



# Annual Report ETH MUN

2018

## Activities of ETH Model United Nations

### Flagship Conference - Singapore MUN

This year we sent a delegation of twenty-one to Singapore Model United Nations (SMUN) which makes this the largest delegation ETH MUN has ever sent to a conference. In preparation we held two specialized preparatory meetings, one together with Dr. Philip Grech from the Chair of Negotiation and Conflict Management of Prof. Ambühl. While everyone in the delegation admired the high level of organization, the quality of the debate was often suffering due to often overly strict chairs and some rather too young delegates. While the date of the conference was very convenient, we decided not to visit SMUN in 2019 and will instead visit PiMUN 2019 with a similarly sized delegation.

### OxIMUN, HamMUN & SGMUN

For the ninth consecutive time ETH MUN sent a delegation of ten to Oxford International MUN, two of which as committee chairs. While there were still some organizational mishaps, OxIMUN remains a must-visit for both beginners and more advanced MUNers.

Additionally we sent a delegation of eleven to Hamburg MUN for the first time. The general consensus among our delegates was positive with some only questioning the choice of the Reeperbahn as the location for the delegate ball.

Lastly we dispatched two of our members to the second iteration of SGMUN organized by our partner MUN society at HSG. With an overwhelming positive experience we are looking forward to visit SGMUN again with a larger delegation 2019.

### Weekly Sessions

For our regularly scheduled content, we held one debate-cycle per semester. In spring, we simulated the Six-Party talks and held a WTO summit on reshaping global trade in fall. We can now also say that the content reform we started in late 2017 paid off with very high amount of engagement and an average attendance of around 40-50 members every week. The dedicated content team which was established in autumn 2017 is now able to produce individual study guides for each present country, which enables especially our new members to fully participate right from the beginning.

Additionally for the first time since its foundation we changed the location where our sessions are held from HG D 3.2 to the more appropriate LEE E 101 which gives the sessions a more parliamentary resemblance. Further we changed the location of our after session beer from BQM to CAB, where we can offer a better environment for our members to socialize and also provide them with mulled wine in winter.

### Events & Partners

Apart from our regular sessions, the after session beer and the conferences, we attended SRF Arena twice, participated in three Academy Trainings of the Boston Consulting Group with the ETH Juniors, held a trading simulation with SIX, organized a summer BBQ at the LEE rooftop, a Christmas party together with our Alumni at the GetYourGuide office, the PATW competition with the IET and hosted a bar at ESF and at Nick's Hütte.

Additionally we increased our contact with all other Swiss MUN societies and started projects with the MUN Society at EPFL (*PolyMUN 2019*), St. Gallen MUN and MUN Team UZH.

### IT & Communication

This year we revamped our newsletter system, switching from GroupSpaces to Mailchimp, updated our website which now features a complete blog section of all conferences we ever visited, expanded our social media channels to Instagram and LinkedIn, where we started reconnecting to our Alumni, started a sessions & crisis software project and aided in the establishment of the ETH MUN Alumni Group, which is applying for "Alumni Club" status at the ETH Alumni Association.



## Member Structure

One of the main goals for 2018 was the continuation of the structural reforms of the previous year in establishing more flat working groups which would work together with the board. This proved quite successful with a fully functioning content team and the establishment of an External Affairs team. This helped the board both with tackling the regular workload of running ETH MUN and is an integral part of our succession strategy for the future. For the next year we will be looking at applying the working group structure to the special advisor in the form of an advisory board and to IT for the session & crisis software project.

## Where is our Commission at?

After a year of steady membership growth and the reinforcement of existing structures in 2018, we are started taking on larger projects for 2019 and 2020. With PolyMUN scheduled for March 2019, the fifth edition of ZuMUN in April, a crisis weekend with MUN Team UZH in May, our flagship conference in June and a wide-ranging collaboration with D-GESS, we expect 2019 to be busy as ever and look forward to working together with our members and partners to realize everything we set to accomplish.

## Activities of ZuMUN

The fourth edition of the Zurich Model United Nations Conference jointly organized with the MUN Team at the University of Zurich took place from April 19 to 22, 2018. The conference theme "Great Odysseys - People and Ideas on the Move" inspired both the committee topics, as well as the topic of the Opening Ceremony's panel discussion: "From Panama to Paradise - Tax Policies in a Globalized Economy". Featuring panellists from the Swiss Federal administration, the Swiss Parliament and the law and media sector, the panel discussion kicked off the conference by discussing international capital flows, taxation and justice, topics that are immensely relevant and are now a fixture of mainstream political and media discourse.

ZuMUN was able to attract 200 participants from Switzerland and abroad and a particularly diverse chairing team in 2018. The consistently high-level debates in the committees were facilitated by a manageable committee size, providing all participants ample opportunity to speak, negotiate and contribute to the final outputs of committees. During the conference, participants visited various sights in Zurich, among them the St. Peter's Church in the historic Oberdörfli and the Frauenbadi on the Limmat, enabling them to experience the city's appeal.

The conference would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, first and foremost the two educational institutions ZuMUN was born out of: the ETH Zurich and the University of Zurich. Furthermore, our conference staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth conference experience. The ZuMUN Secretariat 2018 would like to express its gratitude to the above stakeholders. A new constellation of the Secretariat is hard at work to bring the fifth edition of Zurich Model United Nations to life from April 11 to 14, 2019.

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