LATEST AUC International Presence...

"EU Disarmament Consortium in Brussels"

Michael Philips, Tamer Saed and Donald Omong, three AUC students, represented the American University in Cairo and the GAPP School in the EU Conference on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in Belgium, Brussels, from September 30-October 2, 2013. Ambassador Dr. Sameh Aboul Enein, professor of disarmament and security studies, organized and led the trip in collaboration with the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) in the UK. The AUC delegate was hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Place Rogier, Brussels.

The students attended a two-day conference where they met and interacted with various world-renowned politicians and academics. They gave well-received contribution on the Middle East and international and regional security at the conference. They also expressed their opinions and gave a presentation at a one-day workshop for future global leaders on the third day.

"We are very pleased to report to the department that our attendance at the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium was much appreciated by all participants and delegates in their respective capacities," says Donald. "The EU Consortium did take a lot of interest in the AUC team because of its exceptional performance."

"The participants were very pleased with our contribution and by the fact that we were well informed on nuclear issues in the Middle East, which they consider to be the most important region in this regard nowadays," comments Tamer.

"Egypt, through AUC, was the best represented country at the conference," notes Michael. "We shared our vision with delegations from all around the world and also made very good friends. We also learned that nonproliferation and disarmament is an issue of great concern to the international community, and I think attention should be increased at our academic circles of it."

The workshop was especially beneficial to postgraduate students/thesis students. Tamer presented a section of his thesis at it and listened to comments from the participants. Ambassador Aboul Enein gave a keynote presentation at the future leaders form workshop on the WMD Free Zone in the Middle East, which was highly appreciated by all.
The students came back with Professor Sameh after adding a very unique educational and professional experience to their lives.

By Tamer Saed