

The Austrian Delegation Returning from IsarMUN

16 December 2012

The official delegation from the Model United Nations Club left for Munich and strengthened the Austrian-German relationship

The Austrian delegation to Isar Model United Nations 2012 consisted of four delegates and one chair. In four committees namely Security Council, European Union, Syria Conference and Human Rights Council, our delegation had the challenging task of representing mostly P-5 states. Since 2008 IsarMUN has gained more and more delegates every year.

Between Friday 14 December to Sunday 16 December, IsarMUN attracted a broad variety of international and national participants, which resulted in a high level of negotiations. The conference was held at the "Akademie für Politische Bildung" (Academy of Civic Education) in Tutzing.

From the beginning on all three days brought up fruitful discussions, high level dancing skills for unpunctual delegates or chairs and new friends.

On Friday evening all delegates were welcomed to join a panel discussion and then afterwards they had the pleasure to have homemade punch and enjoy the snowy landscape of Tutzing and the Starnbergsee area, where the conference was held.

The next day, we had the opportunity to choose between two career panels, either a world-wide operating law firm or an NGO and then in the evening all delegates came together to party and to celebrate those newly found friendships and our fruitful discussions.

In the end we have experienced an amazingly organized Model United Nations by our partner organization, the "Junges Forum der Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik" and could see how much an organization like the Akademie für Politische Bildung is interested in bringing the youth back to politics by tremendous cooperation of the organizers and the staff of the academy.

About the delegation:

Head Delegate:

Mathias Leopold Hörlesberger - Chair/Syria Conference

Delegation Members:

Valerie Breitenfeld (from Vienna)

Paul Schliefssteiner (from Graz)

Selman Halis (from Innsbruck)

Dirk Seybold (from Graz)

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 Model United Nations Club serves as local centre for MUN related activities in Austrian cities. The Club is one of the projects of the United Nations Youth and Student Association of Austria - Academic Forum for Foreign Affairs (UNYSA-AUSTRIAFA) which is in charge of the MUN activities in Austria.