We were there!

CSSI was delighted to sponsor three people to attend the Model United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) hosted by the Global Alliance in Management Education (CEMS) at the University of St. Gallen in mid-May.

Dr. Monika Winn attended as an observer with Anne-Marie Beliveau, who recently received her MA in Dispute Resolution from UVic’s School of Public Administration, and Babak Manouchehrinia, a PhD student in Electrical Engineering.

Each of the 120 student delegates from seven European universities plus the two from UVic was assigned a role in a model climate-change policy negotiation.

“The most valuable part of the model,” reported Anne-Marie, “was meeting with students from different backgrounds and discussing common challenges, information and discussion stemming from speakers.”

“We were impressed by how well students were prepared for the model and how serious they played their respective roles,” Babak added. “The delegate’s determination toward finding a solution for climate change was admirable.”

Women at the table

The UN Global Compact’s Women Empowerment Principles offer guidance on empowering women in the workplace, marketplace and community, making the business case for corporate action to promote gender equality. But it doesn’t stop there. Academic institutions can play a crucial role. The American University in Cairo developed a unique series of initiatives to improve gender balance of corporate boards in Egypt and the Middle East and North Africa region.

Learn more in the PRME blog post of June 8, 2015, Women on Boards – The American University in Cairo.

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