

Dear Principles,
distinguished MUN-Directors,
fellow Students,

We would like to invite you to the 10th international Oldenburg Model United Nations Conference at the Weser-Ems-Halle and the High Schools of the City of Oldenburg in Germany.

The conference will take place from June 1st to June 4th, 2010. We expect that the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, Mr. Christian Wulff, and the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, will continue to support OLMUN as patrons in 2010.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit in the UN General Assembly, representing the United States of America, Mexico, Japan or an international organization such as Amnesty International or the World Bank during a crucial vote regarding our future?

Can you imagine yourself being part of one of the United Nations' Committees or Councils on questions ranging from international security to human rights or environmental protection?

Here is your chance to take part in one of the most exciting events that deal with the work of the United Nations in 2010 - the 10th anniversary session of OLMUN!
OLMUN is one of Germany's largest Model United Nations Conferences, attracting up to 700 students as delegates and staff. The last OLMUN Conferences have featured well-known guest speakers in both, the General Assembly and most committees. It is kindly funded by various major companies and foundations, which enable the OLMUN Association to charge a very little participation fee.

During the four days of the OLMUN Conference, young people from countries such as, in recent years, Norway, Turkey, Hungary, Poland and many more, will be confronted with the work and procedure of the United Nations. Participants will act as diplomats of an assigned nation in order to endeavour solutions to some of the major problems of our time. As members of different committees, the participants will be dealing with economic, social, environmental, political and cultural issues.

In their committees they will encounter various aspects of international political relations: misunderstandings, faulty deals and eventually, after negotiations and concessions made by all parties, agreements on the issues at hand.

The participants are to propose solutions in the best interest of their country. This change of perspective will help them to gain a deeper understanding of the issues under consideration and therefore enhance their ability to critically review own positions. As OLMUN applies rules very similar to those used by the international community when dealing with its everyday business,

participants will have the unique opportunity to gain an insight into the works of diplomacy and international organizations.

Since the official language at OLMUN is English, and English only, all participants coming from schools where English is not the language used for general instruction will have the opportunity to really employ their knowledge and experience the high level of fluency they have acquired in class.

In preparation for the conference the delegates are to research the policies of the country they represent and prepare draft resolutions on the proposed issues in order to be well prepared for lobbying process, during which they will negotiate concessions and reach rough agreements.

The fine-tuning of the resolutions will then be done in formal debates, chaired by experienced MUN delegates who will also assist the participants during preparation.

Having made this experience, the students will return to their schools with a boosted self-esteem in terms of foreign language as well as negotiating, debate and rhetorical abilities.

Besides participating as a delegate, students may apply as journalist. Journalists will report for the daily conference newspaper. They will share their first hand knowledge of the debate and lobbying process with a readership of up to 700 delegates, MUN-Directors and staff per day. Additionally, the OLMUN association is looking forward to receiving applications for the various chair positions available. It is our goal to build teams of one local and one foreign/non-local chair for each committee. The **Chair Application Deadline for non-local chairs has been set for January 31st, 2010.**

Each delegation will be accompanied by a MUN-Director, who is the official contact person for the OLMUN 2010 Secretariat, which is made up of students from the area of Oldenburg. The MUN-Director may be a student out of the delegation, but more commonly the MUN-Director is a teacher which guides the delegates through the preparation process and takes care of all issues regarding the delegation's stay in Oldenburg.

The MUN-Director's first job is to sign up the delegation for OLMUN. In order to do so, the MUN-Director needs to send an email to application@olmun.org prior to the **Delegate Application Deadline December 6th, 2009**. In return, we will send out Form I.

Later on the MUN-Director will have to transfer the participation fee of just 20€ per person. The participation fee includes badges, daily newspapers, a survival guide, discounts at various local restaurants, water, cookies, a cake break on the first day of OLMUN and a lunch on the last day of the conference as well as some evening program, such as but not limited to sport events.

For those delegations coming from foreign countries, OLMUN is able to provide a need-based discount on the participation fee.

For participants who do not live in Oldenburg and its surroundings we will be happy to provide information on youth hostels, hotels, city tours and local transportation, for which we offer discounted tickets as well. Please do not hesitate to contact us for information concerning your stay in Oldenburg.

Furthermore, we are very thrilled to present our host family program once again. Those students coming from foreign countries who do not wish to stay in a youth hostel or hotel have the unique chance to stay with a host family from Oldenburg during the conference. Staying with a host family is a fun experience, as your students will have the chance to get to know a little bit more about German family life.

In order to decrease the risk of spelling mistakes and to lower the administrative effort for the Secretariat, MUN-Directors will be required to fill out both, Form I and Form II electronically. In case you plan to stay in host-families, we need the signature of the student's parents. Therefore, in addition to filling out Forms I and II electronically, you will be asked to send us the application form for a host family via letter mail.

For further information about the conference, feel free to contact us at info@olmun.org or visit our homepage www.olmun.org, which will be updated as the deadlines approach.

We are looking forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to the 10th Anniversary OLMUN International Conference!

*Yours sincerely,
Greetje Grove
Secretary General*