



Model United Nations of the Russian Far East

INFORMATION LETTER

Far Eastern Model United Nations 2018 May 4-7, Vladivostok, Russia

The “**Model United Nations of the Russian Far East**” (MUNRFE) jointly with **Far Eastern Federal University** would like to announce the **Far Eastern Model United Nations 2018** to be held at the FEFU Campus in Vladivostok (Russia) on May 4-7, 2018. The Conference is conducted applying **UN4MUN** format developed by the **UN Department of Public Information**. For the third time in a row MUNRFE and FEFU are organizing Far Eastern Model UN, being the first and the only institutions in Russia using UN4MUN concept. The Conference is aimed at discussion of the most urgent global issues in the format of debates targeted 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. UN General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial Committee);
2. UN General Assembly Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Committee);
3. UN Security Council.

The Agenda list is provided in the Annex A. The Conference program includes workshops and lectures on the issues related to the United Nations work as well as trainings regarding the UN4MUN procedural rules.

MUNRFE has established a Grant Competition for participation in the Far Eastern Model United Nations 2018. The information on the Grant Competition is provided in the Annex B and on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/femun-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 un4mun@munrfe.ru.

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 each Committee is to build consensus on the agenda item discussed during the work at the Conference.

Participation will be acknowledged with a Certificate of Participation. 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 recognize the Outstanding Delegations (delegation award) as well as recipients of Diplomacy Awards (individual award). The recipients of Diplomacy Award will be credentialed to represent MUNRFE at the international Model UN in 2018.

Universities and Organizations, having sent 4 or more delegates to the Conference, reserve a right to include their logo (1/6 page A4) in the section «Partners» of the Conference Handbook. The logo (emblem) should be submitted to the Secretariat via e-mail by April 17, 2018.



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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/femun-registration. In case of any technical issues, the Secretariat is ready to provide you with support via e-mail: un4mun@munrfe.ru. The deadline for the registration process is **April 15, 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 the Far Eastern Model UN 2018:

	Russian citizens and foreign citizens living in Russia	Foreign citizens outside of Russia
Individual registration (one delegate)	1500 rubles per person	60 USD per person
Delegation registration (two or more delegates representing one country)	1300 rubles per person	50 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 accordance with the UN4MUN procedure, General Assembly officials are elected by delegates from delegates. Any registered delegate may apply for the position of the Chairperson of the General Assembly Second Committee and the Chairperson of the General Assembly Fifth Committee. On April 17-28, 2018 the elections of the General Assembly officials will be conducted. The President of the Security Council is not elected but appointed in accordance with the rotating presidency of the United Nations Security Council for the month of May, 2018. For any questions feel free to contact the Secretariat.

All the delegates are expected to submit two types of documents which are a **Position Paper** and a **Country Profile (optional)**. The requirements for documents writing and the deadlines for the submission could be found on the official website of the Conference www.munrfe.ru/femun.



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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 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 the Model UN debates, including the Far Eastern MUN 2018, 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 of course their level of English, 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, Moscow, Tokyo, Kobe, Rome, Seoul, Incheon, Barcelona, Bangkok, Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Istanbul, Agra and win prestigious awards, which proves the high level of Model UN movement in 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. 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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AGENDA ITEMS

Far Eastern Model UN 2018

The United Nations General Assembly Second Committee

1. Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows in order to foster sustainable development;

The United Nations General Assembly Fifth Committee

1. Improving Mechanisms for Accountability and Transparency within the UN System

The United Nations Security Council

1. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question



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Annex B

**GRANT COMPETITION
for participation in Far Eastern Model UN 2018**

The **Model United Nations of the Russian Far East** is glad to announce **the Grant Competition for participation in the Far Eastern Model UN 2018**, which will be conducted on May 4-7, 2018 in Vladivostok, Russia, on the premises of the 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 a **Motivational Letter** and an **Essay** on one of the agenda items of the Conference. 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 Hotel Complex (4 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 Far Eastern Model UN 2018?” 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 un4mun@munrfe.ru with the note “Grant Competition”. The letter should also contain the personal data of candidate including full name, country and city of residence, university and major. The candidate may participate in the Conference on a regular basis regardless of the Competition results.

Deadline for documents submission: March 20, 2018, 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 according to 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 5 days** after the notification. 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 April 5, 2018 on the official website www.munrfe.ru.