



Model United Nations of the Russian Far East

INFORMATION LETTER

Model United Nations of the Russian Far East Annual Conference 2017 December 1-5, Vladivostok, Russia

The “**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE) jointly with **Far Eastern Federal University** would like to announce the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017. The Conference is devoted to the discussion of the most urgent global issues in the format of Model UN debates aimed at improving leadership abilities of youth. The Secretariat invites the university and high-school students as well as representatives of other organizations and entities from Russia and abroad as participants (delegates), Secretariat officers and journalists. Official language of the Conference is English.

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

The following Committees will be simulated during the Conference:

1. Security Council;
2. World Bank;
3. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;
4. High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The **Agenda list** is provided in the Annex A. The Conference program includes lectures and trainings from the invited experts on the issues related to the United Nations and Agenda 2030. **MUNRFE has established a Grant Competition for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017.** The information on the Grant Competition is provided in the Annex B and on the official website of the Conference.

The Secretariat offers accommodation option at the Far Eastern Federal University Hotel Complex for the delegates (paid after the registration). The Secretariat may suggest other accommodation options as well upon request via e-mail secretary-general@munrfe.ru.

The Conference is conducted in the form of Model UN simulation, thus the delegates are to represent the position of the assigned country, rather than their personal opinion. The eventual aim of the committee is to adopt the final document (resolution), which contains the main solutions elaborated by the delegates. The work in the committees is held in compliance with MUNRFE Rules of Procedure.

Participation will be acknowledged with a Certificate of Participation. Attendance of all the events in frames of the Conference is a requirement of receiving a Certificate. According to the results of the Conference, the Secretariat will recognize the Outstanding Delegates (individual award) and Delegations (team award). The Outstanding Delegates will be credentialed to participate in the **National Model United Nations 2018** in New York, USA.

Universities and Organizations, having sent 4 or more delegates to the Conference, reserve a right to include its logo (1/6 page A4) in the section «Partners» of the Conference Handbook. The logo (emblem) should be submitted to the Secretariat by November 13.



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PROCEDURE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

Participation in the Conference is open both to delegations (groups of delegates) and individual delegates. Detailed description of the registration process and a link to the online application form for participation is available on the MUNRFE official website via link: www.munrfe.ru/ac-registration. In case of any issues, the Secretariat is ready to provide support via e-mail secretary-general@munrfe.ru. The deadline for the registration process is **November 10, 2017**.

In three days after filling in and submitting the application form to the Secretariat, an applicant will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail with instructions about the registration fee payment. Once the registration fee payment is done, the Secretariat will make a decision on the country assignment and inform the applicants about its decision.

The regular registration fees for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017:

	Russian applicants and foreign applicants living in Russia	International applicants
Individual registration (one delegate)	1700 rubles per person	35 USD per person
Delegation registration (two or more delegates representing one country)	1500 rubles per person	30 USD per person
Faculty adviser/guest (only if attends the Conference in person)	1000 rubles per person	25 USD per person

MUNRFE maintains a non-refundable fee policy. The option of refunding can be available only in case of a legitimate reason (illness, emergency situation etc.) with the provision of supporting documents to the Secretariat.

The registration fee covers the organizational expenses, cost of a delegate's kit (for delegates only), and coffee breaks. The fee does not include the costs of meals during the Conference, payment for the awarding ceremony (Banquet) and the cultural program, transportation to the Conference venue, accommodation, as well as any other extra costs.

In frames of preparation to the Conference each delegate should submit **2 or 3 standard documents** depending on the assigned committee in the English language. More information about requirements and deadlines for submission is available on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/ac2017. In order to be eligible for the Outstanding Delegation Award the delegations assigned one country may also submit a **Country Profile**. The submission of the Country Profile is optional.

MUNRFE invites students to perform the role of **Journalists** who will be responsible for the informational coverage of the Conference. Detailed information about the deadline and criteria of selection will be uploaded on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/ac2017.

There is also an opportunity to apply for the positions of the **Chairpersons** of the committees. More information about the requirements and responsibilities is available on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/ac-secretariat.



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ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE

“**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE) is one of the oldest non-governmental non-commercial youth-led organizations of the Russian Far East which helps young talented people to influence the world and develop student leadership. MUNRFE unites more than 100 members from the Russian Far East, and also more than 2000 alumni all over the world. Today, MUNRFE is not just an organization, but an effective system which combines organizational and resource capabilities and allows the conduction of large-scale projects in the following spheres: leadership development, Model United Nations debates, and civil society building.

The program of Model UN debates, including the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017, is created to encourage personal development of young people through the simulation of the real United Nations bodies and discussion of the most crucial problems of humanity. With the support of the institution of debates, participants improve their public speaking skills, ability to find consensus, diplomacy, leadership and their level of English language, which is the official language of MUNRFE and its projects. The representatives of MUNRFE regularly take part in different Model UN Conferences around the world: New York, Beijing, Rome, Seoul, Barcelona, Bangkok, Jakarta, Tokyo, Istanbul, Moscow and win prestigious awards, which proves the high level of the Model UN movement development on the Russian Far East.

Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) dates back to 1899, when the Institute of Oriental Studies was established. Being a member of Association of Pacific Rim Universities, FEFU is striving to foster integration of the Russian Far East into the Pacific Rim through education, research, and hightech development. Study programs of the University in economics, business and law are considered to be the best on the Russian Far East whereas in natural, social and technical studies FEFU occupies leading position in Russia. With more than 400 research centers and laboratories and 1500 faculty members, this university provides more than 600 degree and certificate programs in all levels of the high education for 33 000 students including 2500 international students. Situated in picturesque Ajax Bay on Russky Island near Vladivostok, the new campus of Far Eastern Federal University is a unique project that has no equivalent in Russia. It was opened during the APEC Summit in September 2012 and became a venue for cooperation and association of young researchers and experienced scientists from the APR as well as a great platform for conducting large-scale events.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Official MUNRFE Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/munrfe> (@munrfe)



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Annex A

AGENDA

MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017

Security Council

1. Open agenda

World Bank

1. Appraisal and approval of development projects

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. Establishing international legal norms to counter maritime piracy
2. Strengthening prevention measures and criminal justice responses to human trafficking and migrant smuggling in Asia-Pacific
3. Facilitating international cooperation to combat cybercrime

High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

1. Preventing women's social exclusion
2. Sustainable use of the oceans, seas, and marine resources
3. Ensuring urban resilience and sustainable urban development in Small Island Developing States



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Annex B

GRANT COMPETITION for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017

The **Model United Nations of the Russian Far East** is glad to announce **the Grant Competition for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017**, which will be conducted on December 1-5, 2017 in Vladivostok, Russia, in Far Eastern Federal University. Participation in the Competition is available only for **non-Vladivostok or international delegates**.

General information: A candidate willing to participate in the Grant Competition must submit two documents: **a Motivational Letter** and **an Essay** on one of the agenda items of the committee the candidate would like to participate in. The documents are submitted in the English language.

The winners of the Grant Competition may receive one of the available awards:

1. 50% reimbursement for the travel expenses (economy class via air transport or railway transport);
2. Free accommodation during the Conference at Far Eastern Federal University campus (5 nights).

The delegates are responsible for all other expenses and costs. The number of grants is limited and determined by the Secretariat.

REQUIREMENTS

A Motivational Letter of 1 page should provide a comprehensive answer to the question “Why do I want to participate in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2017?” Special reasons for applying as a grant candidate, as well as personal background description may be included also.

An Essay on one of the committee agenda items should describe the background of the issue, provided with specific proposals and personal opinion of an applicant on how the issue can be solved in frames of the United Nations. The essay should be 2-3 pages long including footnoted citations and minimum of 10 bibliography references.

The documents should be submitted to the Secretariat via e-mail secretary-general@munrfe.ru with the note “Grant Competition”. The candidate may participate in the Conference on a regular basis regardless of the Competition results.

Deadline for documents submission: September 30, 2017, 23:59 (UTC +10:00).

Formatting includes .doc or .docx formats, standard margins, 12, Times New Roman, single-spaced. The documents submitted after the deadline or which contain plagiarism will be disregarded.

Evaluation: All documents submitted according to the format and deadline, will be considered by the Secretariat using the following criteria: format, substance and style.

The winners of the Grant Competition will be contacted via email and will be required **to register and to submit the registration fee within 3 days after the notification** (for those who are not registered for the Conference). In case the candidate fails to do so, the grant will be given to another candidate from the Waiting List. The final list of Grant Competition winners will be published on **October 15, 2017** on the official website www.munrfe.ru.

For any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us: secretary-general@munrfe.ru