**Participate in the Munich Security Conference – Apply to Become “MSC Junior Ambassador“**

In the run-up to its 2013 edition, the Munich Security Conference is inaugurating the *Munich Security Conference Junior Ambassadors* program. By means of an essay contest, we want to give three dedicated students or young professionals the opportunity to attend next year’s Munich Security Conference. **The program is open to young professionals and students who were born in or after 1984.**

**Essay Topic and Guidelines**

*Which critical issue in security policy has not been high enough on the international community’s agenda? Why should the Munich Security Conference feature this issue (more) prominently in the future?*

**Submissions should not be longer than 7,000 characters** and be written in the style of an op-ed. We expressly welcome a wide range of perspectives and put a premium on original, creative writing and surprising arguments. The winning essays will be published on the conference’s website. We will pay for travel expenses and provide accommodation at a conference hotel for the three winners. We expect the Junior Ambassadors to be willing to share their conference impressions via our website and social media from their perspective as the youngest conference attendees.

**Deadline for entries is Monday, 10 December 2012, 11.59 pm Central European Time.**

You can find additional information as well as the link to the application form on our Facebook page [http://www.facebook.com/MunSecConf](http://www.facebook.com/MunSecConf). In addition to your essay, please also upload a short CV.

The MSC will only notify those contestants that have been selected. The MSC is not accountable for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind occurring with or as a result of the prize, or from participation in the contest.

**About the Conference**

The Munich Security Conference (MSC) is a leading international and independent forum in the field of foreign and security policy. Established in 1962 by Ewald von Kleist, it brings together decision-makers and experts – heads of state and government, foreign and defense ministers, diplomats and other government officials, military leaders, members of parliament, leaders of international and non-governmental organizations, CEOs and other private sector experts, as well as think tankers and academics – from around the world to engage in an intensive debate on current and future security challenges. Since 2008, Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, a senior German diplomat and former Deputy Foreign Minister, has been chairman of the conference. The next MSC will be held from 1 February to 3 February 2013 at Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich.