

## **The VMC Delegation Returning from PIMUN in Paris**

29 May 2012

*The official delegation from the Vienna Model United Nations Club (VMC) left for Paris and returned with a honorable mention award.*

The VMC delegation to the Paris International Model United Nations (PIMUN) 2012 consisted of eight delegates and one chair. In 6 committees, namely the Security Council, the WHO, DISEC, SOCHUM, G20 and ECOFIN, our delegation had the challenging task of representing the United States of America as well as Portugal in the ECB council. For the first time, three French Universities Sciences Po, Pantheon Sorbonne and Pantheon Assas organized a Model United Nations for students from all over the world in Paris from 18 to May 2012. 500 students participating from all over the world, 12 committees, 3 crisis committees, 3 French committees, 3 General Assemblies and 6 specialized agencies. After having the first two days of sessions at Sciences Po, the third day of session was located at the headquarter of the UNESCO. Therefore the organizing team prepared a special bilingual General Assembly session of the UNESCO about the Millennium Development Goals. With PIMUN being the first MUN for many of our delegates, we are very proud to announce that one of our delegates, Ms. Andrada Filip received an Honorable Mention Award as the representative of the United States of America in the Security Council, dealing with the issue of Iran's nuclear programme. On Friday and Sunday the delegation had the honour to hear warm welcoming and closing speeches from the head of Sciences Po, the Secretary General of the Mediterranean Union and Francophonie and the attendances of several European ambassadorial members including Attaché Stephanie Winkler from the Austrian Embassy.

*About the delegation:*

Head Delegates:

Mathias Leopold Hörlesberger - United States/NATO

Anja Schirmer - Chair/NATO

Delegation Members:

Andrada Maria Filip - United States/Security Council (Honorary Mention Award)

Ruzica Cubela - United States/ECOFIN

Irma Halilovic - United States/WHO

Lina Janezic - United States/SOCHUM

Bianca Kremer - United States/G20

Rameez Okpalaugo - Portugal/ ECB

Michail Schuch - United States/DISEC

*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.