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**Personal Report on the Enactus World Cup in Cancun, Mexico 2013**

I would like to sincerely thank you Prof. Maritz for the opportunity to participate in the Enactus World Cup which was held in Cancun, Mexico this year. It is with great excitement and honour to inform you that Enactus South Africa made it to the Semi-finals were classified in the Top 8 countries in the world from a total of 36 Countries.

Personally for me, I really grew from the experience of Mexico. It was not the first time flying overseas, but I have grown to absolutely love travelling. The different cultures that I experience and the people that I meet are potentially life changing in my view. I feel a different way when I'm experiencing beautiful things that I haven't seen before or not accustomed to. It was the first time I flew through Fly Emirates in Dubai, where we had a connecting flight, we had the opportunity of flying with the **Emirates Boeing 777-300ER** which is a double decker plane. Our Destination from Dubai was to JFK Airport in New York and then to Cancun. It was a tiresome flight in the end, but worth it.

We got to Cancun very excited and optimistic and as we stepped out of the airport we got hit by a heat wave denser than Durban on an extremely humid day. We had to adjust to the climate and heat as well as the language barrier, which we eventually caught on (basics to get by).

There were shuttles that took us to our accommodation for the next week, the Magnificent All-inclusive **Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort**. Stretched beautiful white beach overlooking the Caribbean Sea, comprising of an entertainment area for teenagers, a Night club for adults, lounges, numerous pools, and pool activities, numerous bars, ocean activities including JET SKIING which I went on very happily! The possibilities were endless in Cancun. If you plan of going on any future vacations sir, I highly recommend it. Please visit <http://www.moon-palace.com/>

The first night was our Cultural Fair, this was a glamorous event that provides a platform in the form of a stall to showcasing your country and its traditions, also gave the platform for the entire Enactus member to interact and exchange gifts.

Being in Cancun was almost equivalent to being in the Promised Land in my mind. Never had I ever thought of a place such as this. The people were fantastic, hardworking and always at your service. The food was unbelievable, and I'm a lover of food. The Moon Palace had 14 buffet and 'a la carte' restaurants not paying a single cent for anything, any meal, any time.

The week and round of presentations was topped off with an After-party for everyone to give people a platform to Network since the reason we were there was to compete and represent our University and Country, which we did very well and handsomely, gaining the respect of other countries for being respectful and vibrant, always dancing and rejoicing, but also being humble and gracious in defeat.

We also attended and watched panel discussions by Top Leaders and Top to Future-Top Forums, speakers and sessions which provide engagement and collaboration opportunities for us students. Huge business leaders such as **Lord Michael Hastings** (Global Head of Citizenship KPMG International), **Fareed Zakaria** (Host CNN GPS) , **Doug McMillon** (President and CEO of Walmart International) and **Mayra Buvinic** (Senior Fellow United Nations).

Due to South Africa being Ranked in the Top 8 of the 36 countries, comprising of more than 1600 Enactus universities, technicons and institutions world-wide, this means that The University of Pretoria came in the Top 16 teams out of the 1600 Enactus teams, meaning the University of Pretoria is in the top 1.6% of Enactus teams.

**For Results and overview on the World Cup, please visit this page**

<http://enactus.org/worldcup/2013-results/>

I would like to extend my gratitude for the opportunity to take me and my colleague to life-changing, once-in-a-lifetime-experience.

Due to my involvement in Enactus UP and recent selection and induction in the Enactus Executive Committee (EC) for 2014 as their Mentor & Events manager, the EC will continue the drive and determination to make this country a better place and work towards our projects. There is a possibility of winning the National competition again next year where the world cup will be held in Beijing, China.

I would like to speak to you early next year about the chance or possibility in potentially reserving some funds for us Sir, so that we don't have a 'rushed' situation like we did this year. We will always keep the Construction Department on the map as well as the University of Pretoria, who have recognized our brave efforts on this International stage.

I hope to work with you more closely in 2014 sir.

Kind regards,

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