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# Model United Nations Gets New Executive Board - BIMUN/SINUB e.V. Has Elected New Executive Board - - Model United Nations December 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> in Bonn -

(Bonn) – In the context of a general meeting, BIMUN/SINUB (Bonn International Model United Nations / Simulation Internationale des Nations Unies de Bonn) e.V. elected a new executive board. René Freytag is the new Secretary General. Tim Richter, Deputy Secretary General and Public Affairs, supports him alongside a whole team of involved students.

“Full of pleasant anticipation towards heterogeneous and interdisciplinary discussions with students from all over the world, studying various subjects, BIMUN 2006 will stand in the tradition of an open-minded and liberal event. To the success of this event, we will contribute as a team” describes René Freytag the challenge.

The Bonn International Model United Nations is organized by BIMUN/SINUB e.V. every year. This year the conference takes place from 4<sup>th</sup> until 8<sup>th</sup> December. “This year we will even try to improve the conference, which will be the fifth conference in Bonn. This conference is known to be one of the few Model United Nations which are held in English as well as in French. We soon simulated the Security Council in both ways and we will have an innovation in store this year as well” outlines Tim Richter the particularities of the Model United Nations in Bonn. He further mentions that Bonn is the perfect location for a Model United Nations as it is the only German UN city.

The new executive board wants to be announced as a group of students and as the organization of the Model United Nations. This is looked upon as one of the main tasks apart from preparing the December's conference in the first half of the year: “We will make use of all opportunities to popularise Model United Nations. They serve to international understanding as well as to the understanding of the international political system and therefore they are the spice of a functioning democracy,” Freytag explains the perspectives.

Therefore the executive board of BIMUN/SINUB e.V. will take part in the European Day of Bonn to inform about its work, the Model United Nations in general and about the Bonn International Model United Nations in particular.

The executive board 2006 consists of:

- René Freytag (Secretary General), 23, Cultural Science, Political Science, History of Constitution, Economy and Social Science.  
“I consider the challenge to be in the expansion of a Bonn International Mun tradition in the fifth year.”
- Tim Richter (Public Affairs, Deputy Secretary General), 24, Philosophy, Law, History of Constitution, Economy and Social Science.  
“The active participation in an international project like the Bonn International Model United Nations does not only serve to the international understanding but challenges every participant as well as the organization to deal with different cultures and become familiar with diverse habits and therefore offers a fascinating opportunity to extend ones wealth of experience.”

- Melanie Ewert (Participant Coordination), 22, North American Programme, Geography and Political Science.  
„Above all I am attracted by the internationality of the Model United Nations: to feel like the ‘big ones’ and at the same time contribute to the reduction of prejudices!”
- Frank Breuer (Committee Preparation), 21, Law.  
“As I already took part in two international MUN-events (Cambridge and Hamburg) myself, I was attracted by the reverse of the medal: the organization and the work in the background.”
- Rebekka Hannes (Organization), 20, Political Science, Law and English.  
“As a participant of BIMUN 2005 I would like to contribute to giving students from all over the world the opportunity to get an insight into the work of the UN, EU and international politics.”
- Andreas Westermeier (Finance/Fundraising), 25, economics and Law.  
“The chance to conduct and most of all to realize independently a complex and meaningful project in a dynamic team in an international context.”

**Background Information:**

BIMUN/SINUB e.V. is an initiative of students from the University of Bonn and is supported by students from the polytechnic of Cologne (language department). The function of BIMUN/SINUB e.V. is the organization of a yearly international simulated UN and EU conference with the ambition to make the participants familiar with the importance and the role of these institutions. The Model United Nations is held in English and French. The work of BIMUN/SINUB e.V. is exclusively done by unsalaried staff members and the main part of the financing is contributed by private companies and the support of scientific institutions and foundations.

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