



PAMUN NEWSLETTER N° 2

Dear Friends,

Back to school for us as well as for all of you, I imagine, I hope your summer vacation was restful and invigorating, and that batteries have been fully recharged! Preparations for **PAMUN 2014** are in full swing here, and my Executive Team is very busy making sure everything will be shipshape when you arrive. The conference has reached full capacity and is bursting at the seams! Please be very reactive with numbers, and let me know when you think you will have a few students less or would like to slightly increase the delegation (not beyond 15!). From now on I will have to “balance” the numbers carefully.

Security Council

Close to two-third of registered schools have requested a Security Council seat. We did our best to try to have a nice mix between schools already weathered in the SC in past years, and new schools who are offered a first go at it.

Typically, schools try to assign to the Security Council one of their more vocal, articulate and experienced student. Don't hesitate to decline, should you feel the task is too daunting for your students.

Accepting the seat implies that the school undertakes to assign a student to all committees of which the country is a member – especially when it concerns the **P-5**.

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| 1. Anatolia College | Chile |
| 2. Anglo-American School Moscow | United States |
| 3. Benenden | Australia |
| 4. British School of Paris | Lithuania |
| 5. Dubaï American Academy | Nigeria |
| 6. Frankfurt International School | Jordan |
| 7. Institut Notre Dame | Chad |
| 8. International School of Basel | United Kingdom |

9. International School of Lausanne	France
10. Lycée Franco-Allemand	Luxembourg
11. Lycée International Saint-Germain-en-Laye	Republic of Korea
12. Mira Costa High School	Rwanda
13. Shrewsbury	China
14. Southbank International School	Argentina
15. Zurich International School	Russia

If you have not received a seat this year, please re-apply again next year, your turn may come.

Please note that the second Issue on the Agenda of the SC is:

Question of how to Address the Challenge of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria)

As last year, SC delegates are not going to participate in the GA on Sunday morning, but rather deal with its Crisis scenario.

Officers' Applications – Gentle Reminder

Applications for Chairing, Press and ICJ-Judge positions are due by **September 29** at the very latest! Only a few have reached us at this point (!) Please do respect the deadline, because decisions will be made soon after, so that schools who need to make complex travel arrangements are not hindered by this dangling issue, and can be told whether their students' applications have been successful or not. Applications will be reviewed throughout the week, and final decisions will be made on Saturday, October 4. Hopefully, I expect to be able to inform the schools by **Monday, October 6** (or earlier during the week-end). Applications can be sent by fax (please state number of pages on coversheet so we can check your fax is indeed complete) or even better through e-mail as attachments. Your attention is drawn to the *additional questionnaire* which the MUN Director is required to complete, on top of his recommendation. This ensures greater comparability between the applications, as well as contributes to focus your attention and that of your students on what is really important in the application.

Please impress on your students that their application letter should be detailed and informative enough to help us make a wise selection, and make also your own recommendation strong and helpful. If you present more than one application for either chair, press or ICJ, please rank the students and justify your ranking, so we may end up with the best possible team of chairs and press (though we may also decide not to follow your ranking!).

We would like to stress that this is one way in which you can make a strong contribution to the quality of the conference, much of which hinges on the chairs. Even if you did not tick off the box on FORM I that you intend to send applications, you may still do so (sometimes such decisions are difficult to make at the end of the school year). Similarly, although we prefer to receive applications from experienced chairs, we are also very much aware that students need also to be given a first chance. In this case, the recommendation should clearly state why you deem the student ready to move up in the MUN hierarchy and why you expect him/her to be successful.

We also expect you to encourage students attracted to law to apply to be judges in ICJ, which is a very demanding and challenging but very rewarding assignment. The ICJ will continue to sit on Sunday morning during the GA, and will entertain no crisis. Students in this committee are counted as part of the school delegation, but need to apply to be members (they will be entered by us in the database and will figure on FORM II when it opens).

We also urge you this year to be particularly mindful of the fact that, in an attempt to fully professionalize the Press Team, we have decided on a significant boost and established a specific **Press Workshop** in preparation for the conference. Please take a moment to reflect which of your club members would benefit/or be willing to apply to the Press Team, or whether students who are not part of MUN but are active in the School newspaper could be a good match for the Press Team. Officers do not count as part of the delegation, if appointed (it is a nice way to involve in PAMUN more students than the allotted numbers).

I remind you that **ALL** applicants for Chair & Press positions undertake to travel to Paris so that they can participate fully in the **Officers' Workshop** (whether Chairs or Press) on **Thursday, December 4** (Please, no late arrivals in the morning! Students need to be present for the entire workshop). This is imperative to secure quality chairing and overall coordination between chairs, as well as appropriate coordination within the Press team. Appointed Chairs should immediately upon receiving news of their appointment, contact the Secretary General, **Mallika Bhandari**: pamun2014SG@asparis.fr to start the ball rolling. Appointed Chairs will be required to research the topics on their committee and provide Preambulatory Clauses for the resolutions. Appointed Press should send their acceptance to the Joint Editors-in-Chief, **Natasha Lodhi**: nalodhi@asparis.fr and **Marelle Ruijgrok**: maruijgrok@asparis.fr and could be required to write an article or two ahead of the conference.

In small committees, we will appoint two Co-Chairs. In big committees we will appoint a President and two Deputies.

General Assembly Topic

The topic for the GA on Sunday morning has been finalized. It is:

Measures to uphold the culture and autonomous rights of Indigenous Peoples

See below – Procedural Reminder regarding the GA debate.

Research Reports

Research Reports will be available on our website next week. The Report for the GA topic, as well as the report on the second Security Council topic, which have both just been set, will be posted at a later date.

The Secretary General and her three DSGs have been very efficient and produced detailed and helpful Research Reports for all committees. The Reports are both aimed to focus the delegates' thinking and clarify the intentions behind the formulation of the topics on the agenda, as well as to kick-start the delegates on their research. MUN Directors may download the complete version of the Research

Reports for their own benefit. Students should be directed to access the Issues on the Agenda page on our website <http://asp-edu.net/pamun/> and download the section which concerns their committee. The better prepared are the delegates, the more efficient will be their performance and the greater pleasure and pride they will derive from their participation. Please instruct also delegates about the rules of procedure and encourage them to speak up and take a proactive stand.

Procedural Reminder

Please remind delegates that at PAMUN conference, they are not expected to arrive with full-fledged resolutions. One or two solid clauses with which to caucus and kick-off the debates is all that is required. Resolutions are expected to emerge from the debates in the committees, as the debate is clause by clause and not on a full-fledged resolution. The final resolution is expected to emerge from the collaborative efforts in committees.

An exception to this rule is implemented in the last few years in the GA, in the hope it will enhance the level and interest of the debate. Students who wish to actively participate in the GA debate should come to the conference with a draft resolution. They should:

- Inform the Secretary General, **Mallika Bhandari**, (pamun2014SG@asparis.fr) of their intention to do so before the end of October
- Send the completed draft as an attachment to the SG by November 25 at the very latest
- Undertake to spend additional time during the conference lobbying, merging, etc ... in preparation for the GA debate, upon instructions and guidance from the SG

FORM II Online – Open on Monday, October 6

This is where you are going to select the country or countries you are going to represent, and assign your students to represent a country in a particular committee. Once you are done, clicking on “Validate Form II” completes the process and generates an invoice which you may either print from the screen or download. You can make modifications to your FORM II until **November 3** at no cost. You may therefore access your FORM II anytime and juggle the delegation a bit – within constraints. After November 3, all modifications will have to be sent to the Administrator by e-mail, and will be billed to the school **15 Euros**. PLEASE try to minimize such modifications, which are a big hassle for the Admin trying to get everything shipshape and printing badges & certificates that have to be redone in a hurry.

You will access FORM II by clicking on the FORM II button on our website: <http://asp-edu.net/pamun/> scrolling down to your school on the school list and logging on with the password you provided on FORM I. The password is attached to the school and not to the MUN Director, so if the Director has changed, you can still access the form. If you’ve forgotten your password, e-mail me and I will provide you with a new password of my own (I have no access to the actual password list).

Form II is accompanied by a detailed instruction how to complete it properly. I suggest you read it carefully and maybe download it to keep it handy. If you follow the instructions closely, completing the FORM II should be a piece of cake!

I suggest, when choosing your countries online, that you be mindful of the Issues on the Agenda of the different committees, and that your choices also reflect what you know is the capability of your students.

Accommodation

Paris has a lot of hotels for all budgets, and should you be refused by our partners, a quick browsing on the Internet should provide you with plenty of opportunities. You should know however that many trade exhibitions and conferences take place at the same time in Paris, and you should not leave it to the last moment to secure accommodation for your delegation. Our partner hotels have not yet filled their quota, and first come – first served!

Payments

Most of you have been diligent in paying their first Invoice – Thank You. I remind you that payments are due by mid-September. Additional fees may be generated by completing Form II. Paying the fees ahead of time will save unnecessary hassle at the conference. However, adjustments can be made at the conference desk instead of bothering with unnecessarily repeated bank fees. Please be sure to have with you proof of payment at the conference, should there be any issue with it. If you pay by bank transfer, your school should be clearly identified (I have already several unidentified transfers on record – if your school and the paying organism are different, please send me a note about this to facilitate identification and correct attribution). Once you are sure that, even though the students may still shift between committees, the overall number will remain stable, you should click on the Invoice button at the bottom of the Form II, and urge your business office to efficiently pay the bill. Your Invoice should show the amount you already paid – if you paid and it doesn't show this, it might be because your transfer was unidentified – let me know and we'll sort it out.

O-MUN

We have entered a partnership with Online MUN (see Newsletter n° 1). French schools preparing their students for PAMUN should expect to receive very soon an invitation for our first online debate, and should encourage very strongly their students to avail themselves of this training opportunity.

WHEW!!! I hope this takes care of most of the necessary information.

Don't hesitate to inquire, by e-mail or by phone, or to clarify an obscure point (especially new schools!)

One last Newsletter should be expected in mid-November.

With Hearty MUN Greetings,

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