



NEWSLETTER N° 3 (AND LAST 😊!)

Dear Friends,

It is PAMUN season, with the conference looming ahead in little less than three weeks (😊!) Some of you may already be packing (!) or attending to last minute details. We are also intensifying and wrapping up our preparations - FORM II online is now closed. This Newsletter concerns last minute details.

Should you need to reach me at any time immediately before (or during) the conference, you may call the following number: +33 (0)6 30 29 47 29 or text me.

POSSIBILITY TO EXTEND DELEGATION SIZE

Some of you have been inquiring recently about the possibility to slightly extend the size of your delegation by a few delegates. This might indeed be possible, within reason. Please send me an email to that effect. As FORM II is now closed, this will have to be done manually from our side (with no penalty fee incurred, obviously).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT RESOLUTION

I remind you that, while PAMUN rules of procedure call for clause by clause debate in the committees, the GA on Sunday deals with an issue of its own - and does not simply revisit committees' resolutions (refer to Issues on the Agenda). In order for this to be successful, delegations which are working on a draft resolution should inform Nicolas Julian, the SG (pamun2017SG@asparis.fr), who will put in contact delegations working in the same spirit for early online lobbying (easiest would be to all share in a Google Doc). There will also be some time for lobbying on Friday and Saturday. Advance notice to the SG is absolutely essential, so that we keep tight oversight on what is brewing😊! The GA Research Report is posted on the website. Please refer to it.

BLOC POLITICS

Our first newsletter informed you that we'd like to try out bloc caucusing at PAMUN:

“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.” http://www.unimun.org/unimun_hb_4.pdf

You will find at the end of this Newsletter, as well as on our website, the list of blocs for the conference. The exercise of placing all countries in blocs is not an easy one, and we had to accept some compromises and approximations. This is far from perfect, but will be refined in the coming years if this experiment is deemed to be successful. **Please instruct your delegates about their blocs.**

FEES - GENTLE REMINDER

I would ask all of you to please come to the conference with a proof of payment from your business office, if your payment doesn't figure on your invoice. If there is a leftover due, please come with a check or cash to pay the difference at the conference desk (sorry, we can take no credit cards). Penalty fines do not appear on the invoice, but schools which have to make last minute changes to their registration need to remember to come with payment (15 Euros for each change). I also still have a few unidentified transfers! Let's try to make this quick and easy, so it doesn't take up too much of our time during the conference. Nina Tapie, my valiant Database Wizard who took over from Jessica, will be in charge of collecting your payments this year, thus freeing me of this chore☺!

Unfortunately, due to a collapse in numbers of participants, we will be unable to do refunds this year.

REGISTRATION ON FRIDAY MORNING

We are planning to hold the Opening Ceremony at 9.30 sharp, and in the last few years we were able to do so “on the dot”. In the past, entering UNESCO premises involved a cumbersome Security check. This is not required at our new venue.

In order to plan for your arrival at Palais de la Mutualité, make inquiries at your hotel about travel times, and do not aim to arrive just 5 minutes before we plan to start.

Palais de la Mutualité is in the 5th arrondissement, 23 rue Saint Victor, corner rue Monge. The nearest Metro stop is Maubert-Mutualité on line 10. Saint-Michel stop on line 4 is also within walking distance. Jussieu on line 7 is just a bit farther off but still within walking distance. In order to plan your travels in Paris, it is best to consult: http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_21879/visiting-paris/

NOTE PAPER

Please remember to hand-in at registration an exemplar of the notepaper(s) which will be used by your delegation(s) - more than one if, as is the case for most of you, you represent more than one country. I know that some countries are split between schools and will therefore have different notepaper in different committees. This does not seem to be a problem. As has been explained, we aim with this measure to avoid inappropriate “jokes”. Typically, sober & professional notepaper bears the name of the country (and eventually its flag), the names of the students representing it in various committees, and the name of the school. No mottos or slogans

THURSDAY PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Chairs will receive an e-mail from the SG, Nicolas Julian, with a rough schedule of the Workshop, and Press Team should receive a similar communication from our Editor-in-Chief and Head of Press, Lenoy Christy. Please just make sure that both Chairs and Press are aware that the Friday pre-conference workshops start sharp on the dot (9 o'clock for the Chairs and 9:30 for the Press) - and take place at the Palais de la Mutualité, 23 rue Saint Victor, 75005 Paris. The workshops are scheduled until around 6 o'clock, and my team is planning an early dinner for socializing and bonding directly after the workshop.

MUN DIRECTORS MEETING

There will be a Directors meeting on Friday at 11:15 am in the Faculty Lounge. There are a few very important items to discuss, and it is imperative that all schools have at least one MUN Director planning to attend. The meeting will last about 40 minutes.

LUNCHES

The conference venue is surrounded by restaurants of all kinds and prices. Many have menus for first and second course, or second and third course, for 12-15 € (or less for only one main course). You may get a Subway sandwich, a donner kebab or a burger for even less, but of course it depends on the weather if you can sit out on a bench to eat. We will provide lists of restaurants and street plans at the conference.

There will be no eating at the conference venue - apart from the coffee breaks, and students should be instructed to keep food out of the committee rooms, the hallways and the staircases.

PICTURES

Participants may have their picture taken during the conference, and the picture may be used in our printed *MUNIFICENCE* Newspaper, as well as its online version during the conference, but may also subsequently be used in promotional documents, or published to adorn our website. Should any participant wish to affirm his "right on image" and refuse to lend himself to such use of his pictures, we should be told so before the conference. Otherwise, we will assume that no opposition has been voiced. (I remind you that the Participation Agreement which was signed and sealed by all schools also had a sentence to that effect)

Ouriel RESHEF

Bloc Politics

NATO & Others	South African Development Community	Arab League/OPEC	Asian Cooperation Dialogue	Pacific Islands Forum	Mercosur/Pacific Alliance	Commonwealth of Independent States
Albania	Botswana	Angola	Afghanistan	Australia	Antigua and Barbuda	Armenia
Andorra	Benin	Algeria	Bangladesh	Federated Sates of Micronesia	Argentina	Azerbaijan
Austria	Burkina Faso	Bahrain	Bhutan	Fiji	Bahamas	Belarus
Belgium	Burundi	Comoros	Brunei	Kiribati	Barbados	Georgia
Bosnia Herzegovina	Cameroon	Djibouti	Cambodia	Nauru	Belize	Kazakhstan
Bulgaria	Cape Verde	Ecuador	China	New Zealand	Bolivia	Kyrgyzstan
Canada	Central African Republic	Egypt	East Timor	Papua New Guinea	Brazil	Moldova
Croatia	Chad	Equatorial Guinea	India	Republic of Marshall Islands	Chile	Russia
Cyprus	Cote D'Ivoire	Eritrea	Indonesia	Republic of Palau	Colombia	Tajikistan
Czech Republic	Democratic Republic of Congo	Gabon	Japan	Samoa	Costa Rica	Ukraine
Denmark	Ethiopia	Iran	Laos	Solomon Islands	Cuba	Uzbekistan
Estonia	Gambia	Iraq	Malaysia	Tonga	Dominica	
Finland	Ghana	Jordan	Maldives	Tuvalu	Dominican Republic	
France	Guinea	Kuwait	Mongolia	Vanuatu	El Salvador	
Germany	Guinea Bissau	Lebanon	Myanmar		Grenada	
Greece	Kenya	Libya	Nepal		Guatemala	
Guyana	Lesotho	Mauritania	North Korea		Haiti	
Hungary	Liberia	Morocco	Oman		Honduras	
Iceland	Madagascar	Nigeria	Pakistan		Jamaica	
Ireland	Malawi	Oman	Philippines		Mexico	
Israel	Mauritius	Qatar	Singapore		Nicaragua	
Italy	Mozambique	Saudi Arabia	South Korea		Panama	
Latvia	Mali	Somalia	Sri Lanka		Paraguay	

Lichtenstein	Namibia	Sudan	Thailand		Peru	
Lithuania	Niger	Syria	Vietnam		St Vincent and the Grenadines	
Luxembourg	Rep of Congo	Tunisia			St. Kits and Nevis	
Macedonia	Rwanda	Turkmenistan			St.Lucia	
Malta	Seychelles	United Arab Emirates			Suriname	
Monaco	South Africa	Venezuela			Trinidad and Tobago	
Montenegro	Swaziland	Yemen			Uruguay	
Netherlands	Sao Tome and Principe					
Norway	Senegal					
Poland	Sierra Leone					
Portugal	South Sudan					
Romania	Togo					
San Marino	United Republic of Tanzania					
Serbia	Uganda					
Slovakia	Zambia					
Slovenia	Zimbabwe					
Spain						
Sweden						
Switzerland						
Turkey						
United Kingdom						
United States						

Possibly, in some committees, countries in the Pacific Alliance Forum may join the Asian Cooperation Dialogue.

Typically, in each committee, the chairs will specify how many signatures from their own bloc and how many from one other bloc, each clause will have to have before being submitted.

Special Conference on the future of the EU is restricted to EU members, so this doesn't concern this committee.