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Muenster Internal Model UN Conference, Germany 2016: Report

Between the 29th of March and the 6th of April a delegation from the Model UN society at the University of Haifa went to Germany to take represent the university at an international MUN conference. Here are the highlights of the trip:

- MUIMUN2016 conference: between the 30th of March and the 4th of April the conference took place at the University of Muenster. During which, the students debated, among other things, the empowerment of women and the protection of children in a UN-Women simulation and extrajudicial killings in the middle east and the threats to the freedom of speech in a UNHRC simulation. The conference was fruitful for the HaiMUN delegation after it was announced that Saleem Bisharat won the Best Position award in his committee and that Jennifer Bachman won both the Best Position paper and the Honorable mention in her committee.

The international nature of the conference was obvious, and it took expression in the Global Village party, where the students of the University of Haifa represented Israel (mainly through delights, Baqlawa, Matzah and Shahr Chocolate) to students from all around the world. It was a great opportunity to talk to students from Pakistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, USA and other countries about the life in Israel and to project to them a different image of Israel.

- Interviews to newspapers: after the conference, the students gave a first interview to the Westfälische Nachrichten newspaper in Muenster and a second interview to the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper in Frankfurt. Both interviews focused on the flow of the conference and the situation in Israel from the eyes of students, Arabs and Jews.
- Anne Frank education center: after the conference ended, the students spent a day in Frankfurt which they used to visit the Anne Frank educational center which is located near the place where she was born. This has been a great opportunity to learn more about her story, since for some of the students this has been the first time to learn it.

This has been a unique academic and emotional experience, and it has to summarize it one report. The students had the chance to learn about issues and teach



about others; had the chance to learn about each other and learn from each other; crossed the borders of the Israeli society and took the Israeli society to the international community.

There are no enough words to thank those who supported us though this trip, especially the German Friends of the University of Haifa, who without them this unique experience wouldn't have happened.

Sincerely,

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