



SPECIAL SESSION FOR FACULTY ADVISORS

Join Dr. Jarret Jobe from the University of Oklahoma as he leads a faculty discussion on Model UN Classes in the Mayfair Room at 10:00 a.m.

LATE NIGHT CAUCUS AREA

The River Exhibition Hall B on the lower level will be open from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. for any of our Representatives to use for socializing.

AMUN STAFF INFORMATION SESSION

The last information session for those of you interested in joining AMUN staff will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayfair Room.

Committee & Council Updates

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY

Representatives of the General Assembly Concurrent Plenary are preparing for a week of political debate, they are discussing efforts to control and eliminate malaria in developing countries, especially in Africa, by 2015.

GA FIRST COMMITTEE

First Committee Representative Patrick Reilly of Brazil introduced Brazil's three-part Project TAN, standing for Treaty Association Non-Proliferation, to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. Both concern and support surrounding the plan have been voiced.

GA SECOND COMMITTEE

After caucusing in the General Assembly Second Committee, the body decided to discuss the issue of Science and technology for development first. Primarily speaking on the issue were Representatives from developing nations, most notably the Representative from Zimbabwe.

GA THIRD COMMITTEE

Representatives of the General Assembly Third Committee are discussing the controversial topic of human trafficking and focusing specifically on child sex trafficking. Representatives expressed strong opposition to these practices.

GA FOURTH COMMITTEE

Member States in General Assembly Fourth Committee are already in contention over the number of minutes allocated for debates and points of inquiry. After an unconvincing round of arguments from Ethiopia and the Bahamas, and with 50 opposing countries, the initial three minutes of debate time and points of inquiry were maintained.

SCPKO

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations has included Haiti in many aspects of debate. Haiti is becoming a rallying point for Member States fighting against what they view as previous ineffective missions.

ECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) agrees to first address topic area one, Poverty Eradication. Despite this consensus, the committee is divided on how to address the issue with proposed solutions differing from each region.

ECLAC

The ECLAC topic of sustainable development and human resettlement was divided into a five-point plan after debate to split the topic on Sunday morning. Chilean Representative Caroline Aubry said the five points will be education, rights, environment, economy and safety.

CCPCJ

Representatives are earnestly discussing developing a solution to global corruption. Suggestions include forming a special committee focusing solely on African nations and a voluntary reporting body which would serve as an open forum on the topic.



AMUN International returns to the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers for the 24th annual Conference. Welcome all! Now let's start changing the world.

AMUN 2013 OFFICIALLY OPENS

By Grace Bruett
General Assembly

Opening Plenary marked the beginning of the AMUN conference on Saturday 23 November 2013. At six in the evening, the Conference officially opened as the 2013 Secretariat spoke greetings to the Representatives who have ventured to the Windy City for the weekend (Saturday through Tuesday) to participate in a role play of the United Nations. The ceremony, held in the Sheraton and Chicago Ballrooms, officially gathered all the Representatives together for the first time. Here, Representatives were able to chat for a short while prior to the beginning of the Opening Plenary and discuss distances traveled and exchange names. The 2013 Secretariat briefly discussed some of the opportunities available to the Representatives and also brought to the attention of the Representatives of the "at conference services" located on Level 4 where AMUN merchandise is located as well as a help center. During the Opening Plenary, the Graduate School and Career Expo was shortly mentioned which will take place on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Opening Plenary concluded with the hit of a gavel from the President of the General Assembly, Christopher Germain announcing that this 2013 AMUN Chicago conference had now begun.



PROFILE: AMUN KEYNOTE SPEAKER AMBASSADOR IAN C. KELLY

By Stefani Schmidt

A recent United States Representative for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) will serve as AMUN's 2013 keynote speaker.

Ian C. Kelly served as the rank of Ambassador to the OSCE in Vienna from 17 March 2010 to 6 September 2013, according to his biography.

He holds a Bachelors of Arts from St. Olaf College and a Masters of Arts from Northwestern University.

Ambassador Kelly's resume includes the position of Spokesperson for the U.S. Department of State from 2009 to 2010, the Director of the Office of Russian Affairs in Washington D.C. from 2007 to 2009 and Public Affairs Adviser at the U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) from 2004 to 2007, to name a few.

He has also served as a Regional Public Affairs Officer for the Newly Independent States (NIS), which

took him to all former Soviet Republics. This tied in with Ambassador Kelly's Russian language skills and his studying Italian, Serbo-Croatian and Turkish studies at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center of the State Department.

Currently, he serves as Diplomat in Residence at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Ambassador Kelly will speak from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sunday in the Sheraton and Chicago Ballrooms IV-VII.

Tweet Your AMUN Experience!

The 2013 AMUN Secretariat encourage you to use the following hashtags while tweeting about your experience here at American Model United Nations. Please remember to maintain diplomatic courtesy while tweeting with AMUN hashtags.

#AMUN2013 #GAPLEN #GA1 #GA2 #GA3 #GA4 #PKO #ECOSOC
#ECLAC #CPCJ #ICJ #HSC56 #HSC94 #SC

And of course, tweet your thoughts about our Chronicle with the hashtag #IPD!

#AMUN2013 HAS CONFERENCE TWEETING TOGETHER

Zachary Hausle
International Court of Justice

The American Model United Nations Conference has consolidated its presence on Twitter for the first time for this year's conference, adopting the hashtag #AMUN2013. Although hashtags had been in use by individual participants and committees in previous years, this conference is the first with an official hashtag. The Executive Committee of the conference elected to adopt a central hashtag after observing the use of

informal hashtags by Representatives and the International Press Delegation.

"It incorporated information in a stream that was already existing in a really vital new media source," said AMUN Executive Director Shannon Dunn.

The Executive Committee spent a large amount of time debating the content of the identifier. Although the Executive Committee initially decided upon the use of #AMUN13 as the official hashtag of the conference, widespread use of

#AMUN2013 by Representatives encouraged the shift to the eventual choice.

The hashtag is not the Conference's first formal foray into social media. It has maintained a Facebook page for at least the past four years and aims to increase the level of involvement the page has with the conference as a whole. The Conference uses the page to provide tips and additional services to participant delegations, as well as to post photos from the conference taken by staffers over its course.

Security Council & ICJ Updates

CONTEMPORARY SECURITY COUNCIL

The Contemporary Security Council made up of 15 states applauded the Islamic Republic of Iran's agreement with six other countries to freeze the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear development program for six months.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '56

After a failure to reach the consensus on an agenda, the Historical Security Council of 1956 has succeeded in setting its first agenda topic "Palestine Question: Status of Compliance with Syria-Israel Armistice Agreement" during its session this evening.

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL '94

The Security Council has an important topic of debate that many delegations are vocalizing: the situation in Bosnia. However, the Council continues to be locked in debate on the importance of the use of troops from the United Nations.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has begun preparing to hear oral arguments from national advocates on the three cases under consideration at this year's conference, prominently including a multilateral request for an advisory opinion on the legality of Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence.

Docket for the ICJ

The International Court of Justice has set its docket for 2013. The Court will adjudicate the cases presently before it according to the following schedule:

Cambodia v. Thailand: Request for Interpretation of the Judgement of 15 June 1962 in the case concerning the Temple of Preah Vihear - 2011

- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 24 November, 8:30 a.m.
- Reading of the Opinion: Sunday, 24 November, 8:00 p.m.

Argentina v. Uruguay: Pulp Mills on the River Uruguay - 2006

- Oral Arguments: Sunday, 24 November, 8:15 p.m.
- Reading of the Opinion: Monday, 25 November, 6:30 p.m.

Ireland, Iran, Kosovo and Serbia: Request for Advisory Opinion: Accordance with international law of the unilateral declaration of independence in respect of Kosovo - 2008

- Oral Arguments: Monday, 25 November, 6:45 pm
- Reading of the Opinion: Tuesday, 26 November, 2:35 pm

REPRESENTATIVE ANONYMOUS: WHY NO ONE BOTHERS TO LEARN NAMES AT CONFERENCE

By Victoria Martinez

Usually when meeting a new person, the first piece of information presented is their name. At conferences, however, full names seem to be of little importance. Most Representatives refer to each other by the country they are representing, and while at conference, Representatives take on the role of their assigned country, shedding

any traces of their real identity outside of AMUN. In order to be immersed completely in AMUN, forfeiting a formal name is a small price to pay. This name change helps the flow of committee and contributes to the overall feeling of being at the United Nations and discussing real-world issues.

This lack of names also simplifies the workload. Every commit-

tee has a flurry of draft resolutions floating around, all of which must be read and signed by an appropriate number of signatories. Signing draft resolutions with first names does not set one working paper apart from other. These drafts receive the legitimacy they need when backed by nations. Instead, a Representative becomes more than a party of one, and part of a much larger global community.

BRAZIL'S PROJECT TAN

By Erin Sullentrup
First Committee

During formal debate of the General Assembly First Committee Saturday evening, Representative Patrick Reilly of Brazil introduced Project TAN, Brazil's three-part plan to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East. TAN stands for Treaty Association Non-Proliferation.

Representative Celia Jia of Brazil explained that the treaty aspect of

the plan is based on the Tlatelolco Treaty of 1967, which established a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Caribbean and Latin America. Project TAN would require collaboration between states with existing nuclear programs to provide incentives to maintain peace. Representative Jia stated that no details regarding these incentives have been discussed. To promote non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, Representative Jia elaborated that Project TAN will require the Per-

manent 5 states to withdraw their nuclear weapons from the area.

Representative Jia stated that this plan strives to create a system of checks and balances to maintain the zone. The Representative stated that, while the plan "could be adopted relatively quickly," there are still many details to be discussed. While the future of Project TAN is unclear, it will direct the nature of future discussion on this topic.

PRESS RELEASES

SC-Argentina

Argentina has recently sent a contingency of marine biologists to the Philippines to aid the nation in addressing ecological issues in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. This is in addition to the bilingual mental health experts already sent by Argentina.

The actions of the Argentinian government are a positive step in the light of the recent statements made by the UN Human Coordinator Valerie Amos. She increased the appeal for humanitarian aid for Philippines to \$348 Million. Although the UN World Food Programme as well as other NGOs have contributed aid to the Typhoon Response, certainly more nations are needed to address the situation in the Philippines.

Namibia

Five members of the Republic of Namibia MUN delegation arrived at the 24th Annual Model American United Nations International Conference Friday, and they extend greetings to all

African sisters and brothers as well as to all peace-loving international delegates from around the world. Permanent Representative Dennis Whitlow invites fellow delegates to meet the Namibian delegation—including Amy Pritt, Devante Webb, James Irvin, Samuel Dennah, Jr., and faculty advisor Dr. Colin S. Cavell—and also invites everyone to come and tour the southern African Republic of Namibia, known as the 'land of the brave', and visit the famous Kalahari Desert region or enjoy the beautiful Atlantic coast in the capital city of Windhoek. The Namibian MUN delegation stands with its brothers and sisters in defending our African independence from the scourge of European colonialism which inflicted havoc on our peoples and resources over many decades, and we look forward to much collective success at the AMUN Conference in moving the world community towards peace and human cooperation.

For further information, contact the Namibian MUN delegation in

Chicago at: 512-924-2364.

ECOSOC-Denmark & Turkmenistan

The Representatives of Denmark and Turkmenistan are excited and proud to announce one of the first draft resolution to be submitted, not only in the Economic and Social Council, but in all committees. This draft resolution takes a simple but necessary approach in response to the efforts of eradicating poverty. We recommend to the World Bank a consideration of reallocation of funds to non-governmental organizations and regional banks to provide micro-loans and micro-finance to communities on a regional basis.

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