

Rotaract Global Model United Nations

~short introduction~



Editions:

2013 – Baia Mare, Romania (*founded by Rotaract Club Baia Mare Team*)

2014 – London, UK

2015 – Belgrade, Serbia

2016 – UNHQ, New York, USA (*Special Edition*)

2016 – Sofia, Bulgaria

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History 2013 - 2016



The story of Rotaract Global Model UN (or RotaractMUN) started in 2013 when several young and ambitious members from [Rotaract Club Baia Mare Team](#) gathered forces to achieve something impossible... to change the world by shaping the hearts and minds of others like them. Their vision was to be embraced by many young leaders from around the world and a mere dream became reality. In 2016 RotaractMUN had the distinguished privilege to be organized at the UN Headquarters in New York which is a testament of its success and highlights the visionary ambitions of its founders. RotaractMUN gives young people from all over the world the chance to have their voices

heard at the UN, our motto is “*Your voice will reach the desks of the UN*” as pictures here in the UN General Assembly during the 2016 Special Edition that took place between 18-20 March in New York.

The first edition took place in 2013 and was hosted in the beautiful city of Baia Mare, a former mining city from the northern part of Romania where traditions have not changed for hundreds of years making it an ideal place to experience Romania. The RotaractMUN conference is a youth-led and youth focused project that jumps, every year, from one country to another with each edition, giving the opportunity to other Rotaract Clubs to organize this global conference and be joined in the debates by young leaders from all over the world.



Rotaract Global Model UN Editions

RotaractMUN 2013

- Baia Mare, Romania, organized by Rotaract Club of Baia Mare Team on 21-25 August 2013.

RotaractMUN 2014

- London, UK, organized by Rotaract Club of Westminster on 4-7 September 2014.

RotaractMUN 2015

- Belgrade, Serbia, organized by Rotaract Club of Belgrade on 26-30 August 2015.

RotaractMUN 2016 - Special Edition

- New York, USA, 18-20 March 2016 as part of the Change the World Model UN.

RotaractMUN 2016

- Sofia, Bulgaria, organized by Rotaract Club of Sofia Serdika on 23-30 July 2016.

General information

Following the historical structure of the United Nations mechanism and its procedures, Rotaract Global Model United Nations aims to bring young people's solutions to global problems to the attention of the UN. To achieve this dream, Rotaract Global Model United Nations promotes excellence in education, professionalism in organization and integrity in performance.



In general and depending on the body in which each participant decides to work, different topics of international importance will be discussed and debated based on strict rules of procedures which will be implemented by the conference Secretariat. Each participant has the possibility to express the views and interests of the country he/she represents. Therefore, besides accumulating strong knowledge of



global issues, participants will also master: the art of negotiation, public speaking using the official UN language and using the procedural mechanisms set in motion by the UN.

Rotaract Global Model United Nations transcends from a mere simulation to an actual youth decision-making process. It goes beyond a simple conference and ensure that the outcomes of the discussions and debates are presented, edited and transmitted in a clear and concise manner to the regional and international decision-making bodies (such as UN and EU) and the world at large. Through this novel and innovative approach, Rotaract Global Model United Nations brings a new vision to the MUN Network and to the other conferences of this type.



Besides the chance to get trained as a young diplomat, Rotaract Global Model United Nations grants you the opportunity to explore different cultures and test your interpersonal and intercultural dialogue skills. Participants may come alone, but will discover an ocean of possibilities in establishing friendships with other participants. Rotaract Global Model United Nations is waiting for young

enthusiastic, visionary and self-motivated people to join their vision.

Global partners

The conference is special given the support it has received over the years from the local and international community. We are particularly honored to have had the support of Rotary International and many Rotary clubs during this time. Every year we take this relationship to the



next level by participating and presenting the results of each edition during the Rotary-UN Days organized at the UN in New York.



The participants attending the conference developed both on a personal and professional level. Besides the formal sessions, they have the opportunity to experience the local cultures of the hosting country as well as interact with the other participants and special guests (diplomats, professors, politicians, journalists, etc.) and develop multicultural awareness, test their intercultural skills and expand their global awareness.

Organization

Each edition is organized and managed by a different Rotaract Club that is selected after a period of open applications on our website. The winning Rotaract Club becomes in charge of all organizational aspects and takes responsibility for the future edition. To do this it receives the close support, guidance and know-how of the previous organizers, including from the conference founders.



The founders of the conference, Dan and Adrian (pictured here from left to right with Ms. Zineb Touzani, Youth Rotary Representative to the UN and Helen B. Reisler, RI Representative to the UN), are former Presidents of Rotaract Club Baia Mare Team, and they are the guarantors of the conference, making sure of its continuity and success.



To find out more please visit our website for the latest news: www.RotaractMUN.org

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Thank you!