

The VMC Delegation Returning from CUIMUN in Cambridge

25 November 2012

The official delegation from the Vienna Model United Nations Club (VMC) left for Cambridge and returned with some new insights.

The VMC delegation to Cambridge International Model United Nations (CUIMUN) 2012 consisted of ten delegates and one chair. In nine committees namely Crisis, Security Council, European Union, Historical Conference, WIPO, International Monetary Fund, World Health Organization, United Nations Development Program and DISEC, our delegation had the challenging task of representing the hosting country, the United Kingdom of England and Northern Ireland, and Australia. This year's edition was the sixteenth edition of the Cambridge International Model United Nations organized by the prestigious Cambridge University. It attracted more than 200 delegates from all continents where they simulated a total number of ten councils and committees (DISEC, WHO, UNDP, European Union, Historical Conference, WIPO, IMF, Crisis, Security Council and ICJ). Between Friday 23 November to Sunday 25 November, CUIMUN attracted a broad variety of international delegations, which resulted in a high level of negotiations. All together all committees managed to pass at least one resolution and solve their problems, even though the first session was only a two-hour one, but then the next two days were full of fruitful and intense discussions. CUIMUN also included a press team, which reported from all councils and was gaining insight views into all social events and therefore spread a lot of gossip. On Friday afternoon all delegates were welcomed by the organizing team and the honorable speaker Sir Jeremy Q. Greenstock, the former UK Ambassador to the United Nations. In the end our delegation unfortunately did not receive any awards due to an amazingly impressive and winning delegation of the University of Utrecht, but we made new friends and gained new experiences, which will influence our following work.

About the delegation:

Head Delegate: Mathias Leopold Hörlesberger - Chair/IMF

Delegation Members:

Valerie Sanders - Masseria Crime Family/ Crisis

Sebastian Swoboda - UK/IMF

Madeleine Enzelberger - Australia/WHO

Michail Schuch - UK/WHO

Julia Ebner - UK/DISEC

Nikolaus Kulier - UK/Historic Council

Hannes Jöbstl - UK/Security Council

Ines Mahmoud - UK/UNDP

Daniele J. Grassi - UK/EU

Anna Kohlmaier -UK/WIPO

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 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.