

The Austrian Delegation Returning from BIMUN 2013

14- 17 March 2013

The official Austrian delegation composed of 8 delegates from the Vienna Model United Nations Club at the 10th annual Belgrade Model United Nations (BIMUN).

From the 14 to 17 of March the Austrian Delegation participated at this year's BIMUN which provided simulations for 6 committees and welcomed nearly 300 participants. Having started as a small conference in 2004, BIMUN has quickly managed to expand in size.

The conference was held at buildings belonging to the National Assembly and at the City Hall. The great challenge and distinctiveness of BIMUN was that every country was represented by a team of two or three delegates, which required not only detailed research but also a great deal of coordination. This proved to be valuable experience for all the delegates.

The Austrian Delegation actively participated in 3 of the committees: Security Council, Security Council Crisis Committee and Human Rights Council. Through constructive debates detailed resolutions could be passed after long hours of negotiations.

Moreover, the Austrian delegation had the great chance to experience Serbian dance music, nightlife and despite the bad weather the charm of the city and its hospitable people.

At the National Evening we could arouse great curiosity about Austria, Vienna in particular and also VIMUN, with brochures, placards, flags, pumpkin seed oil, "Schnaps", typical sweets ranging from "Mozartkugeln" to "Manner Schnitten" and most importantly, the traditional costumes: "the Dirndl".

About the Delegation:

Head Delegate:

Johannes Tropper - Guatemala/Security Council

Delegation Members:

Christoph Wiederkehr - Australia/Security Council Crisis Committee

Andrea Prerad - Argentina/Security Council Crisis Committee

Sonja Ladenstein - Azerbaijan/Security Council Crisis Committee

Clara John - Armenia/Security Council Crisis Committee

Valentina Eigner - United States of America/Security Council Crisis Committee

Kathrin Heiss - Argentina/Security Council

Lukas Thaurer - Norway/Human Rights Council

Background Information:

A Model United Nations (MUN) is a meeting where students authentically simulate negotiations of specific committees and organs of the United Nations. Participants choose a country and research their chosen country's position regarding a specific topic. The goal of an MUN is to debate international issues and identify solutions to the specific problem at hand.

The Vienna Model United Nations Club (VMC) is one of the local centres for MUN related activities in Austria. The VMC is part of the United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria - Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIA-AFA) which is in charge of the MUN activities in Austria.