

## **ACUNS Conference Report –Academic Council on the United Nations Award**

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During the last session of the Conference, the jury gave the awards to the winners of the three panels. The winner of the panel entitled “Energy: Access for all. Green Economy and Development” was Mr. Balazs Rossu (Hungary). He won the award for the paper “The Renewable Energy Situation in Hungary: All for One, One for All.” The jury underlined the comprehensiveness, balanced approach and good recommendations given by Mr. Rossu.

The winner of the panel entitled Nuclear Security and Global Governance. Global Zero: Fiction or Reality?” was Miss Nora Lazar (Hungary). She won the award for the paper “The possibility of a world free of nuclear weapons within the confines of the NPT Treaty”. The jury was impressed not only by the quality of the research paper but also by the presentation given by Miss Lazar.

The winner of the panel entitled “Corruption and Justice” was Mrs. Nadejda Komendantova (Austria). She won the award for the paper “Corruption risks and renewable energy projects – Case study of North Africa”. In this case, the jury underlined that, although all the papers were very good, Mrs. Komendantova was the only one who presented the final results of her research, while the other two researchers just presented their preliminary results. The jury encouraged the other two participants to take part in other ACUNS Conferences after finalizing their respective researches.

## **ACUNS Conference Report – Presentation on UN Career Opportunities**

### UNODC Representative on UN Career Opportunities

Firstly, the main characteristics of an UN employee were outlined. Among others, the United Nations looks for persons who want to: (1) make a difference in the world; (2) be in the service of humanity; (3) work and travel everywhere.

The discussion moved to the four main ways in which people who are interested may work for or collaborate with the UN. They can either be internationally recruited, locally recruited, work temporary for the UN, or be an intern or a volunteer for the UN.

Further on, the discussion centered on the Young Professionals Program (YPP) and the requirements that must be fulfilled by the persons interested in applying. The YPP allows young professionals with minimum of two years of experience in their field of expertise to work at the UN after passing an exam which is held annually. Each country is allowed to a certain amount of jobs, according to a pre-established formula.

The other main possibility presented was the one of being a temporary staff, namely a contractor or consultant, but only during the period in which a certain job is vacant. The third possibility of collaborating with the UN, although not as an UN official, is to get an unpaid, full-time 3-6 months internship (possible only for students) or to become an UN volunteer by applying for one of the field positions opened. In the case of volunteers, the work is remunerated.

The presentation was followed by numerous questions, addressed particularly by students who wanted to know in more detail the conditions for getting an internship at the UN or for applying for the YPP.