



## CHAPTER THREE

# THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION

### WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION?

The International Press Delegation (IPD) is a unique simulation, offered at very few Model UN programs.

In fact, the IPD is not really a simulation at all; an “International Press Delegation” does not exist at the United Nations. However, hundreds of reporters from news agencies around the world cover the work of the UN, making information on UN events available to people living in every nation on Earth. By doing so, the members of the international press corps assist the UN in fulfilling one of its fundamental objectives: the dissemination of information about UN and world events to all people.

AMUN has created the IPD simulation in recognition of the critical role of the press in the workings of the United Nations. Specifically, the IPD has two major purposes:

1. To provide an opportunity for students with an interest in journalism, specifically international journalism, to work as reporters in covering newsworthy events at the AMUN Conference; and
2. To provide all AMUN Representatives with a high-quality newspaper (the *AMUN Chronicle*) each day of the Conference, both to keep Representatives informed about the news from each individual simulation and to add to Representatives’ understanding of how the United Nations functions as an organization. The *AMUN Chronicle* also allows Representatives the opportunity to put forth their country’s position through press releases and press conferences.

AMUN Secretariat members will serve as the IPD Director, Editor and Publisher. The Editor of the paper will supervise the activities of all reporters and publish the paper. IPD staff meetings will occur in the IPD office, and IPD Reporters will have computers and printing facilities at their disposal. The AMUN Secretariat reserves final editorial rights for all content published in the *AMUN Chronicle*.

### DUTIES OF IPD REPORTERS

Each IPD Reporter will be assigned to at least one “beat.” These could include a specific simulation (e.g., Security Council, ICJ, Third Committee), or a specific bloc (e.g., Latin American Bloc). Additionally, Reporters will be assigned to cover press conferences and other Conference events, such as interviews with guest speakers and Editorial Board meetings. All IPD Reporters will be responsible for the submission of articles covering their assigned stories for each issue of the *AMUN Chronicle*, which is published each day during the Conference. Representatives should be prepared to type their own articles and to assist with the production and dissemination of the paper. The *IPD Procedures and Style Manual* will be provided to all registered IPD Reporters prior to the Conference to further assist in their preparations.

### IPD MEMBERSHIP

IPD Reporter positions are open to any interested student. However, it is important to note that *IPD Reporters cannot also be members of their school’s delegation(s)*. In other words, participation on the IPD is an exclusive, duration-of-the-Conference position. One or two students from any school may become IPD Reporters. Also, students from schools that are not sending a delegation to AMUN are welcome to participate as individuals on the IPD.

IPD applications are available from the AMUN Secretariat and are also available on the AMUN website at [www.amun.org/index.php?page=ipd-registration](http://www.amun.org/index.php?page=ipd-registration). There is a \$50.00 fee for participation on the IPD. Representatives who are not with a registered delegation may participate on the IPD for this fee. Due to the resource-intensive and specialized nature of this simulation, **AMUN will accept up to twelve (12) IPD Reporters; positions will go to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.** Please contact the AMUN Executive Office ([mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org)) for more information.

### USING THE IPD

All AMUN Representatives and delegations are encouraged to take advantage of the news-coverage possibilities offered by the IPD. In particular, Representatives should get to know the Reporter(s) covering their simulations and make themselves available for interviews and provide background information when such is requested or when it is in their country’s interest to seek press coverage. Also, Representatives and delegations are strongly encouraged to call press conferences and to submit editorials and press releases to the IPD.