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## Bucharest International Student Model United Nations Conference 2015

### 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

**BISMUN Conference 2015** (with its full title Bucharest International Student Model United Nations 2015) is an academic simulation of several bodies of the United Nations, held in English and organized by the UN Youth Association of Romania.

UN committees simulations, known as "Model United Nations" have a long tradition in numerous prestigious universities across the globe, being recognized as important forums for debate due to their ability to provide viable solutions to current issues on the international agenda, but also due to their ability to provide alternative answers to difficult historical situations within the global political arena. Since the first academic simulation of decision-making in the United Nations, held in 1952 at Harvard University, the phenomenon of "MUN" has expanded globally and attracts an increasing number of students, particularly in the fields of political science, international relations, diplomacy, law, economics, cultural studies, etc.

In Romania, as in most East European states, such Model United Nations conferences have become popular in the last few years, the BISMUN Conference, **the main national simulation** of its kind, currently being at its **seventh edition**.

**BISMUN 2015 Conference will simulate the following committees:** the UN Security Council, the 1<sup>st</sup> Committee of the GA (DISEC), the 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee of the GA (SOCHUM), the UN

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Human Rights Council, the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the Crisis Committee.

**The theme** chose for the 2015's Edition of the Conference is "**World Peace: Modern Day Illusion or Realistic Possibility**". Centuries gone by, world peace is still a very relevant and as a matter of fact an extremely crucial subject of discussion in all aspects and frames of life. So it is indeed very clear why we do not believe that writing or discussing world peace, can entirely be typical or usual. It cannot possibly be common or ordinary; at least we don't think it should. It must be as elaborately substantial and objective as well as hopeful. We chose to deduce that World peace is as much an Illusion as a Realistic Possibly. It is an illusion because the existences of the world's current state of living will never bring about world peace. It is an illusion before the actions of key stakeholders are more questionable than justifiable. It is an illusion because it is unreal to think that perfection can be made out of inaction.

Nonetheless, it is realistically possible only because all of the above mentioned causes are annulable. The question remains to be; of the entire means through which World peace can be attained, which is most viable? How can its viability be proven? And when is it viably most appropriate?

**The main objectives of the BISMUN 2015 Conference** are: encouraging participatory democracy, raising awareness of the role of the UN, informing the youth about decision-making mechanisms of the UN, promoting multiculturalism and fight against discrimination, as well as active citizenship of youth, raising awareness of the concept of European citizenship and its promotion, developing solidarity and promoting tolerance, foster mutual

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understanding between youth in different countries, raising awareness of environmental responsibility and of the Millennium Development Goals among the youth.

The 7th Edition of BISMUN Conference will take place from 25 to 30 of March 2014 at the Palace of Parliament and will bring together **over 200 participants from the European Union and from the other countries as well. This edition aims to bring forth simulations of committees that were not present in previous years**, namely: Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the Crisis Committee.

BISMUN Conference has managed to get noticed by promoting high standards of quality in organizing and conducting the event, ensuring circumstances of relevant academic experience for participants and strengthening institutional and academic partnerships with major institutions in Romania, aimed at further and continuous development of the project.

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