



TRIUMVIRATE

The North American Model Legislature
Querétaro (México), May 30th to June 4th, 2010

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After Ottawa, Mexico, Washington and Montréal, the North American Forum on Integration (NAFI), in collaboration with ITESM-Campus Querétaro, invites you to Querétaro, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, for the Triumvirate 2010. This 5th edition will gather a hundred university students from Mexico, the United States and Canada to participate, from **May 30th to June 4th, 2010**, in an international negotiation exercise in which they will simulate a parliamentary meeting between North American political actors. The legislators will debate themes of a political, economic and environmental nature, while lobbyists will attempt to influence the legislators' decisions and the *TrilatHerald* journalist team analyses the evolution of the debates.

OBJECTIVES

- To bring future Canadian, American and Mexican leaders together in order to experience and take part in an international negotiation exercise.
- To allow participants to familiarize themselves with the functioning of democratic institutions as well as North American political, economic, environmental and social realities.
- To develop the participants' sense of belonging to North America.
- To increase intercultural exchanges and promote the creation of academia networks.
- To inform the current decision makers of the priorities and concerns of North American youth.

Roles

Legislators

Legislators have to face the challenge of representing a country other than their own, which greatly contributes to the development of knowledge. They

Journalists

Daily, a team of journalist prints out a newspaper during the simulation. The *TrilatHerald* covers the developments and evolution of the debates, the

Lobbyists

Lobbyists will have to ensure that the amendments to the resolutions respect the interests of the organization they represent as well as the confidential

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represent Congress at the federal and federated levels, which requires the participants to research the strengths and weaknesses of the entity they are representing. During five days, they must debate and vote in plenary sessions and legislative commissions on resolutions that were previously assigned to them. Daily national caucuses allow the legislators to define their strategies. Legislators are also encouraged to take part in the press conferences in order to share their points of view with the media. A final lobbying session allows them to consolidate alliances and close deals, a few hours before the final vote. At the end of the week, participants fully comprehend the challenges related to international negotiations and better understand North American cooperation realities.

press conferences, and interviews with conference speakers, legislators and lobbyists. The newspaper is distributed to the participants and the partner organizations of the Triumvirate. It is also available on NAFI's website.

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mandate which will be assigned to them by NAFI. Each lobbyist will have to present a memoir within one parliamentary commission; comment on the commissions' work during caucus meetings; take part in the press conferences, and publish an open letter in the *TrilatHerald*. The legislators will seek lobbyists' support for the adoption of the resolutions.



Conference speakers

The Triumvirate offers its participants the opportunity to meet distinguished North American political and academic leaders. In the three first editions, conference speakers, such as former Canadian Ambassador Raymond Chrétien, Inter-American Development Bank President Luis Alberto Moreno, and Dr. Robert A. Pastor, Vice-Director of the American University, helped participants better understand North American issues.

Selection criteria

Each participating university can send a delegation of eight students and an accompanying teacher. The selection process is at the university's discretion but should respect the following criteria established by NAFI. Delegates:

1. Must be graduate or undergraduate students (exempt freshmen undergraduates);
2. Must understand and speak English or Spanish;
3. Must have an interest in North American integration issues.

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