



Yearly Report ETH MUN

2017

Activities of ETH Model United Nations

NMUN NY 2017

For the first time since 2013, a delegation of 14 members of ETH Model United Nations attended the National Model United Nations conference, partially held at the UN Headquarters in New York. Representing the Holy See, we organised several preparatory meetings crowned by a final briefing at the UN Mission. Our preparation and overall great delegation resulted in us winning a Distinguished Delegation Award, as well as three of the new members invited to the delegation joining our board shortly thereafter.

OxIMUN & CUIMUN 2017

As every year, we sent delegations of eight to Oxford and Cambridge. The conferences were as academically fun and organisationally awful as ever, leaving us with the decision whether to keep this particular decision alive; we decided to scrap CUIMUN for 2018 and keep OxIMUN for its advertising value and fun crisis committees.

Weekly Sessions

For our regularly scheduled content, we held one debate-cycle per semester. In the spring, we hosted UN-style debates on *The Question of Palestine* and in the Fall, we simulated a *Global Energy Supply Security Summit*. The latter marked a new peak of organisational and academic complexity for our weekly sessions and required the creation of a content team to aid the board in preparing background guides and managing the documents produced at the meetings.

Anniversary Celebration & Barbecue

In addition to our regular visits to BQM on Thursdays, we organised our usual rooftop barbecue in the end of the spring semester. It was attended by 30-40 active members and alumni and proved to be as fun as usual.

Since the fall Semester marked our 10th anniversary, we decided to use the additional sponsoring we received from RUAG to upgrade our Yu&Mi fondue to a full-fledged celebration at Bellavista. The food, atmosphere and decorations were well received by our 60 guests, many of whom were historically significant. We also gave a new party activity, MUN-Karaoke, a try and it was a blast.

IT Infrastructure

With our increasing organisational complexity due to ZuMUN and our new format for the sessions, as well as constant new requirements, such as credit card payments and quick deployment of VMs, we decided to move our e-mail and storage to G-Suite and our webhosting to Digital Ocean. So far, the system proves to be effective, however, it leaves us with a strict requirement for a dedicated Admin & IT position.

Sponsors

We were able to secure an unusually high amount of sponsoring money from our sponsors, BCG, with whom we had three well-received Academy Trainings, and RUAG, who were not able to co-host any events. At our GA, we received requests to keep sponsored events more separate from our daily business and we'll look into it. BCG has notified us that the amount of Sponsoring for 2018 will be reduced in order for them to cooperate with more ETH institutions and due to occasionally bad response times on our side. We have incorporated all of this into our 2018 strategy.



Where is our Commission at?

After introducing a large number of reforms in 2017, we hope that 2018 can be a year of steady growth and stabilisation, rather than additional abrupt changes. Following several years of suboptimal succession and loss of information, we hope to bake our new workflow, as well as new formats for sessions and conference preparations into the daily life of ETH MUN for good. Overall, we see the year of 2017 as a year of successful experiments and new life. It is also noteworthy that we ended the year with better relations to the remaining parts of VSETH than ever and plan on keeping it that.

Activities of ZuMUN

The third edition of Zurich Model United Nations, jointly organized by ETH MUN and the MUN team University of Zurich, took place from May 4th to 7th 2017. The overarching theme of the conference was "Brave New World - The Political and Socioeconomic Implications of the Digital revolution", which embodied the spirit of the conference as a project at intersection of technology and social science. Marketing was extremely successful and we managed to attract almost 200 delegates from Switzerland and abroad to Zurich. The demand for our high school committees was particularly high. All in, we offered eight committees at three different levels. The Opening Ceremony featured a panel discussion on the topic "Regulation of sharing-economy-based services". The Social Events included, among others, a dinner at FoodLab and a Casino Night at Stuz², both of which were a unique experience for everyone attending.

The feedback by the delegates and the chairs was extremely positive. No major problems turned up during the event, which can be seen as proof of a thorough organization by the Organizing Committee ahead of the conference. Financially speaking, the conference also stood on solid foundations thanks to the generous sponsoring by our partners. A special partnership was the one with project 21, which aimed at making the conference more environmentally sustainable.

For the 2017 edition, the work of the OC started as early as June 2016. In retrospective, the first months were extremely valuable, as they gave us more leeway towards the end of the organizational phase. Work of the OC was in general well in time. At this place, the Secretaries-General of the 2017 edition, Shuting Ling and Marc Sinner, would like to thank the entire OC for their commitment. In the meantime, a new OC, led by Simon Linder and Luca Spreyermann, is already midst at work to organize the 2018 edition of ZuMUN taking place from April 19th to 22nd.

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