

A Report on:

Haifa University Model United Nations Society Delegation

to

Karlsruhe Institute for Technology Model United Nations Conference 2019

Haifa University Model United Nations Society has recently sent, from the 14th till the 20th of November 2019, a delegation to KaMUN 2019 conference in Karlsruhe, Germany. Here is a report presenting further details.

Karlsruhe:

We landed in Frankfurt International Airport on November 14 in the morning. We took the bus (Flixbus) from Frankfurt to Karlsruhe, we checked in our hotel and went out for a walk near the hotel and searched for a restaurant to get nourished after a long day's travel.

On the next day, we took the bus from the station near the hotel to the place where the opening ceremony took place. Later on, we continued to the university and started our first session. Our delegation participated in varied committees that were dealing with issues such as, Maritime search and rescue (UNHCR committee), Arming Space: The Militarization of Outer space (DISEC committee) and Transition to affordable and sustainable renewable energy (ECOSOC Committee).

The conference also organized social events for us and the other participants: from pub crawls, to night dinner, and final goodbye meeting on the last day. After participating in the conference, and after vigorous debates and research, we sat through the closing ceremony on the 17th of November where they announced the winners of the different awards available in each committee. Two members of our delegation won a distinguished award each, and one member won the best delegate award.

Frankfurt:

The following morning, we were in our way to Frankfurt in order to meet Nicola Teuber, the director of the German Friends Association. We arrived in Frankfurt at 02:00 PM, we checked in our hotel and had some rest. At 03:15 PM we met with Nicola at the hotel, and we went together to an interview with Sheera Plawner, a journalist in "Journal Frankfurt". During the interview we have been asked about the conference in Karlsruhe and about our "students' life" in University of Haifa. Afterwards, we went to Frankfurt University, where we met the DIG (German-Israeli Society) Young Forum Frankfurt and had a panel discussion in the topic of „Learning from Haifa

– is peaceful coexistence possible? “. When the panel ended all of us went to a pub that the panel organizers reserved in advance.

In the next day, we met Nicola in the hotel at 09:00 AM and went together to „Rat der Religionen“ (an organization to promote the dialog between all different religious groups in Frankfurt). We met the organization representatives and we went together to a church near the organization building. It was a very beautiful and breathtaking church. When our visit to the church was done, we went in the organization building and had an interesting lecture from the representatives about the organization activities. Afterwards, we had an interview with Ursula Rüssmann a journalist in „Frankfurter Rundschau“ about the coexistence in Haifa and in the University of Haifa. We finished at 01:00 PM and had a free time until the rest of the day. The following day we were on our way back home, arriving to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv at 02:00 AM in the next day (21/11/2019).

Conclusion:

The conference was quite an enriching experience. On top of that it was enjoyable and challenging, and the most important thing that our delegation came back with awards. In addition, Karlsruhe is a wonderful city and we tried our best to discover it in our free time. Our time in Frankfurt was also one of the main highlights of the trip. I would like to thank Nicola for her time, she helped us a lot in getting to each place and she made sure that everything passed in a proper way.

In the end, the delegation to KaMUN 2019 conference was an incredibly positive one. We, as a delegation would like to thank the German Friends for their help in sending a delegation to Germany, and we are looking forwards to sending future delegations to Germany.

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