

## Lexiophiles and bab.la publish results of the Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs competition



(Hamburg, January 28, 2011) The Lexiophiles language blog and the bab.la language portal have published the results of the 2011 International Exchange and Experience Blog Competition, also known as IX11. 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 220 nominations submitted by Lexiophiles readers and bab.la users, topping last year's record of 170 nominated blogs. The final top 100 ranking was based on user votes, attracting over 5.000 voters.

The top 3 blogs – 'Rok we Włozzech', 'Um Brasileiro na terra do Tio Sam' and 'Malou gaat naar Verenigde Staten voor een verre reis' – are great examples of the joys, difficulties and adventures of spending time exploring a foreign country. In 'Rok we Włozzech' a young Polish student couple shares their life and travel experiences in Italy. The No. 2 blog written by a Brazilian aims at helping other exchange students to find reliable information on living abroad.

"This year we also took a view from the other side, including blogs of host families sharing their experience with foreign visitors." says Valerie Jordan, project manager for Lexiophiles. "Reading the stories we could literally feel the ups and downs of culture clashes, creating awkward, funny and sometimes embarrassing situations." She concludes: "One blogger described her year abroad as a true roller-coaster ride: Scary and fun but in the end she would jump on the roller coaster any time again."

The Top 100 International Exchange and Experience Blogs 2011 can be found at <http://en.bab.la/news/top-100-international-exchange-experience-blogs-2011>

### **About Lexiophiles and bab.la:**

The Lexiophiles language blog ([www.lexiophiles.com](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 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 17 different languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish & 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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