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Preamble: the history of IMZMUN

The IMZMUN was founded 2009 as an extra-curricular activity and simulates the work of the United Nations (UN). The participating students learn about diplomacy and international relations in UN context. The MUN challenges the students' critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities and involves research, public speaking, debating, and writing skills. It is a unique combination of a recreational social activity and an intellectual academic challenge.

The tradition of Montana students participating in political debates goes back to the 1940s and the Montana International Relations Club (or its back-then German name Klub für internationale Verständigung). In articles in the Alumni magazine *Montana Blatt* from the 1940s and 1950s one can read that the Montana International Relations Club intended to improve the tolerance and understanding between students from different cultural backgrounds in the spirit of the newly founded United Nations

Every year IMZMUN attend the renowned conferences in Berlin, Paris and Geneva, where the students have the opportunity to meet and debate with other students from all over Europe. The MUN can be counted towards the IB CAS Programme or towards high school credits¹. Further, it offers an invaluable experience for the students' personal development, their personal statements for future university applications and their CVs.

Montana also hosts its own MUN conference, the IMZMUN, where students from other schools are invited to a day of debate in the school Aula.

In the Spring Mock Debate the IMZMUN students set up their own debate at the school and presents the MUN to the school community. It gives them the opportunity to show the rest of the school what the MUN is about, what they have learnt over the year(s) and at the same time encourages other students to join the IMZMUN the following school year.

¹ MUN for high school credit is currently in planning

