



## 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 2017** are in full swing here, and my Executive Team is very busy making sure everything will be shipshape when you arrive.

For the first time this year, the conference has not reached full capacity; we still have a few spots open and we are still recruiting a few new schools. What this means for you is that, contrary to past years, schools wishing to increase their delegation to PAMUN may do so. Please email me so that I may modify your numbers on the database before FORM II opens.

### SECURITY COUNCIL

A little more than half of all registered schools have requested a seat in the Security Council (35), so we could satisfy only less than half that number. We tried to have a nice mix of “old hands” and new schools (please send me a note accepting this assignment):

- 5 schools never had a seat in our SC
- 5 schools had no seat last year but had a seat twice in the last four years
- 5 schools had a seat last year, as well as a seat twice in the last four years

American School of London

American School Of Milan

American School of Paris

Anglo-American School of Moscow

CLIP-Opporto International School

Haberdashers' Askes Boys' School

Institut Notre Dame

International School of Paris

Istanbul International Community School

Lycée International St-Germain-en-Laye

Shrewsbury

Japan

Egypt

Russian Federation

United Kingdom

Italy

China

Ukraine

Bolivia

Uruguay

Sweden

United States

Sir William Perkins School	Senegal
Strothoff International School	Ethiopia
Woodbridge School	France
Zurich International School	Kazakhstan

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.

Schools which have received a seat in the SC should please promptly confirm their acceptance of this assignment by email.

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:

***Creating a Framework for Lasting Peace in the Korean Peninsula***

As last year, SC delegates are not going to participate in the GA on Monday morning.

## INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Advocate teams have been appointed and are busy at work already:

- American School of Paris      Caroline Mashka & Alia Hadjar      Representing the US
- Ecole Jeannine Manuel      Tiffanie Septier & Chloe Billiotte      Representing Iran

Unfortunately, we have not received any applications for ICJ officers. Should you have students with ICJ experience, either as advocates or as judges, please encourage them to apply now. Students without ICJ experience but interested in this committee should be encouraged to apply for a Judge position.

## OFFICERS' APPLICATIONS - GENTLE REMINDER

Applications for Chairing, Press and ICJ-Judge positions are due by **September 25** 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 beginning of the week, and final decisions will be made on Saturday, **September 30**. Hopefully, I expect to be able to inform the schools in time before FORM II registration opens on Monday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Applications need to be sent 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 emphasize 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. 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). Please be also mindful, that we were unable to fill the positions of President, Vice-President/Registrar of the ICJ, and therefore these positions are still open.

We also urge you to be particularly mindful of positions open in the Press Team. 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, November 30** (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, **Nicolas Julian**: [pamun2017sg@asparis.fr](mailto:pamun2017sg@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 Editor-in-Chief, **Lenoy Christy**: [lechristy@asparis.fr](mailto:lechristy@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.

It may happen, depending on your own school calendar, that appointed Officers may be on Autumn Break. Please impress upon them the need for them to be reactive, to check their emails and respond. This applies to MUN Directors too, when you receive the list of appointments !

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOPIC

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

***Global Warming - going beyond Paris (COP21) and Marrakech (COP22)***

See below - Procedural Reminder regarding the GA debate.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

Research Reports are currently being posted progressively, and will be available on our website by **September 15**. 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, by mid-October.

The Secretary General and his four 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 further 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 **Nicolas Julian**: [pamun2017sg@asparis.fr](mailto:pamun2017sg@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 14** 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.

Gentle reminder regarding "Bloc Politics" - caucusing at PAMUN (refer to our website):

Students in their committees as well as in the GA will be encouraged to caucus in their "Blocs", before they cross lines to enlist support of other countries belonging to different blocs. Chairs will be mindful of the existence of such blocs, and will allocate time for such caucusing to occur, as necessitated by issues on the agenda and the development of the debate in the committee. Research Reports will likewise endeavor to highlight such bloc positions.

In their preparation for the conference, students are strongly urged to make themselves aware not only of their own country policies and positions, but also of the bloc to which it belongs. Delegates willing to do so may discover that the leverage they acquire on the debates and on their outcomes is multiplied when buttressed by other countries from their bloc. Students who do not get the floor as often as they wish may also find satisfaction in their active participation in their bloc unmoderated caucus.

## FORM II ONLINE - OPEN ON **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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<sup>rd</sup>** at no cost. You may therefore access your FORM II anytime and juggle the delegation a bit - within constraints. After November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 have 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 of the capability of your students. As a matter of courtesy between fellow Directors, schools coming with a very small delegation (5-7 students) are advised to abstain from choosing a major country, whose absence in the committees they are not manning may be disruptive to the debate, and encouraged to choose a smaller country (Togo rather than Nigeria - no offense intended).

## ACCOMMODATION

Paris has a lot of hotels for all budgets. This year, for the first time, we have not come to an agreement with our usual partner hotels, because last year very few of you availed yourselves of the opportunity, and most preferred to make their own arrangements. The 5<sup>th</sup> arrondissement in Paris, where the conference is held, and its neighboring 6<sup>th</sup>, have a lot of hotels on offer, but since they are relatively small, you should take your own pick according to your budget. One such place is the Hotel Marignan, [reserv@hotel-marignan.com](mailto:reserv@hotel-marignan.com) which you could contact for a quote, but no more than two or three delegations may be housed there. They may, however, have suggestions for other partners to contact.

## SAT TESTING

I draw your attention to the (unfortunate) fact that Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, is an SAT testing day. The American School of Paris is an official public testing center, and students from abroad wishing to take their test could in principle register to do so at our school - resulting in their absence from their committees on Saturday morning. I leave the decision entirely to the students and to you, whether this makes it worth their while to travel to Paris and participate in the conference, or if they had better relinquish their spot in the delegation to another student who does not take the SAT test.

## 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.

With Hearty MUN Greetings,

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