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SUMMARY OF THE YEAR

2014 has been a successful year for the Society of International Affairs Gothenburg. We were once again awarded the grant from MUCF that we did not get in 2013. With a more stable economy we have been able to focus on developing our activities. Even though the number of members has decreased slightly compared to the record year 2013, we can look back at a year when the members have been offered a wide array of activities and many noted and memorable events have been done.

Lectures. There have been 19 lectures during the year, and several have been very well visited. The debate between Jan Björklund and Jonas Sjöstedt was the most popular event in years, and in addition to this the lectures with Anders Lindén and Birgitta Ohlsson also gave us many new members.

Event. The film club has continued throughout the year and many also attended the film festival on the theme of a sustainable world. Several screenings have been followed by Skype interviews with directors. The tradition with a study trip abroad each semester has been continued and during this year delegations from the association has visited Sarajevo and Amman, and as usual many political actors were visited in these places.

The Members' Magazine Utblick. Four issues of Utblick have been published. 1500 copies of each issue has been printed and sent home to the members or been distributed at campus or at local cafés. New articles have also been published at utblick.org.

PR. The PR committee has been responsible for the continuous work of making UF events visible, mainly through various web channels and posters on campus. Recruitment campaigns have been done at the beginnings of the semesters. There have also been much focus on reaching out more to high schools, and during the autumn a number of lectures have taken place at high schools.

Model United Nations. During the end of 2013 the work was started to do Model United Nations activities within the association. The process accelerated this year and the main focus has been on participating in a conference abroad each semester, and for this reason delegations have travelled to Budapest and Cambridge. In preparing for the conferences, some local simulations have also taken place.

Poliforum. During the spring, UF was one of the partners in the project called Poliforum, which had the goal of spreading awareness about various issues related to the elections that took place in Sweden during the year. The other partners were Göta Student Union, Brännpunkt Europa and the Department of Political Science.



The project included one debate between the leaders of the youth associations of the political parties and another between candidates to The European Parliament. Also, there were lectures with Carl Bildt, Cecilia Malmström and Sofie Blombäck.

The Swedish Association of International Affairs (SAIA). The management of the economy of the association has been discussed throughout the year and UF Gothenburg has been pushing for a remuneration of the treasurer. Thanks to this national cooperation the members have received the magazine *Internationella Studier* in their mail boxes, and the members of UF Gothenburg have been offered to participate at the Convention on International Affairs, The Almedalen week and the national Forum weekend for attractive prices.

Economy. We are thankful having received economical support from MUCF, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Forum syd, Berghaus and Göta studentkår. The economy has been balanced and some long term investment have also been possible.

Other Commissions of trust. During the spring the board ran into some problems when the treasurer of the association was suddenly had to resign. At the same time, the board saw a great need of replacing the accounting system and offer card payment at lectures to decrease the amount of cash handled. Therefore. The board decided to appoint the former treasurer Carl Magnus Fürst to act as a support to the board during this period.

Året i siffror

Medlemmar VT 2013	453
Medlemmar HT 2013	545
Utgivningar av Utblick	4
Föreläsningar	19
Filmvisningar	15
Styrelsemöten	19
Intäkter	316 502 kr
Årets resultat	+ 14 295 kr

The resigning board wants to say a big thank you to all the volunteering members, lecturers and partners who have made this great year possible.



COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

The board spring semester 2014.

President Adam Josefsson

Vice president Camilla Arvastson

Secretary Monica Villar

Treasurer Nika Johnsson (until March)

Yibei Zhu (from May)

SAIA representative Linnéa Wik

Heads of the lecture committee Jasmine Rowlands & Selma Kalkan

Heads of the event committee Sara Varghaei & Anna Eken

Heads of the PR committee Natalie Hafdelin & Deni Redzepovic

Editors-in-chief Utblick Josef Svantesson & Aiysha Varraich

The board autumn semester 2014

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Heads of the PR committee Liza Olsson & Emma Grimme-Hallberg

Editors-in-chief Utblick Josef Svantesson & Aiysha Varraich (until October) & Anja Johansson (from October)



Election committee

Saga Khaghani

Jenni Sandström Lindberg

Julia Lindholm (until June)

Co-oped members:

Lovisa Fransson

Malin Roos

Accountants:

Lovisa Fransson

Julia Lindholm

Financial accountant:

Anne Engström

Other commissions of trust:

Project leader Model United Nations: Kristina Hojckova (From april)

Support when the treasurer's post was vacant and economical routines were updated: Carl Magnus Fürst (from April to June)



The Lecture Committee

This year has been a varied one for the Lecture Committee, with the number of attendants at lectures having fluctuated throughout 2014. A total of 19 lectures were organized during the year, from the start of February until the beginning of December, with an average of one lecture every nine working days. The lectures consisted of 7 lunch lectures and 12 evening lectures. We had proportionally more evening lectures as they were usually better attended, and lunch lectures often required a greater degree of organisation. Since many of those in attendance are international students or English-speaking, we decided from the offset that it would be beneficial to have as many lectures as possible in English. Thus, over the course of the academic year, we held 14 lectures in English and 5 in Swedish. On average, there were 90 people at lectures during the year. The lecture with the highest attendance was the Lunch Debate between Jan Björklund and Jonas Sjöstedt, which was held in the spring semester and gathered 400 people. The least visited was the Debate on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which unfortunately lacked attendees due to an unavoidable last minute change in the schedule. Three other popular lectures during the spring semester were David Crouch on Ukraine, Birgitta Ohlsson ahead of the European Parliament Elections and the North Korean dissident Ji-Min Kang together with the former Swedish ambassador Paul Beijer. All of these lectures were visited by almost 100 people. The most popular lecture during the autumn was the one with Anders Lindén, which gathered around 150 people. Also the lecture with Leif Pagrotsky gathered close to 100 persons.

There were approximately equal numbers of men and women among those in attendance throughout 2014. However, statistically, it was not as equal with regard to the lecturers since we heard from 18 males and 8 females. We recognise that this is something that can be improved next year. There were also some collaborative lectures with Spira Career days, Handels' International Day and the University of Gothenburg's Global Week. The lecture with Global Week was, however, cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The number of active members in the Lecture Committee varied greatly during the year. We had approximately 10 members who were most active during the year, and there were an additional 50 who were on the mailing list and received invitations to Lecture Committee meetings. There were more in attendance during the autumn semester, and we felt that in order to actively engage those who attended the meetings, we should divide the committee into smaller 'working groups'. In establishing the groups, we enabled active members to be more proactive in discussing future lecture topics, presenting ideas, and putting ideas in motion. We found the working groups to be very effective. We also decided that the meetings would be shorter and more frequent, allowing for greater participation



from active members with busy schedules and leading to more productive planning sessions in the committee. Communication channels were established both via the Facebook group and via email, but it was apparent that many more members were responsive via Facebook. A key target for the next year should be to continue to improve the environmental credentials of the Society of International Affairs. We have made steps in the right direction through providing only vegan sandwiches for our lunch lectures, for example. We also think that it would be more beneficial to involve committee members further through greater delegation of responsibilities, as there was a noticeable difference in how committed members were when they had more space to take responsibility in the organisation of lectures. This year, it was important for us that committee members were afforded more responsibilities, for example, in presenting lectures. We can also continue to make lectures more accessible to international students by having as many lectures as possible in English. We also learnt that well recognised figures tend to improve attendance at lectures, since more people are interested when a familiar name is presented.

The fact that we were not able to maintain a gender balance throughout the year is important to think about for the upcoming year, since it is easy to overlook the imbalance during the course of the year if it is not planned in advance. The collaborative lectures had many different visitors, since wide reaching promotion was able to target students from different faculties. Therefore, these collaborations should be maintained and developed next year. Lectures should also be planned further in advance; the autumn schedule in particular would benefit from lectures planned before the summer. We felt that it was difficult to plan the autumn's lectures after the summer, when many potential lecturers were already fully booked. In summary, the year was very successful with many new members, active members, and attendees at lectures. The Lecture Committee of the Society of International Affairs had many interesting lectures representing a variety of different topics. At the same time, there can also be improvements for next year, including steps to improve the gender balance and more advance planning of autumn lectures.



THE EVENT COMMITTEE

Film club and film festival

During the operational year of 2014 the committee has continued with its work with arranging regular documentary screenings every other week. These screenings have been taken place in auditorium Dragonen at the University of Gothenburg approximately two Wednesdays each month during the active period of our operational year. There have been 15 individual screenings in total in co-operation with Cinema Politica, our distributor that supplies us with films with screening rights. Our contract with them has been extended over the autumn of 2015. Apart from this we have also had two documentary screenings in co-operation with the organizations Kvinna till Kvinna and Amnesty International Gothenburg followed by talks arranged by representatives of the organizations. In March the committee arranged its third film festival. The theme for this festival was "A Sustainable World" and touched upon a variety of sustainability issues. Five films, supplied by Cinema Politica, were screened during a weekend, in addition to a few Skype interviews with directors or other participants. There was also an info-table and selling of fika. A few of our ordinarily film screenings have also been complemented by a Skype interview.

The number of visitors at the screenings has been between 20 and 40 visitors, with variations both higher and lower than these numbers. The most popular screenings during the year have been "We are Legion: The Story of the Hacktivist", "The House I Live In", "5 Broken Cameras" and "Roadmap to Apartheid". The film festival was well-visited, as they usually have been in comparison to the ordinary screenings, and the average number of visitors per screening was between 50 and 60 visitors. All our screenings are for free and open for everyone, including the film festival, since this is one of the demands in co-operating with Cinema Politica. The films have either been in English or they have had English subtitles which makes the screenings popular among exchange students. Some of the screenings have been followed by a social activity at a nearby pub where we have discussed the film. We have arranged three evenings at one active member's home in order to watch the trailers of the films available for us to screen. Based on that committee members have chosen which ones to screen and thereafter set a screening order. In connection to the screenings a study circle have also been arranged in co-operation with Folkuniversitetet with the active committee members as participants and our regular committee meetings as study circle meetings. This co-operation has been ongoing since the autumn semester of 2013.

Travels



During the operational year of 2014 the Event committee has arranged two trips. During the spring semester of 2014 we went to Sarajevo, Bosnia and Hercegovina and during the autumn semester of 2014 to Amman, Jordan.

The trip to Sarajevo took place the 10th – 15th of May 2014 and had 25 participants. The planning of the trip began in February by active members in the committee and it was done without any difficulties since the booking of meetings was very efficient. In Sarajevo there were a total of six meetings. We visited the Embassy of Sweden in Sarajevo, Transparency International BiH, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the delegation of the European Union to BiH as well as a student organization at the Faculty for Political Science at the University of Sarajevo. The trip focused on the current political situation in Bosnia and Hercegovina in connection with the historical background of the country and the region, with focus on the war during the 1990's.

In order to arrange the trip to Jordan a project, called Project Jordan, was started, which was financed by a grant from Folke Bernadotte Akademin Fredsmiljon. The theme for the project was "Security and Development" and focused on the war in Syria and its effect on the refugee situation in the region, primarily Jordan. A project group of 12 participants was assembled by an application process in May 2014. The participants received an area of responsibility, such as booking meetings or searching for flights and accommodation.

The group travelled to Amman 4th – 12th of November. In Jordan there were a total of eight meetings. We visited UNICEF, the Embassy of Sweden in Amman, Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism, Arab Women Organisation, Amman Center for Human Rights, International Rescue Committee, International Committee of the Red Cross and Individuell Människohjälp. We had as a goal to get permission to visit a refugee camp, but this was not possible because of the security situation in the camps at the time of the visit.

The project continued back in Sweden by the arranging of two lectures with the same theme. The first was a lecture with the Syria expert Aron Lund who talked about Syria's political history, and the second a lecture by two of the participants of the trip that focused on the war and its effect based on experiences gained from the trip and this lecture also included the screening of a short documentary. Participants of the trip also have to write articles based on the theme of the project, but at the moment of writing none of these have been published.

Generally about the committee

During the operational year we have had regular committee meetings every other Wednesday before the film club screenings. We have had an average of five participants per meeting. The group dynamics has been well-functioning, and the responsibilities have been evenly distributed. At the moment a film festival, with



focus on Eastern Europe and human rights, that will take place during the next operational year, is being planned. At this time we have received rights to screen "Pussy Riot: The Movement" as well as "I Am Femen". We are negotiating regarding rights to screen an additional two films.

The members' magazine *Utblick*

The biggest challenge for *Utblick*'s editorial staff during 2014 has been to simultaneously preserve the magazine's inheritance from previous staff contributions and start afresh with a new generation of committee members. This generational switch has caused a new focus in the magazine work. The most important change relates to content: the staff has been requested to independently find ways to contribute to the magazine's content and design. The role of editor-in-chief has thus morphed to include guidance in favour of management. The result has been a more inclusive magazine in terms of content and readership compared to previous years, since topics outside of the narrow scope of international political correspondence have been introduced, while the connection between local and global events has been further reinforced.

The editorial staff has consisted of approximately 10 active committee members throughout the year, of whom practically all were replaced, as several of the previous members graduated and moved, left for foreign exchange studies or for other reasons were forced to resign from the editorial team. Through an active process of canvassing, we managed to recruit a new team of active members, which caused a rather drastic renewal of the editorial team's makeup. Today, the committee consists of a few veteran writers and several fresh and enthusiastic participants.

During 2014 we have published four issues of the printed version of *Utblick* magazine, two during the spring semester and two during the autumn semester. Each issue has, according to established practice, included an introductory editorial by the editors-in-chief and a concluding text by the chairman of UF. Each issue's content has been guided by a theme chosen by the editorial staff. This year's four themes have been: #1 "Rain/Reign", #2 "Pro-Choice", #3 "Religion" and #4 "Meat". The themes have acted as guidelines for the staff members' choice of written or pictorial contribution. The purpose of this has been to widen the scope of the stories and associations our members have been able to come up with regarding international politics. As our team is multilingual, we have aimed to produce a magazine with half of the



contributions written in English and half in Swedish.

Utblick's circulation has been 1500 copies, of which 400 have been mailed to members of UF Göteborg. The committee members have distributed the remaining 1100 copies to university buildings, coffee shops and cafés, and other public places such as libraries, museums and cinemas. Each issue has had a production cost of 12 000 SEK, of which half has been due to printing and half to mailing.

Utblick's editorial staff has held weekly staff meetings, registered through taking attendance. The staff decided the number of meetings before each term. The meetings have been conducted in the shape of workshops, characterised by open discussions of choice of theme, article contents and design, communal proofreading of each others' contributions, improvement suggestions and friendly feedback. The editors-in-chief did final proofreading, in close cooperation with the designer.

Besides the printed issue of Utblick, the magazine's website has been an important platform for publishing texts that for some reason fell outside of the magazine's framework. The practice for the website has been to publish about one article a week, without the space and theme constraints of the printed issue. During the spring semester, the website was run by a volunteer web editor from the staff, Cemil Orhan, during the autumn semester the editors-in-chief took over his responsibilities.

The editors-in-chief have prioritized the cooperation with HDK's design students with the purpose of establishing good communication with future designers of Utblick. Together with the designer Johan Ahlbäck the magazine's design was distinguished by a recognizable and memorable look, which has improved the magazine's distinctiveness and appeal. As designers are elected annually, starting at the autumn semester, the new designer Julia Andreasson could, after the recruiting process was completed, take over where Johan ended.

Josef Svantesson was the legally responsible editor during 2014. He was also, together with Aiysha Varraich, editor-in-chief during the first three quarters of the year, after which Anja Johansson took over for Aiysha Varraich for the final quarter. All editors-in-chief have represented the board for the duration of their term: when Anja Johansson took over Aiysha Varraich's position as editor-in-chief, she also assumed her spot on the board.



PR COMMITTEE

This year for the PR-committee, a lot has been focused on making the society grow, both in regard to members and by making events more visible. Regarding the number of members and making members more active, the society has been concentrating on attracting young members from high schools around Gothenburg and establishing long-term contacts with the schools. This has been done by co-operation with the student unions, as well as creating contacts with teachers. In May, UF invited high schools to a lecture at the university of Gothenburg where a total of 4 schools and around 60 people participated. UF also started cooperating with Schillerska gymnasiet's student union, which has served as the basis for the work focused on high schools during the autumn.

A second part of gaining new (active) members has been to attract exchange students. Here, the PR-committee has, since the start of this year, arranged a mingle for the society in the start of each semester in the foyer at the faculty of political science, where we have pointed out that we are an international society and open for all students. Furthermore, the UF and the PR committee have continued to communicate in English, both with internal work as well as promoting events and lectures. Class rounds together with Göta student union at the start of semesters have also been a part of the work for gaining new members. This has proven to be very successful and has attracted many new members.

Making the UF events more visible to more people, was during the year about livestreaming larger events, to reach out as a society hosting information tables at large outsider events (as the labor fair SPIRA and Poliforums events), set out a strategy for the usage of social media and to maintain that the external communication would be continued in English.

What activities/lectures has been the most visited?

The one activity with the highest number of attendants during the spring, was the lunch debate with the theme international politics between Jan Björklund (FP) and Jonas Sjöstedt (V). By a large visiting pressure, both before and during the event, the UF managed to gain a lot of members from the event. The debate was also livestreamed, something that was new for this year. Another event that attracted many people was the lecture with Birgitta Ohlsson before the election to the European Parliament. Many of the events that was hosted by Poliforum (where UF is a collaborator) did also they attract many visitors. The major lectures for the autumn have been Leif Pagrotsky from the social democrats, the old minister for defence Karin Enström and the diplomat Anders Lidén.

New during 2014



The cooperation with Poliforum.

UF Gothenburg and the PR committee has been a part of the cooperation with Poliforum (Göta student union, The political science department at Gothenburg University, The Society of International Affairs Gothenburg and Brännpunkt Europa)

The PR-committee was responsible for spreading information about Poliforum and to market their events in newsletters, on the website and in social media. The PR-committee has also been responsible for marketing the Society of International Affairs at these events and arranged info-tables at many of the events.

Social media strategy: The active members of the committee created a group of three people that became responsible for the society's social media. A strategy was created and guidelines for when, where and how to post on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram were also created.

Student ambassadors at High Schools

A major task for the PR-committee during 2014 was to recruit new and younger (active) members to the society by establishing contacts at High schools around Gothenburg. In this work the idea of student ambassadors came up. The idea was to get one or several students to become ambassadors for the society and work as a bridge between the society and the high school.

During the fall the work with High schools has continued. The idea with the student ambassadors has been put aside and instead we have arranged lectures together with student unions and teachers. We have visited 6 high schools around Gothenburg and arranged lectures with lecturers with researchers from Gothenburg University. The response from the High Schools, as well as the researchers has been positive which has increased the number of members under 26 years of age. The students and the student unions have shown great interest and dedication in the lectures as well as the teachers and made the lecture a natural part of the teaching.

The work with member recruitment has also been done at a kick-off, class visits and representation at for example International Day at Handelshögskolan. The work with marketing our events in our digital platforms has also continued. In 2015 we will start cooperating more with Göta Student union and be marketed in their channels.

Purchasing of computer: In 2014 the PR-committee invested in a computer that can be used by all in the Society. The aim is mainly for the Heads of Pr and the active members in the committee to have access to In Design for creating posters, save and reuse material (such as pictures and text for posters, website and social media) more easily since the committee members and heads of PR changes time to time. A



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computer is also a good tool when the society arranges events and/or register new members.



THE SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UFS)

UF Göteborg and the Swedish Association for International Affairs

The Swedish Association for International Affairs, SAIA, is the cooperating body of the societies of international affairs in Sweden. The operating year starts 1st of september, which does not correspond to the year of UF Göteborg. For this reason, the background to this report has been gathered from the current and the past SAIA representatives; Viktoria Lindén (2014-15) and Linnéa Wik (2013-14), respectively.

Topics of importance during the year 2014

The most discussed topics this year has been the following:

1. The association's long term economical stability
2. Remuneration of the treasurer
3. The structure and voting rules of the national board (NB)

These topics are presented in further detail below. Other notable events during 2014 are:

- International Collaboration (IC) was founded at the NB meeting 140309 as a project group, aiming to create cooperation between SAIA and societies of international affairs abroad. At the NB meeting 140907, IC was made an NB committee. The standpoint of UF Göteborg is that the IC is a valued part of the association and that it contributes positively to its long term development.
- The Convention on International Affairs followed by a forum day was held in Uppsala the 11th to the 13th of April. The theme was "The Super Election Year And The Forgotten Foreign Poicy Debate" and the main speakers were Cecilia Malmström and Birgitta Ohlsson. 13 active members from UF Göteborg participated.
- During the "Almedalen week" SAIA had a plentous programme with no less than 8 events, among other things a crisis management excercise in cooperation with the National Defence College and a lecture with Carl Bildt. 5 active members from UF Göteborg participated during the week.
- The annual meeting was held the 25th to the 26th of October at the faculty for Humanities and UF Göteborg was the host society.



1. The association's long term economical stability

The treasurer elected at the election meeting in May 2014, resigned from his post before the operational year 2014-15 was initiated. The reason for this was the idea that the association's economy was so poorly handled that a board member could not be expected to resolve it within the scope of a commission of trust. UF Göteborg did not share this view but has however been driving the developing of the routines concerning the economy of the association.

The discussions regarding the economy comes down to how we can ensure that we maintain the grants from our major donors, the MUCF and Forum Syd, as completions of our statements to them are regularly requested. Efforts to create solid policies regarding this are ongoing during the end of 2014. MUCF has announced that a more profound review of the local societies will be made in 2015. The 2014 board of UF Göteborg has been informed on this and will pass it on to the board of 2015.

2. Remuneration of the treasurer

A discussion regarding the remuneration of a board member to enhance the association's economy was initiated in March. The background to this is the unstable economic situation in recent years. The suggested advantages of a remuneration was partly that it would attract more competent applicants, and partly that it could enhance the continuity on the post as treasurer. An investigation on this was initiated and presented to the annual meeting. However, opinions on this continue to differ and the annual meeting decided to continue the investigation, so that a decision can be made on a more profound base. The SAIA representative of UF Göteborg will be a part of the new investigation group, together with representatives of Lund, Uppsala and Linköping at this point.

3. The structure and voting rules of the national board (NB)

As the NB has grown larger, concerns have been raised regarding the composition of the board. A commonly voiced opinion is that the NB is too big for the work to be carried out in a smooth and time efficient manner. Different suggestions have been put forward:

- that only the presidium shall constitute the NB, and that local representatives will be consulted at separate meetings;
- that a reduced number of local representatives are selected to be on the NB, and that this duty rotates between societies over the years;
- that the NB is constituted by a smaller number of people, where every board member represents several geographically located societies, and that every geographical area gets one vote;
- that half of the presidium are not entitled to vote on the NB, in order to transfer decision making power from the presidium to the local societies



Consensus on this has not been reached. Concerns have been raised regarding the present power allocated to the presidium, where they in theory could get decisions made although only a minority of the local societies support it. At the first board meeting of 2014-15, a compromise was made, which is now part of the NB regulation (§12). The initiative to this was made by UF Göteborg as the discussion had stagnated. It is as follows:

“When voting, at least half of the present local societies must support the decision in the vote for it to be considered valid.”

This means that the power of deciding the future of the association stays in the hands of the local societies. The discussion on this topic is still ongoing, but at a lower intensity than previously after this change was made.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

In the year of 2014, the Association of Foreign Affairs (UF) in Gothenburg integrated a new project of the Model United Nations (MUN) Society into its agenda. This project has been initiated by a few international members of UF Gothenburg with previous MUN experience, who aimed to bring to Gothenburg this missing platform for debating and engaging in international discussions about international relations. At the beginning of its existence, in the period between January and September 2014, the MUN Society Project existed as an integral part of the UF Event Committee. The MUN Project received a great amount of organizational support from the UF Event Committee, assisting with planning and promotion. Moreover, The MUN Society created its own Facebook Webpage (Model United Nations Society in Gothenburg) and received its own email address (modelun@ufgbg.se).

During the first period of its existence (January to September 2014), the MUN Society organized several local MUN trainings, recruitment and promotion events in order to spread the idea of the Model United Nations among students in Gothenburg. Additionally, with the help of the Event Committee, the MUN Society signed up a delegation of 10 delegates for a Model United Nations International Conference in Budapest with the aim to represent the University of Gothenburg and UF Gothenburg abroad. The recruitment process for the conference was a great success as we achieved a significant interest among the students. Accordingly, in April 2014, a strong and culturally diverse delegation from Gothenburg participated at the MUN International Conference in Budapest. Due to the success of this participation, the UF Board in Gothenburg decided to partly reimburse the MUN Society Delegates and move the MUN Project to a higher level. In May 2014, the MUN Society Project had become a part of the UF Board's Agenda and the head delegate from the Budapest MUN delegation became the "Project Leader" as a board member without the right to vote. Thus, during the second period of the MUN Society existence (September 2014 – December 2014), the Society managed to organize several trainings and simulations on the local level with notably higher student participation, intensify its promotion and form delegations for other International MUN Conferences. In November 2014, a delegation of two participants from Gothenburg took part in the International MUN in Malmö. Despite the small delegation size, this conference has been a remarkable experience as well as a good networking opportunity to interconnect with other



MUN Societies in Sweden. Until now, the biggest achievement of the MUN Society has been the participation at the 20th Cambridge International Model United Nations in November 2014. Those interested in participating were asked to write a motivation letter. Unfortunately, we could not meet the great demand from all the students wishing to participate, as the size of our delegation was limited to 8 participants. However through a careful selection process, we managed to form a delegation with great team dynamics, while keeping in mind the importance of the diversity of participant's previous experience as well as the gender balance within the delegation.

ECONOMY



The economy of UF Gothenburg has been strong during 2014, and we end the year with a surplus of 14 000 SEK. This sizeable surplus is explained by the fact that the invoice for the last issue of Utblick was not yet received at the time of closing the books. If this estimated cost would be included, the incomes and expenditures would be more or less balanced.

Incomes	2014	2013
MUCF Statsbidrag	98 510,68	0,00
Forum Syd bidrag	24 677,85	23 963,00
Göta verksamhetsbidrag	2 000,00	1 700
Berghaus projektbidrag	15 000	10 000
Folke Bernadotte bidrag	30 000	25 000
Göteborgs Universitet bidrag	0,00	30 000
Letterstedtska bidrag	0,00	5 000
Inträdesavgifter	6 354,45	6 770
Medlemsavgifter	16 707,98	24 650
Deltagaravgift, Sarajevo	59 740,54	-
Deltagaravgifter, Budapest	12 255,75	-
Deltagaravgiftern, Jordanien	24 125	-
Deltagaravgifter, Cambridge	11 970,72	-
Deltagaravgifter, Almedalen (cen)	5 401,48	-
Ränta	185,68	315,00
Övriga intäkter	9 572,00	4 017
Deltagaravgift, Istanbul (2013)	-	17 612
Deltagaravgift, Köpenhamn (2013)	-	16 954
TOTAL	316 502,13	165 981,00

During this year we have thankfully received five grants. Once again, we were awarded the grant from MUCF, which was to the great relief of the board since it was not paid out in 2013. The number of members was slightly lower than in 2013, which means that the revenues from membership fees are also slightly lower. The annual meeting set the membership fee to 50 SEK, except for high school students, who can become members for free.



The four study trips during the year were financed by a combination of participant fees and the grants from Folke Bernadotte Academy and MUCF.

Expenditure	2014:	2013:
Centralt	-17 863,62	-6 611,00
Evenemang	-7 558,16	-7 362,00
Föreläsning	-41 417,27	-24 082,00
PR	-20 634,66	-17 438,00
Utblick	-38 994,00	-51 116,00
Sarajevoresan	-79 700,07	-
Budapestresan	-23 253,91	-
Jordanienresan	-55 081,00	-
Cambridgeresan	-14 471,50	-
Istanbulresan (2013)	-	-34 510,00
Köpenhamnsresan (2013)	-	-20 695,00
Övrigt (differens mot huvudbok)	-3 233,00	-
TOTAL	-302 207,19	-161 814,00
Result:	14 294,94	4 167,00

The cost effectiveness in printing Utblick, which was done in 2013 has continued to benefit the association, since funds can now be used for other activities. We have prioritized to use the higher incomes to do more trips and get more lecturers from outside Gothenburg to come here. As already mentioned, the lower expenditures for Utblick are explained by that we have only got three invoices from the printing house. Another change has been that the committees have started to purchase meeting "fika" together in big packs, and so this has saved us money on the whole. However since fika has been purchased centrally, the size of central expenditures has also increased. The year ends with a surplus of 14 294,94 SEK, which gives the next board good opportunities to cover the costs for five issues of Utblick.



Capital	Cash	Plusgiro & sparkonto:	Debt:	Total:
Start of year	723,00	85 359,00	-14 261,00	71 821,00
End of year	1 789,00	98 588,10	-10 554,00	89 823,10

The association has 89 823,10 SEK in assets when debts have been taken into account. These debts are the aforementioned Utblick invoice and travel compensation for two lecturers. In addition to this, some travel participants also owe the association some minor sums. The resigning board considers the liquidity to be good and the new board will have good opportunities to start their activities before the grants for next year are paid out.



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