



## American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter

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### **AMUN Handbooks are Available Online** *New Digital-Only Format, Same Great Information*

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. The 2018 editions of AMUN's *Issues at AMUN* and *Rules and Procedures* handbooks are now [available exclusively in an online format](#).

Note: this means you will not receive a set of hard-copy handbooks with your fall mailing. We understand this is a major change, but we are continuing to respond to student and faculty feedback and balancing concerns about cost and timeliness. As we have moved the handbooks exclusively online, we have significantly redesigned the user interface, so it is more accessible on a variety of devices, including tablets and smartphones. We also know that some faculty and students prefer a hard copy version of the handbook, so we have designed the handbooks for easy and efficient (and printer-friendly) printing.

To print the whole handbook or view the complete handbook at one time, click on "Full Handbook" located at the end of the description of each book. We will continue to provide hard copies of materials such as the Rules and Procedures Short Forms and other critical documents at Conference, and we will have pay-as-you-go printing services available should representatives need a specific portion of the handbooks printed. We hope this new online version of the handbooks will be easier to use for you and your students.

If you're not familiar with these handbooks because it's your first time attending an AMUN Conference, learn about our different preparatory materials below.

#### ***Issues at AMUN***

The [Issues at AMUN handbook](#) includes descriptions of the purview of each simulation, background research briefs and hyperlinked bibliographies on the topics that will be discussed at this year's Conference. These are not intended as complete background guides, but rather as a starting point for additional research by AMUN participants.

#### ***Rules and Procedures***

The [Rules and Procedures handbook](#) includes logistical information about the AMUN Conference, a detailed guide on how students can prepare for the Conference and the rules of procedure for the various AMUN committees and councils.

## **The AMUN Accords Blog**

The [AMUN Accords](#) is your and your student's source for a wealth of information on AMUN topics and simulations, the function and philosophy of the United Nations, and Model UN best practices. All of the *AMUN Accords* content is generated by volunteers with a wide range of expertise. The *AMUN Accords* updates at least bi-weekly, and more frequently in advance of our fall conference. We also welcome submissions from AMUN participants and the Model UN community. See our [submission guidelines](#) for more information.

## **Model UN in a Box Simulation Guide**

The *Model UN in a Box* Simulation Guide is published to assist faculty advisors and student leaders in preparing their school for participation in Model United Nations conferences. While many rules and procedures described in this guide are specific to the American Model United Nations (AMUN) conference, the activities and simulation instructions described may also be used by any Model United Nations group as a generic preparation guide, possibly substituting the rules of procedure of another Conference for the AMUN rules that are provided. More information on the publication is [available on our website](#). As of this email, our Simulation Guides have been mailed, in the coming weeks if you have not received a copy and were expecting to, please contact us at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org).

## **AMUN's Conference Program**

AMUN's Conference Program is released immediately prior to the AMUN Conference. It contains the complete conference agenda and ads from sponsoring schools and organizations that will be of interest to conference participants. A printed copy of this program is provided to all Conference attendees.

If you, your Model UN class or club, or school would be interested in advertising in the Conference program, please visit our [Advertise with AMUN](#) portal on our website.

## **Questions, Comments or Concerns?**

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at [mail@amun.org](mailto:mail@amun.org) and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good luck on your preparations,

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