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U.N. Club at UIS receives global award

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The University of Illinois Springfield Model United Nations Club received one of the Model U.N.'s highest global awards recently in New York City.

The UIS delegation was one of 17 to win an Outstanding Delegation Award at the 2010 conference, which ended April 3. More than 400 international colleges and universities competed at the event.

Model United Nations is a conference that simulates a U.N. meeting.

"We've been participating for over 25 years in the National Model U.N. Conference, and this is the top award we've got so far," said Driss Elakrich, UIS's head delegate.

Besides Elakrich, students who participated were Priyanka Deo, Alfred Komolafe, Caitlyn Barnes, Gina Massie, James Schweke, John Tienken, Justin Doup, Kelsey Quinn, Margaret Martinotti, Matthew Wright, Nana Mkheidze, Nicole Calcagno and Robyn Stolze. Faculty adviser is Ali Nizamuddin, assistant professor of political science.

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