

World Affairs Conference Letter of Welcome

We welcome all students and their teachers from across the province and from around the Greater Toronto Area to Canada's oldest student-run conference, the World Affairs Conference, with this year's theme being **"The Innovation Game."**

With so many pressing issues in our world today, our objective is to have students examine ideas that are inspiring as well as controversial. On the evening of February 6th, our keynote address from Dr. Aubrey de Grey will examine the topic: "Prognosis for a Post-Aging Planet." In this talk, Dr. de Grey will discuss the ethical, social and political implications we face as we confront a future where radical life extension may become a reality.

While we live in a marvelous time in history, it is also a time of pressing concerns, and so our aim is to connect students with each other and with these issues by presenting the very top thinkers, academics, business people and government leaders who offer solutions to pressing problems of our time.

On the day of the Conference, Tuesday Feb 7th, we have organized the following six plenaries: "Maintaining Canada's Global Presence," "Artificial Intelligence and the New World," "Roadmap to a Sustainable Future," "The New Age of Medicine: Bioinformatics," "The Future of Warfare," and "Technology in the Developing World." Additionally, our opening speaker will provide a discussion on "The Democratization of Space" and our closing speaker's talk will be centred around "The Media of Tomorrow."

In addition to nurturing our student participants' minds, their safety, security and feedback are important to us! This year, our registration is completely online at: <https://world.ac/>. We shall do our best before, during and after the Conference to ensure that all participants are welcomed in a safe, secure, yet stimulating environment.

To that end, please contact our student conference leaders and we shall do our best to respond to any ideas or issues that you may have.

Thanks for being part of this event, and welcome to WAC 2017!

Thank you,
The World Affairs Conference Staff
Faculty Advisor Mr. Gregory McDonald
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