

AFNORTH International School

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Dear MEP Director,

Regarding: Model European Parliament, 04-06 November 2011

You and your students are cordially invited to attend the 10th session of the Model European Parliament (MEP) sponsored by AFNORTH International School.
The details of this year's conference are:

Date: Friday 04 November through Sunday 06 November 2011.

Venue: "Congrescentrum Rolduc", Kerkrade, The Netherlands (www.rolduc.com)

Aim: To debate within the simulated environment of the decision-making process of the European Union, a wide range of political, economic, social and ecological topics concerning Europe and its relationship with other countries in the world

Participants: Approximately 270 secondary school students from national and international schools throughout Europe

Staff: At least one MEP Director (teacher/advisor) per school

Program: Committee Sessions, Fraction Meetings and Parliament Sessions

Costs: See "Administrative Handbook", page 10

Responsibility:

Mr. Robert Bindels, Assistant Director
Mrs. Theresa Sperling, Teacher, German section,
Mr. Jason Smith, Teacher, International section

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Important acknowledgements:

The MEP Management Team is proud to present the 10th session of the Model European Parliament to you. Please find attached the "MEP Administrative Handbook" containing all relevant and important information about the conference program, registration and application procedures, costs, rules of conduct etc.

We continually attempt to improve the quality of the conference and to adjust its structure to the latest developments in Europe.

⇒ **This year we will have five committees: Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights and Security & Defense (AFET), Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), Committee on Culture and Education (CULT), Special Committee on Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (CRIS), Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)** ⇐

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The School Registration Fee will be EUR 50,00 per school.

We would like to remind you that students from all participating schools may apply for the top student leadership positions at MEP. Facing an ever-smaller student population at our own school the further existence of the program crucially depends on the involvement and commitment of each participating school. **We strongly encourage experienced students to seize leadership positions at MEP ensuring the future success of the conference.** More detailed information can be found on pages 6-9 of the "MEP Administrative Handbook".

Please make sure that you carefully read the information provided in this Handbook. **You will also find all necessary forms for a successful participation in the MEP.**

Since we are aware of the fact that some teachers cannot provide exact information about the number of delegates they can bring to the conference before the summer holiday, we have restricted the early application procedures to Student Officers/EU Commissioners, Heads of Fraction positions and Press delegates only. Taking into consideration that only students who have at least participated once in an international simulation program can apply for these positions, we believe that schools can recruit students for those positions before the summer holiday. Participating schools will receive the "*Instructional Handbook*", containing all relevant issues concerning this year's simulation before the end of August.

Should you have a suggestion for a keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremony on Saturday, 5 November 2011, please send us the details and contact-information.

For all further information and a brief description of the program please check the "MEP Administrative Handbook".

Should you have any questions about MEP 2011, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone (045-527-8221), fax (045-527-8233) or e-mail (AIS.Director@eu.dodea.edu)

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Sincerely,

For the MEP Management Team 2011

Robert Bindels
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