Feedback from the MILMUN 2008 conference

• About this Report
With this report we present to you the feedback obtained from the questionnaires distributed to the participants of the Milan International Model United Nations 2008 conference. We hope the reader will gain a valuable insight into our activities.

• Background
The Milan International Model United Nations (MILMUN) conference was first held in 2006 and is Italy’s first annual university level Model United Nations (MUN). It is organized entirely by students with years of experience in the MUN arena. In 2007 the MILMUN Association was founded, giving the organization a legal status.

• The annual MILMUN conference
The conference features the authentic simulation of selected bodies of the United Nations Organization. Students assume the roles of diplomats of the UN’s Member States. Debating on current issues of international affairs, it is a great opportunity for participants to:

1) Improve their academic skills, including research and organization techniques;
2) Expand knowledge of international issues and conflicts;
3) Refine negotiations and debate abilities;
4) Develop diplomatic and leadership skills within a multi-cultural atmosphere.

The MILMUN 2008 conference featured the Security Council (UNSC), the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Disarmament & Security Committee (DISEC) as well as the reformed UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC). It was held for the third time in the picturesque location of Palazzo Clerici, right next to the “Duomo” cathedral.

• Internationality:
From 2006 to 2008 the MILMUN conferences have brought more than 300 students with more than 50 different nationalities and from over 60 universities to Milan, Italy. Students arrived from universities such as the London School of Economics (LSE), the HEI Geneva, Koç University Istanbul, the Universities of Nova Lisboa, Amsterdam, Athens, Salamanca and many more!

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Detailed information on the MILMUN 2008 conference:

The number of participants at the Milan International Model United Nations conference 2008 stayed almost constant compared to the 2007 edition to reach a total of 112 young academics.

* This number includes all participants of the conference

** In 2009 we expect the conference to grow by 20% to 140 participants.

MILMUN 2008 kept internationality as a key goal! Delegates from 30 nationalities, from all parts of the world gathered in Milan.

MILMUN 2008 also attracted students from 30 universities coming from all over the world.

The average age of the MILMUN 2008 participant was 21.9 and thus roughly the same as in 2007.

There were slightly more female participants in 2008. This is in contrast with the numbers of the 2007 conference, where a 50-50 percentage was recorded.
Great success in the variety of fields of students present at MILMUN:

- 71% of delegates had backgrounds in the main fields of studies of Bocconi University.

More than ¾ of the participants were satisfied with their committee. This position includes the rating of the academic quality of the committee, fellow delegates, the chairs and the guest speaker.

The conference venue at ISPI received high ratings (89%) for the third year in a row. Particularly the Security Council (SC), situated in the “Sala Biblioteca”, was visibly impressed with the Palazo Clerici.

This year, the promotion of MILMUN depended mainly on mouth-to-mouth advertising by friends (33%), followed by information provided for by Universities. Very interesting is the high percentage (17%) that the social network “Facebook” achieved. We therefore plan to further increase our already strong presence in this field.
An average of 73% felt that their expectations of the MILMUN 2008 conference were met. Taking out the mediocre performance of the Security Council (SC), the average jumps to 80%.

A total of 93% of this year’s participants plan to attend another MUN in the future!

More than 63% of the attending students are considering a Master at Bocconi University.

A total of 80% was convinced that the MILMUN 2008 conference was a success! We are very happy to record such a high number for the question that matter most to us.
Nationalities and Universities present at MILMUN 2008

1. Bilgi University
2. Bocconi University
3. Erasmus University Rotterdam
4. Istituto Marangoni
5. London School of Economics
6. London School of Journalism
7. LUISS University
8. Maltepe University
9. Marmara University
10. MGIMO
11. Queen Mary, University of London
12. Simon Fraser University
13. Soka University of America
14. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
15. Universidad de Salamanca
16. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
17. Universität Heidelberg
18. Universität Leipzig
19. Universität Mannheim
20. Universität Regensburg
21. Universität Wien
22. Universiteit van Amsterdam
23. University College Utrecht
24. University of Dundee
25. University of Sydney
26. University of Western Ontario - Richard Ivey School of Business
27. University of Zagreb
28. Wageningen University and Research
29. Türkisch
30. United States

1. Albanian
2. Algerian
3. Australian
4. Austrian
5. British
6. Canadian
7. Chinese
8. Colombian
9. Croatian
10. Czech
11. Dutch
12. Ecuadorian
13. French
14. German
15. Hungarian
16. Italian
17. Lebanese
18. Lithuanian
19. Mexican
20. New Zealend
21. Romanian
22. Russian
23. San Salvadorian
24. Serbian
25. Spanish
26. Swedish
27. Swiss
28. Taiwanese
29. Turkish
30. United States