



Model United Nations of the Russian Far East

INFORMATION LETTER
Model United Nations of the Russian Far East Annual Conference 2018
December 7-10, Vladivostok, Russia

The “**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE) jointly with the **Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU)** would like to announce the **MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018** to be held at the FEFU Campus in Vladivostok (Russia) on December 7-10, 2018. The conference is conducted annually and 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). Official language of the Conference is English.

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE

The following Committees will be simulated during the Conference:

1. Commission on Narcotic Drugs;
2. UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;
3. UN Security Council;
4. World Bank.

The Agenda list is provided in the Annex A. The Conference program includes workshops from the invited experts on the issues related to the United Nations work and Agenda 2030.

MUNRFE has established a Scholarship Opportunity for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018. The information on the Scholarship Opportunity is provided in the Annex B or on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/ac-grant.

The Secretariat offers accommodation option at 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 Awarding Ceremony (banquet) will be held on December 10. Attendance of the banquet is optional, banquet fee is paid individually.

The Conference is conducted in the form of Model UN simulation, thus, the delegates represent the position of the assigned country, rather than their personal opinion. The eventual aim of the committee is to adopt the final document, 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 in the Conference. Attendance of all the events in frames of the Conference is a requirement for receiving a Certificate (except for the awarding ceremony). According to the results of the Conference, the Secretariat will award the Outstanding Delegates and Delegations. The Outstanding Delegates will be credentialed to participate in the **National Model United Nations 2019 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 20.



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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. An application for participation should be submitted via online registration form available at www.munrfe.ru/ac2018-registration. In case of any technical issues, the Secretariat is ready to provide support via e-mail secretary-general@munrfe.ru. The deadline for the registration process is **November 20, 2018**.

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, an applicant should inform the Secretariat about it and wait for the confirmation. Consequently, the Secretariat will make a decision on the country distribution among the delegates and delegations and inform the applicants about their decision.

MUNRFE maintains a non-refundable fee policy. By submitting the application form, the delegates agree to comply with the rules of MUNRFE published on the official website of the Conference.

The regular registration fees for participation in MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018:

	Russian citizens and foreign citizens living in Russia	Foreign citizens outside of Russia
Individual registration (one delegate)	1700 rubles per person	70 USD per person
Delegation registration (two or more delegates representing one country)	1500 rubles per person	60 USD per person
Faculty adviser/guest (in case of actual attendance only)	1000 rubles per person	30 USD per person

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

In frames of preparation for the Conference each delegate should submit several standard documents depending on the assigned committee in the English language.

World Bank: Project Informational Document, Program Document (for recipients) or Project Appraisal Document, Investment Strategy Outline (for donors). 2 documents total.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, UN Security Council: 2 Policy Papers and Resolution. 3 documents total.

The delegations assigned one country may also submit a Country Profile in order to be eligible for the Outstanding Delegation Award.



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ORGANIZERS OF THE CONFERENCE

“Model United Nations of the Russian Far East” (MUNRFE) – is one of the oldest non-governmental 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 of two branches in the Russian Far East cities – Blagoveshchensk and Vladivostok, 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 that allows implementing 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 2018, is designed 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: in 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. Over the years, it has proudly become the largest, most innovative and internationally recognized higher education institution in the Russian Far East. Today, it is striving to foster integration of the Russian Far East into the Pacific Rim through education, research, and high-tech development. Currently the University unites 23 thousand students including around 3 thousand international students coming from more than 50 countries of the globe. 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. The campus 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 such as Eastern Economic Forum. The campus of FEFU includes multi-media classrooms, laboratories, inter-active auditoriums, comfortable student dormitories, stadiums, gyms and swimming pools.

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Official Conference VK page: www.vk.com/munrfe_ac2018

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Official MUNRFE Instagram: [@munrfe](https://www.instagram.com/munrfe)



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Annex A

AGENDA ITEMS MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

1. Promoting school programmes and strategies for the purpose of preventing drug use among children and adolescents;
2. Enhancing the capacity of border control in identifying and inspecting high risk freight containers through the provision of trainings and the appropriate equipment;
3. Implementation of Palermo Protocol.

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

1. Strengthening regional cooperation to tackle inequality in all its forms in Asia and the Pacific;
2. Emerging trends in innovation policy to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals: promoting inclusive innovation and supporting social enterprises;
3. Implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.

United Nations Security Council

1. Situation in Rwanda (historical simulation);
2. Open Agenda (modern simulation).

World Bank

1. Appraisal and approval of development projects.



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Annex B

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY for participation in the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018

The **Model United Nations of the Russian Far East** is glad to announce the **Scholarship Opportunity for the MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018**, which will be conducted on December 7-10 in Vladivostok, Russia, in the Far Eastern Federal University. Participation in the Competition is available only for **non-Vladivostok or international delegates**.

General information: A candidate willing to compete for the Scholarship Opportunity must submit two documents: a **Motivational Letter** and an **Essay** on one of the agenda items of the committee the candidate is willing to participate in. The documents are submitted in English.

The winners of the 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 the Far Eastern Federal University campus (4 nights).

The delegates are responsible for all other expenses and costs. The number of scholarships 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 MUNRFE Annual Conference 2018?” Special reasons for applying as a scholarship candidate, as well as personal background description may be included.

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 “Scholarship Opportunity”. The candidate may participate in the Conference on a regular basis regardless of the competition results.

Deadline for documents submission: November 1, 2018, 23:59 (UTC +11:00).

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 according to the following criteria: format, substance and style.

The winners of the competition (potential recipients of Scholarship) will be contacted via email and will be required **to register and to submit the registration fee within 5 days after the notification**. In case the candidate fails to do so, the Scholarship will be given to another candidate from the Waiting List. The final list of Scholarship recipients will be published on **November 12, 2018** on the official website www.munrfe.ru.