

19 October 2010

Dear Faculty and Students,

We are pleased to invite you to the 28<sup>th</sup> annual World Affairs Conference (WAC) at Upper Canada College in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this year's conference is *21<sup>st</sup> Century Heroes: Toolkit for change in an interconnected world*. The conference will explore the actions our generation needs to take in order to make our global community a better and safer place to live. It promises to inspire exciting and thought-provoking debate. We encourage you to review the enclosed brochure or visit our website at: [www.waconline.org](http://www.waconline.org) to learn more about this exciting conference.

This year's conference will take place on February 7 and 8, 2011. It begins on the night of February 7 with the Lionel Gelber Keynote Address. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Izzeldin Abuelish, a doctor and a Palestinian peace activist. Also, this year's morning panel will include David Frum, a former advisor and speechwriter for President George W. Bush. Past speakers have included Jeffrey Sachs, Thomas Homer-Dixon, Stephen Lewis, Ralph Nader, and Margaret Somerville. On February 8, students will attend a morning panel discussion, two of eight plenary sessions, as well as small group discussions. WAC provides students with a unique opportunity to explore a range of international issues. Through a combination of expert speakers and small group discussions, it affords each student the chance to develop his or her own informed opinions.

Enclosed in this package is the conference brochure, which includes a list of plenary sessions, an itinerary, registration forms, letters from the conference's faculty advisers, heads of registration, accommodations and the principal of Upper Canada College.

Please register your students as soon as possible to ensure delegate spots.

We look forward to your participation in WAC!

Yours truly,



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Dear Faculty Adviser,

An entirely student-organized and student-run event, the World Affairs Conference brings together young people from across Canada and around the world and provides them with a unique opportunity to listen and talk to experts linked to a particular current affairs topic. Just as important, it allows delegates to exchange views with those who may have backgrounds quite different from their own.

As you can imagine, the challenges of defining a topic, booking appropriate speakers, and organizing, feeding, entertaining, and (in some cases) accommodating approximately seven hundred delegates are enormous. Each year, those who attend compliment the professional approach of the student organizers and their commitment to ensuring the best possible experience for their guests. The organizing committee tries to anticipate the needs of our delegates: if there are significant oversights, please bring them to our attention. We are always open to constructive suggestions.

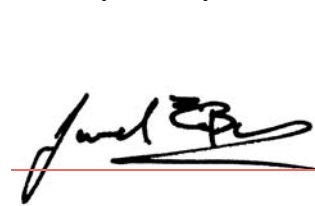
Students and faculty who attend the conference contribute significantly to its success through their enthusiasm, cooperation, and—at times—their patience and understanding. There are certain things that we do request of teachers who bring students to WAC:

- Please register as quickly as possible, providing full information and payment. We realize the timing of the conference presents a challenge for semestered schools and we apologize for the inconvenience.
- The student organizers collect a range of research articles relating to the conference topic; these materials are available on our website ([www.waconline.org](http://www.waconline.org)). The more fully prepared delegates are before the conference, the more they gain from it.
- The faculty advisers for WAC are delighted to assist you and your students in any way possible. Our primary focus is to support the students running the conference—as a result, we are unable to supervise delegates closely. This is the responsibility of the faculty advisers who accompany them.

- Please review with your students the expectations you (and we) have of them. Those staying in the hotel should display courtesy for other guests; those staying with billets should respect the requests of their hosts. During the actual conference, it is important for students to follow instructions, to be punctual, and to remember that talking and unnecessary movement are very distracting for speakers and other delegates.

Should you have any questions about the conference, or, as the conference draws nearer, any concerns about the registration process or other logistics, please do not hesitate to contact one of us by phone or email.


Thank you for your consideration,



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Dear Faculty Adviser,

Welcome to the 2011 World Affairs Conference!

For your convenience, a number of rooms have been set aside at special rates for conference delegates and faculty advisors at the Delta Chelsea Hotel Toronto. The Delta Chelsea is located in the heart of downtown Toronto with easy access via public transportation to the conference site, Upper Canada College. To book rooms, delegations must contact and make payments to the hotel directly. If you are interested in hotel accommodations, please email [wac@waconline.org](mailto:wac@waconline.org) or call (416) 488-1125 ext. 1-2280 for details and special conference rates.

Billeting opportunities with host families from the Upper Canada College and Branksome Hall School communities will continue for this year's conference. For those interested in billeting, the registration deadline will be 10 December, 2010. While every effort will be made to ensure student billeting, no guarantees can be made if registration is received after the above-mentioned deadline. I look forward to seeing you at the 2011 World Affairs Conference. On behalf of the conference executive, I hope you enjoy your stay in Toronto!

Sincerely,



Fredrick Martyn  
Head of Accommodations  
Upper Canada College

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Dear Faculty Adviser,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the heads of registration for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual World Affairs Conference (WAC). We would also like to inform you of the conference website, [www.waconline.org](http://www.waconline.org), which contains directions, dates, times, information and announcements pertaining to the conference.

We encourage you to check the website regularly as additional information will be posted in the months leading up to this year's conference, including resources related to the conference theme. These materials are recommended as preliminary reading for students planning to attend the conference.

Please consult the package materials or the website for details and specifics about conference registration, including early-bird and regular registration deadlines, delegate fees, and accommodations and billeting information.

Annually, WAC hosts over 800 delegates from across the country. In the past years, WAC hosted international students from the United World College of the Adriatic in Duino, Italy. Following the successful 27<sup>th</sup> annual conference, delegate spots will be in demand. It is suggested that you complete your registration forms early to avoid disappointment. Although the maximum delegation size per school is 15 students, exceptions may be made on a request basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience at 416-488-1125 ext. 1-2280 or you can e-mail us at [wac@waconline.org](mailto:wac@waconline.org).

We look forward to welcoming you at this year's conference!

Sincerely,



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## Registration Form

Please complete this registration form for the 2011 World Affairs Conference. **The maximum number of delegates that any one school may register is fifteen (15).** Billeting is available, but only for the night of February 7<sup>th</sup>, and space is limited. In order for your registration form to be processed, all information fields must be completed. Please be advised that **registration without payment cannot be processed.** Cash and cheques payable to Upper Canada College are accepted (please note on your cheque that it is intended for World Affairs Conference registration). If there are special circumstances where difficulties are anticipated with the payment, please contact us at [wac@ucc.on.ca](mailto:wac@ucc.on.ca). Also, please check the website at [www.waconline.org](http://www.waconline.org) for regularly updated information. Registration is 45 CAD per person before December 10, 2010 and 55 CAD after this date. The deadline for billeting is also December 10, 2010. The deadline for registration is January 14, 2011. WAC begins the evening of February 7<sup>th</sup> and continues through the day of February 8<sup>th</sup>. A PDF version of the registration form will be available on the website for e-mail submission, but please do note that places will only be allocated after receipt of the delegate fees.

### 1. General School Information

<b>School Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City:</b>	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Province / State:</b>	<b>Postal / Zip Code:</b>
<b>Telephone #:</b>	<b>Fax #:</b>
<b>Staff Contact's Name:</b>	
<b>Staff Contact Telephone #:</b>	

### 2. Teacher Information

Please provide the name and email address of all teachers who will be attending WAC.

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### 3. Plenary Session List

The theme for the upcoming conference is *"21st Century Heroes: Toolkit for change in an interconnected world"*. Please use the following list of plenary topics to fill in the delegates' registration form. Each delegate should choose **3** plenary sessions **by number** in order of preference (each delegate will attend **2** sessions):

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| 1. Standardized Currency                      | 5. Clash of Civilizations |
| 2. Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Arms Control | 6. Failed States          |
| 3. Genetically Modified Food                  | 7. Climate Change         |
| 4. Technology and Mass Media                  | 8. Arab-Israeli Conflict  |

