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AMUN Celebrates 20 Years of Model UNing!

Brian Endless
AMUN Founder & Executive Director

On 25 October 1990, AMUN was born. Our first conference was the product of more than a year of planning by some very experienced Model UNers who had their starts at other conferences. We came together to put on a collegiate conference in the fall (which was rare in those days!), and to put on the first ever collegiate Model UN in Chicago. Those first 19 AMUN staffers put on a great event for the huge crowd of 180 representatives in atten-

dance, from a whopping 17 schools. Now 20 years later, we have over 100 volunteer staffers, with an estimated group of over 1,500 delegates in attendance from over 100 schools. It's been quite a run over those 20 years!

AMUN has seen a lot in our two decades of life. We started at the end of the Cold War, and very soon saw the Berlin Wall fall and the super-power conflict come to a peaceful end. We role played along as Iraq invaded Kuwait, and as the UN responded. We also saw the horrors of Somalia, Yugoslavia, and Rwanda, among

other places. On the more positive side, we witnessed the Oslo Peace Accords. And those were all in our first four years of existence.

Our respect for the representatives brings up an underlying philosophy that has been very important to us over the years. While we try to make AMUN as realistic and as much like the UN as possible, in the end this conference is not about the staff. It is about you, the students attending the conference each year. You do the research to represent your country. You are considered the expert on

that country's policies. You and your school pay to attend the conference. And when you walk in the door of AMUN, whether it was in 1990 or now in 2009, YOU are the Distinguished Representative who deserves the best possible experience that our staff can provide. You are our customers, we do this for you, and we thank you for joining us at AMUN.

AMUN has educated over 14,000 students over our first 20 years. They have gone on to graduate schools, law schools and successful careers, as we know those of you read-

ing this in 2009 will as well. Our hope is that they took a piece of AMUN with them throughout life, and that the things they learned in preparing for and attending this conference for a year or two remain valuable lessons. And perhaps one day, maybe even now, some former AMUN delegate will be moving about in the "corridors of power" in the US, the UN or elsewhere in the world. We hope that when you leave AMUN, you continue to use something of your experience here, and that it helps you to make the world around us better for everyone.

If AMUN has been a success over the long term, it's because our participants enjoyed the experience and told others about us - whether at your schools or at other conferences that you attend. Growth alone has never been our goal. Rather we have always wanted to create a Model UN experience that people want to attend, and your presence here is in part a tribute to that long-term success.

Thank you very much for joining us in our 20th Anniversary year, and have a great conference!



Welcome One! Welcome All!

20th Annual AMUN Conference Is Now in Session

Christina Bates
Secretary-General

On behalf of the Secretariat, I would like to welcome you to the 20th American Model United Nations International Conference. Our goal over the next four days is to provide you with a learning experience unavailable anywhere else - an experience that no classroom can provide.

As distinguished Representatives of the nations you are representing, your goal over the next four days is to promote the interests of your government while striving to uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter. You will find yourself con-

fronting people, concepts and principles that pose direct challenges to your pursuit of that goal. Diplomacy will provide the tools to address these challenges.

The issues and challenges facing the delegations at AMUN are as crucial as they have ever been. Our agenda this year spans nearly the full breadth of topics that the organs of the United Nations are considering today, including fundamental issues of human rights, economic development, and global security.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the issues facing the world. Crafting policies and

solutions that will have a positive effect on the global community and will be acceptable by a consensus of the Member States is a daunting task. The challenges of diplomacy are some of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations. I know that each of you is up to the task that lies before you, and I hope you find the process, as well as the end result, both rewarding and enjoyable. If there is anything that I, or any of the AMUN Secretariat, can do to improve your experience, please do not hesitate to let us know.

By Whose Authority?

Rachel Peterson
Under-Secretary-General for Research

AMUN prides itself on simulating the United Nations' proceedings in the "real world." To facilitate this, AMUN staff members are trained to review draft resolutions to make certain they are within purview. AMUN Dais staff will review resolutions to ensure they are focused and within the scope of the committee's or council's ability to address for the particular topic. Since every Member State has a seat in each GA committee, it is important that the points of discussion do not overlap, especially if the topic is very broad. Thus even if two or more committees are discussing a general topic, each committee is made responsible for discussing a very specific point or aspect of that topic.

For example, the Fourth Committee may discuss the Israel-Palestine conflict with

regard to its political components. However, issues concerning the legal consequences of the conflict should be left to the Sixth Committee and the Security Council would address issues relating to warfare and sanctions. Therefore, Representatives in each committee should take care not to expand the discussion of any topic beyond the limitations set by their committee's mandate into another committee's area of discussion.

Rapporteurs and Home Government members are trained to help representatives ensure their draft resolutions are within the purview of their committee to discuss. Representatives are encouraged to speak with their Rapporteur or with Home Government, including the Special Rapporteurs, if they have any questions or concerns about their resolution being within purview.

56 Countries to be Honored

The following countries submitted complete position papers for the 2009 AMUN Conference by our deadline and will receive an award for their accomplishment. Congratulations!

- Algeria - Univ. of St. Thomas
- Armenia - Belmont Univ
- Austria - Luther Coll.
- Azerbaijan - North Dakota State Univ.
- Bolivia - Park Univ.
- Bosnia-Herzegovina - Western Kentucky Univ.
- Brazil - California State Univ. - Sacramento
- Burkina Faso - Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison
- Cape Verde - Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison
- Chile - McMurry Univ
- China - Mount Union Coll.
- Cuba - Johnson County Community Coll.
- Dominican Republic - Abilene Christian Univ.
- Egypt - Calvin Coll.
- Estonia - Austin Coll.
- Ethiopia - Univ. of La Verne
- Ghana - Univ. of Arizona
- Greece - Muskingum Coll.
- Guinea-Bissau - Austin Coll.
- Iceland - Wayne State Coll.
- Indonesia - National Chengchi Univ.
- Iraq - Univ. of Cincinnati
- Italy - Western Kentucky Univ.
- Jamaica - Johnson County Community Coll.
- Jordan - Coll. of Wooster
- Kazakhstan - Alverno Coll.
- Kenya - Luther Coll.
- Luxembourg - Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison
- Malawi - Westminster Coll.
- Malaysia - North Central Coll.
- Mali - Gustavus Adolphus Coll.
- Mauritania - Missouri State Univ.
- Mexico - Beloit Coll.
- Mongolia - Univ. Metropolitana
- Montenegro - Bluefield St.
- Morocco - Grinnell Coll.
- Niger - Columbia Coll.
- Pakistan - Coe Coll.
- Portugal - Austin Coll.
- Republic of Moldova - Univ. of Arizona
- Rwanda - Truman State Univ.
- Saudi Arabia - Denison Univ
- Somalia - Missouri State Univ.
- South Africa - Augustana Coll.
- Spain - Northern Illinois Univ.
- Sudan - Collin Coll.
- Sweden - East Texas Baptist Univ.
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Univ. of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
- Turkey - Elmhurst Coll.
- Uganda - Eastern Michigan Univ.
- United Kingdom - Hendrix Coll.
- Yemen - Univ. of Illinois
- Zimbabwe - Coll. of Wooster

SAFETY at AMUN

American Model United Nations (AMUN) places extreme importance on the safety of our participants and guests. We hope that you have an excellent and fun learning experience while at the Conference, but encourage everyone to consider safety issues in and around the Conference hotel. We also suggest that you follow several common sense rules to keep all participants safe during the conference. These include:

- As a general rule, do not leave the hotel grounds without letting your group know how to find you.
- Always let one of the leaders

of your group (faculty, club or organization officer, etc.) know where you are going

prior to leaving the hotel or area around it (to visit local friends or relatives, etc.).

- Never leave the hotel alone, especially after dark.
- Always travel with at least one person that you know.
- Always remove your name tag prior to leaving the hotel so as not to advertise yourself as a “tourist.”
- Help other participants to be safe by encouraging others to not travel outside of the hotel alone.
- Inform one of the leaders of your group immediately if you have a safety concern. Remember that safety should always be more im-

portant than avoiding minor embarrassment to you or another person.

Please feel free to contact the AMUN staff at any time during the Conference, day or night, if any emergency or similar event occurs where we can be of assistance. We can be reached in Room 4J, located on the fourth level of the Hilton Hotel, or find any Secretariat member wearing a blue badge. If an emergency occurs that requires immediate help, you should also feel free to contact Hotel Security by dialing “0” and asking the operator for “security.”

AMUN’s goal is to provide an educational, fun and safe experience for everyone -- and we appreciate your help in reaching that goal!

Diplomatic Courtesy Starts in Your Suitcase

Mary Beth Brennan Seng
Associate Executive Director

The appearance of participants at AMUN provides the first impressions of their delegation to other Representatives. Attention to proper appearance sets an expectation for professionalism and competence. In order to demonstrate respect to fellow Representatives, Secretariat members, and distinguished guests of the Conference, AMUN requires Western business attire during all

formal sessions, including the final General Assembly sessions on Tuesday.

As noted on pages 3-4 of the *AMUN Rules and Procedures* handbook, AMUN’s dress code is defined as follows: Western business attire is a business jacket or suit, dress slacks (or a skirt for women), dress shirt (with a tie for men), and dress shoes. Attire should follow the rule of being appropriate for visiting an embassy. Revealing dress shirts that expose excessive bare skin on the

chest or stomach are not appropriate. Sweaters are generally considered too casual for Western business attire. Clothing that reveals undergarments in any way, including being too tight, is not appropriate. AMUN will not consider any manner of dress appropriate which includes T-shirts, jeans, shorts, hats, athletic shoes or any form of commercial advertising.

Participants also shall not wear the traditional or religious garb of any state or organization. The

only exception to this is required traditional or religious garb from a Representative’s personal religion or culture. Additionally, participants should not affect the mannerisms, linguistic characteristics, or any other perceived traits of a state or culture that they are representing. These affectations are inappropriate and may be seen as offensive by other students, or by natives of that State or culture.

Please be aware that Representatives who are not appropriately at-

tired or who do not follow these rules may not be recognized during formal debate in any AMUN simulation. Further, AMUN reserves the right to refuse admittance to the Conference floor to any Representative who is inappropriately attired or who violates the above provisions. Decisions of appropriate attire and professional behavior are at the ultimate discretion of the Secretariat. *The AMUN Staff looks forward to seeing you in your best attire!*

PLANT THE SEED OF WORLD PEACE!

Visit our Conference Services booth anytime throughout the conference to purchase AMUN items and accessories to start spreading the peace.

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Got Peace? T-Shirt - \$15
Phenology T-Shirt - \$15
Logo Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$10
UN Charters - \$3
Blue Badge Holder - \$1
Mouse Pad - \$3
AMUN Rules and Procedures Book - \$1
Got Peace? Winter Set - \$15/\$6 each

Key Chain - \$4
AMUN Issues Book - \$1
Got Peace? Button - \$1
Tote Bag - \$6
Got Peace? Mug - \$10
UN Lapel Pins - \$6
Water Bottle - \$6
Logo Cup - \$3

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