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Dear Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,

The organisational committee of the World Student Environmental Network's Global Summit 2016 would like to invite two delegates from your university to the 9th annual WSEN summit. Keele University and the University of Sussex are honoured to be the first UK universities to host this event - together. The summit will take place between the 25th and 29th of July and this year's theme is 'Sustainability Together'.

"The WSEN Global Summit is being run collaboratively this year to model the guiding themes of the conference: **solidarity** by bridging our differences in values, experiences, and understandings in order to **co-operate** in our efforts to bring about a **sustainable** future. In other words, **Sustainability Together!**" - WSEN International

Planet Earth and its inhabitants are now facing environmental degradation, climate change, and growing inequalities on a global scale. Addressing these issues is vital and the approaches to do so are manifold. These complex challenges are intertwined in multiple political, economic and social structures and therefore need solutions that account for this entanglement. At the summit, students will come from all around the globe to learn from each other in order to drive forward change at their own universities and communities. This year we hope to engage approximately 130 delegates from over 70 universities globally.

There will be a mixture of keynote speaches, workshops, field trips and discussion, and training for action (campaigning, reporting etc). Every student will have to present a project they are involved in or an environmental topic important in their country. Additionally, there will be a dedicated time for them to work on something to implement in their university after the conference.

Please note the following regarding the delegates participation in the summit:

- * All delegate expenses during the five day summit will be covered by the WSEN
- ★ Delegates' travel expenses (to and from the UK) and visa will be covered by their respective universities
- ★ In participating, your institution is ensuring that results and ideas obtained from the conference will be shared with staff and students, thereby benefitting the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and your wider community.





We are asking you to inform your students about this summit and to choose a maximum of four student representatives to apply. We encourage you to choose students from a variety of disciplines, year groups and genders. Our committee will then select two students to attend this fascinating summit as student delegates.

If your University is interested in participating, please reply to this e-mail by the 1st of February 2016 with your name (or the preferred contact for your University), your University's name and contact details. If you do wish to participate, we will then send you an online application pack for the student delegates. Your students will then have to complete the online application by the 23th of March.

We welcome all expressions of interest, and hope the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will consider supporting this worthwhile event.

Kind regards, **Delegates Coordination**

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