



Press Release

Collegiate Model United Nations Conference to held on Political-Historic Ground in the Former German Parliament

150 collegiate participants from 40 nations expected / Striving for long-term partnership with the city of Bonn and SMI-Hyundai / Deutsche Welle, Germany's International Broadcaster, is the media-partner

(Bonn, November 13, 2006) – The 5th international BIMUN/SINUB Model United Nations conference is going to take place in the Old Waterworks of the Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn (IKBB). More than 150 students from 40 nations are expected in Bonn. This was announced by the mayor of the federal city of Bonn, Bärbel Dieckmann, by the CEO of SMI-Hyundai, Dr. Man Ki Kim, as well as by René Freytag and Tim Richter from BIMUN/SINUB e.V.. Everybody involved is striving for a long-term partnership. For the first time BIMUN/SINUB e.V. will this year be supported by an internationally aligned media-partner, namely Germany's International Broadcaster, the Deutsche Welle.

- Mayor Bärbel Dieckmann
„Bonn has successfully gained a new profile as the German UN City and as a place of international dialogue on forward-oriented issues over the last ten years. Thus we are glad that such committed students are domiciled in Bonn who have successfully held a Model United Nations conference at the Rhine River since 2002, which has since gained a national as well as an international reputation.“
- Dr. Man Ki Kim, CEO of SMI-Hyundai
„SMI-Hyundai, being the future owner of the congress facilities in Bonn, known as the Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn (IKBB), regards the implementation of an international simulation conference in historic premises as very positive. We would like to expand this cooperation in the long run since we believe that an international conference in this surrounding will precociously prepare students for their future tasks and support the international exchange of experiences.“
- René Freytag, Secretary General BIMUN/SINUB e.V.
„The BIMUN/SINUB conference, which is going to take place for the fifth time this year in Bonn, offers a forum of learning about the functioning of international institutions. The demand of a United Nations' simulation to be as realistic as possible gains a particular charme in the political-historic surroundings of the Old Waterworks.“

Dates! Please notice!

- The BIMUN/SINUB „Bridging the Development Gap – Economic, Educational and Environmental Prospects“ will take place from the December 4 - 8 in the Old Waterworks, Internationales Kongresszentrum Bundeshaus Bonn (IKBB). The conference is public. Media representatives are cordially invited. Please briefly notify us about your attendance: presse@bimun.org
- 6th December, 6 p.m., Old Waterworks: Panel Discussion under the direction of Thomas Bärthlein, Deutsche Welle, Germany's International Broadcaster. Topic: „Capabilities and Limitations of the United Nations – Aiding Development or Needing Development?“.

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BIMUN – Bonn International Model United Nations
SINUB – Simulation Internationale des Nations Unies de Bonn



Background information

Bonn International Model United Nations (BIMUN) / Simulation Internationale des Nations Unies de Bonn (SINUB) is the first simulation of the United Nations in Germany which is being organized by students of a university and targeted at an international public. BIMUN/SINUB e.V. is the first initiative of its kind which, by granting benefits for travel expenses, increasingly enables students from developing countries to take part. This broad international profile in particular is highly profitable for BIMUN/SINUB and promotes international encounters whereas the conference as well as the association contribute to international understanding in the young generation and to a better understanding of different opinions and positions. The BIMUN/SINUB-conferences though, are emphatically not regarded as a mere map exercise but as a simulation of international bodies conducted by tomorrow's executives. This is emphasized to the inside as well as to the outside by the professional demand which is being represented by the association. Thus, motivation and professional functioning rank first. Bonn proves to be an ideal location for the implementation of a Model United Nations conference since several institutions of the UN Campus are located on site. In 2002, BIMUN/SINUB was the first simulated UN-conference worldwide to simulate the International Criminal Court which had just been founded at that time. The enormous esteem that BIMUN/SINUB has experienced within the last years has been reflected in the positive response of the media.

Patrons of the last years were well-known persons of the public life, like:

- Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth, former President of the Bundestag
- Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, former Director of the United Nations Environment Programme