USA) – the top 3 blogs show how diverse the backgrounds and the abroad locations are. Or how else would you describe a Czech student learning the South American salsa dance in the Netherlands?

“You can really feel the dedication people put into sharing their abroad experiences with their family and friends. And their readers showed their support, not only by voting, but also through thousands of comments, tweets and Facebook posts” says Virgínia Rodrigues, IX12 project manager. She adds: “When reading the blogs there is one thing the bloggers have in common: Their excitement of living abroad. This will hopefully motivate more people to explore the world. And then we will see even more blogs participating next year.”

The ranking for the 'Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2012', 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-2012>

About Lexiophiles and bab.la:

The Lexiophiles language blog (<http://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 and culture related articles through 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 20 different languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, Esperanto, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, 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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