

# 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

2017 – Beirut, Lebanon

2018 – New York, USA (*Special Edition*)

2018 – New Delhi, India

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## History 2013 - 2018



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.

### RotaractMUN 2017

- Beirut, **Lebanon**, organized by Rotaract Club of Sahel Metn on 17-20 August 2017.

### RotaractMUN 2018

- New York, **USA** organised in cooperation with Future We Want Model UN on 8-11 March.
- New Delhi, **India** organised by Rotaract Club of DTU on 20-22 April.

## 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.

## What is Model United Nations?

Model United Nations conferences (MUN) are academic conferences where participants (who during the event are called county representatives and/or delegates) – students, youth workers and/or leaders and young professionals from across the world, assume the role of representing a country and debate in formal sessions current political, social and economic issues. MUNs represent an opportunity to learn how to influence decision-making at international level.

## What is Rotaract Global Model United Nations?

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Depending on the body in which each participant decides to work, different topics of international importance, surrounding the theme, will be discussed and debated based on strict rules of procedures which will be implemented by the Secretariat. Each participant has the possibility to express the views and interests of the country s/he represents. Therefore, besides accumulating strong knowledge of global issues, participants will also master: the art of negotiation, public speaking, influencing at top levels, using the official UN language and using the procedural mechanisms set in motion by the UN.

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conference outcomes are presented, edited and transmitted in a clear and concise manner to the world and the regional and international decision-making bodies. Through this novel and innovative approach, it brings a new vision to the MUN Network and to the other conferences of this type.

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## **Vision and Mission**

Our vision is to create a system that goes beyond a simple Model United Nations conference, we want for RotaractMUN to become a pillar in international youth decision-making. The conference is designed in such a way that each subsequent edition will take place in a different location on the planet. It will literally jump from one place to another, each year, and discuss the most important international topics, having as agents: youth. Thus, it builds trust, fosters cooperation between participants and different Rotary Clubs throughout the globe. This vision compliments our mission: **to become an active decision-making body representing youth from every corner of the globe.** To ensure a high level of representation we welcome applications from all over the world, because youth work at the conference will be forwarded to all important decision-making bodies, including the European Union and United Nations.

Our mission with is to establish a framework that enables youth from all corners of the world to meet and discuss the latest topics on the international agenda. The conference debates' outcomes will make the subject of the RotaractMUN Report. This report will be edited and drafted by the Rapporteur Office under the guidance of the Secretary General. We assume the responsibility to forward the Report (youth decisions) to the regional and international decision-making bodies. The report will also include a final message from youths to the United Nations. The report will be published and forwarded after the conference and be presented at Rotary UN Day.



## **Impact & Innovation**

Firstly, RotaractMUN is an international project that focuses on the development of young leaders across the world. Numerous young leaders, youth workers and junior professionals join in efforts and throughout the event which lasts for five working days, engage in a two-way learning process. On the one hand, they will be trained by exceptional young leaders that have work experience within the United Nations and or Model United Nations conferences. The aim is to help young people develop strong negotiation, communication and writing skills while acting as representatives of different countries based on the rules of procedures of the UN. On the other hand, the multicultural setting in which these participants will work hard to bring their decisions on the desks of international organizations such as UN, or European Union serves to challenge their worldviews and pre-existing stereotypes. Intercultural and inter-generational dialogue skills will be a naturally gained ability due to the internationalism which characterises this project.

Secondly, RotaractMUN is organized around the international agenda. The RotaractMUN committee or International Youth Decision Making Body (IYDMB) is comprised of 11 young professionals and experienced MUNers, from 11 countries from as far as Japan, speaking 10 different languages. Through this project our mission is to foster a sustainable and youth-friendly political framework for the young leaders of today promoting the UNSDGS across the world. Our goal is to offer a learning multicultural experience to the participants and give them the chance to be trained as diplomats.

This is a youth event which advocates for youth diplomacy at local, regional and international levels. Acknowledging that youth are an excluded sector from the decision-making process, we address this issue and try to find a viable solution that is based on principles of responsibility, accountability and sustainability. RotaractMUN is a project run by young professionals who are Rotaractors, Friend of Rotaract and Rotary.



To find out more please visit our website for the latest news: [www.RotaractMUN.org](http://www.RotaractMUN.org)

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**Thank you!**