

We did it again!

From September 19 until September 23, we attended the tenth **Model United Nations of Hamburg (MUNoH)** conference. We, that were all the students of the two Internationality courses S1 and S3, i.e. 35 delegates representing



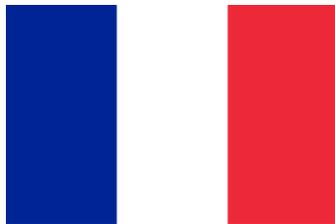
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Myanmar



Somalia

and 4 chairs plus 2 of this year's graduates also chairing and two MUN-Directors: all in all **43 participants**, the **biggest GyRa group ever** attending an MUN Conference.





From the Opening Ceremony in the Mozartsäle (left) with opening speeches by the ambassadors (right) and the Committee Evening on Wednesday, lobbying on Thursday, debating in the 9 forums and celebrating the tenth anniversary of MUNoH with a barbeque and some sport activities on Friday, debating in the forums and in the General Assembly plus the MUNoH party on



Saturday and more debating in the forums (left) and the General Assembly and the Closing Ceremony in the Handelskammer on Sunday (right), we spent more than four days on solving important issues of today's world, such as, but not limited to:

- *Finding measures against radicalization spread on the internet*
- *Financing the damage caused by the increasing number of natural disasters*
- *Protecting the tropical rainforest with special regard to the wellbeing of indigenous people*
- *Overcoming postcolonial effects in affected regions*
- *The right of the child to receive education*
- *Managing resource scarcity caused by a growing world population*
- *Improving global working condition standards in LEDCs and NICs*
- *The question of preventing desertification with special regard to uninhabitable areas and resettlement*
- *The question of Afghanistan with special regard to terrorist activities*

In these debates the participants, chairs as well as delegates and MUN-Directors, could practice and improve their language skills, their debating techniques and their knowledge about topical problems and the UN. But of equal important for all of us was the chance to meet old and to make new friends from other German cities (Erlangen, Berlin, Dortmund, Munich, Augsburg) and other countries (Poland, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Cyprus) in order to get to know what they deal with, what they think about certain aspects etc. Thus, an MUN conference is an ideal way of practicing **international understanding**.

And were we successful? Yes. Firstly all of us developed considerably by learning a lot, also about ourselves. And secondly – although some of our best students were chairs and the natives speakers from Leeds could not be beaten – we still won two awards for outstanding delegate: Tolga, even as a first timer!!, and Prochista: Congratulations!"



The planning of the next MUN conference we will attend has already begun:

Model United Nations of Nyborg, Denmark, in January 2019.

And most of us are very much looking forward to participating again!

Thomas Köhler and Holger Pätzhorn (MUN-Directors of GyRa)

Additional remark by Mr. P.:

This year's MUNoH was the tenth and it was my tenth and last one because I will retire next year. But I had never expected what actually happened in the Closing Ceremony. All the attending GyRa students plus some former ones and my colleague went to the front and with a speech by 'mad' Björn they thanked me for all my work for them and the MUN project of our school. This was a very emotional moment for me and I want to express my deepest gratitude to you.

Thank you boys and girls!! I will never forget that.