

# The Daily Delegate

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## An Overview of this Year's ATSMUN Committees Pt.2

### Young delegates Forum (YDF):

For our newcomers the committee of Young Delegates Forum is without doubt a great choice! This year's issue is relevant with the political status of the world since it's addressing the increased need towards universal access to electricity, clean water and energy sufficiency. The other theme is something very appealing to young people because it's about social media's peer pressure and the truth behind every image. It is addressed to mainly to young delegates only between the ages of 12 and 14 years old. The topics under discussion for YDF are: "Addressing the increased need towards universal access to electricity, clean water and energy sufficiency."&"Peer pressure through social media: the image and the truth behind it."

### International Energy Agency (IEA):

International Energy Agency is definitely considered a fascinating committee with this year's theme being the digital business models in the new energy economy and the power that redesigning the planning systems holds in order to support the energy transition process. It is also worth mentioning that it will be in a hybrid form giving the chance to even more delegates to participate. The IEA's discussion topics for this year. This year, the Committee is discussing Digital business models in the new energy economy" & "peer pressure through social media: the image and the truth behind it"

### Organization of American States (OAS):

Organization of American States is a committee with a thought-provoking theme since it's debating the reintegration of Cuba into the inner-American System and the inter-American collaboration on regulation of the illicit production, distribution, and use of firearms. It would be truly a shame if this committee was not in a hybrid form which would not give the chance to more delegates to join. This year's topics are: "The reintegration of Cuba into the inner-American system"& "Inter-American collaboration of regulation of the illicit production, distribution and use of firearms"

### World Meteorological Organization (WMO):

For the people that are a little too invested in Meteorology the World Meteorological Organization committee might be the cut for them. With global warming having a negative effect on the world, WMO is addressing the issue of extreme phenomena and how countries can regulate the environmental, social, and economic ramifications. It also discusses the impact the space weather has on the climate and the relevant technologies. This year, the WMO is discussing "extreme phenomena: regulating the environmental, social and economic ramifications" & "space weather: impact on the climate and relevant technologies".

### Security council (SC):

This year's theme of the Security Council committee is definitely very intriguing. The Situation in Sri Lanka and the deepening crisis in west Africa and the Sahel region have absolutely engaged the world's attention and I am sure that we are all interested in what the countries have to say about it. This year, the security council is discussing "the situation in Sri Lanka" & "The deepening crisis in West Africa and the Sahel region".

### International court of justice (ICJ):

Finally, the International Court of Justice committee is pretty action-packed this year with the Republic of Gabon going against the Republic of Equatorial. Are we expecting a big debate and a heated-up committee?

# Friday & Saturday ATSMUN Committee recaps (Pt.2)

## (according to the committees themselves)

**GAI (DISEC):** Here is DISEC's wrap up for Saturday 5 November, DISEC delegates finished lobbying early in the morning, which allowed passionate and fruitful debates on both topics to flourish, as well as short bonding sessions that helped DISEC remain lively and inspired throughout the day. The best is awaited for the last debate on Sunday!

**Legal Committee:** The first day of committee work ran smoothly with no interruptions. The delegates managed to form alliances and engage in fruitful discussions on the committee's topics. During committee work, Professor Michael Parousis also joined us via zoom and gave us a very insightful and informative speech that was relevant to the topic of safeguarding energy supplies. On the second day of committee work the main submitters presented their resolutions on the topics and the house entered formal debate procedures. The delegates expressed their stance on each of the resolutions and introduced amendments that further increased the quality of the debate. On the second day of committee work the main submitters presented their resolutions on the topics and the house entered formal debate procedures. The delegates expressed their stance on each of the resolutions and introduced amendments that further increased the quality of the debate.

**UNEP:** In UNEP, most of our delegates are newcomers so we have to explain the procedures in depth so they understand what is going on. We urge them to participate and we try to help them as much as possible. Some of them are participating but most of them haven't stepped out of their comfort zones just yet. On the first day of the conference Mr Panayotis Dimopoulos who is the Vice Rector of the University of Patras, and an active Professor at the Department of Biology of the same campus, spoke on the UNEP committee. The topic of his speech was the sustainable management from local to regional and European scale: The successful example of the MAES framework. We believe that in the next 2 days they will have the chance to do so and enjoy themselves more”

**SOCHUM:** On Friday, the Sochum committee Started lobbying for Ageism at 11:40, Guest Speaker at 12:15, Continued with Lobbying Ageism until lunch, Continued with Lobbying for Ageism from 14:00 - 15:15, Started Lobbying for Game Changers until 17:00 (while chairs checked the first two resolutions). Mr Stephen John Taylor who is an Educational Consultant, Presenter (Global Team) for Cambridge University Press and Assessment spoke on the SOCHUM committee on the first day of the conference. He deliver a very interesting speech and all the delegates were gripped by it. On Saturday we, Started with icebreakers (played soulmate), Debated on Reso 1 of ageism until 12:30 and it passed, Debated on Reso 2 of ageism until lunch and it didn't pass, Read a few gossips, Debated on women as game changers reso 1 until 17:00, Debated on women as game changers reso 2 until 18:30. (keynote needed)

**OAS:** On Friday, the Organization of American States Committee (OAS) lobbied on the topic of Inter-American Collaboration on the regulation of the illicit production, distribution, and use of firearms. Both alliances created fruitful resolutions that are going to be debated upon on the following days. The resolutions covered a plethora of issues such as enabling law enforcement agencies to track and trace illicit weapons. Furthermore, another interesting clause in the resolution tackled issue of gun control and the need for stricter regulations in regard to purchasing and distributing firearms. On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, the Organization of American States Committee (OAS) openly debated the resolution submitted by the delegation of Haiti on the topic of Inter-American collaboration on the regulation of the illicit production, distribution, and use of firearms. Furthermore, the delegation of the Commonwealth of Dominica submitted an amendment that passed with 17 votes in favor and 2 votes against. The resolution as a whole passed with 11 votes in favor, 6 votes against and 1 abstention.  
\*Clap clap\*

**Security Council:** Friday as the first day of the conference, run smoothly, started off with some ice breakers so we get to know each other better, which was easy between the few delegations in the security council, and then proceeded to lobbying. Then, Mr Constantinos Koliopoulos, an Associate Professor of International Politics and Strategic Studies at the Department of International, European and Area Studies, Panteion University, Athens, Greece spoke on the first day at the SC committee with a pretty thought-provoking speech. I am very happy to say that we managed to come up with 4 resolutions, 2 for each topic from 2 alliances, satisfactory in length and clauses, with a great debate coming up ahead! The security council is always a demanding committee, especially with this year's topics being the one of Sri Lanka plus the West Africa and the Sahel, but I am confident that our delegates are well prepared and with enough experience on their shoulders to lead a productive dialogue!”. “Good morning once again! Your favourite SC President here, and you receive happy vibes from me as today, the second day of the conference, has started powerfully and very positively!. Admittedly when we started debating on the first resolution things were a bit slow, but after some... induced motivation, our delegates really woke up and saw participation from all our participants! However there are one or two (or maybe even three) that have really left their mark, but things can always change ;) . I'm proud to say we have passed one resolution of the 4 submitted and the debate on the following one is going to be spicy. Keep in mind that it's Security Council, the only committee with veto possibilities, and our P5 are unique!”

# Interview with Eleni Ioannou (President of the GA) & Georgiana Georgoulea (Deputy President of the GA)

*Eleni Ioannou:*

- Can you tell us a few things about yourself?

I am a very passionate person about what I do, especially public speaking. I enjoy participating in MUN but also debate and other forensics activities. That is also why I want to be a lawyer. In addition, I like to go out with my friends and I believe that the most important value as a student is to time manage efficiently in order to combine school work with going out.

- How did your past experiences in MUN conferences help you on a personal and professional level?

Through my past experiences in MUN, I gained skills for both my personal and professional life. Concerning my personal life, I got to further develop my communication skills with others and learn how to handle different situations that are similar to ones arising in a MUN committee.

Then, in my professional life, I have cultivated my time-management and organisation skills.



*Georgiana Georgoulea:*

Can you tell us a few things about yourself?

My name is Georgiana Georgoulea. I'm 18 years old and I am studying law at the university of Athens. I love traveling, learning foreign languages, spending time with my friends and family and listening to music. MUN has always been a big part of my life as a student. I have participated in various conferences and I have gained useful knowledge about diplomacy, the world's most pressing problems and the human rights.

Do you have any advice for the delegates who are just starting?

I think that the best advice for the newcomers is not to be afraid to express your opinion. MUN is a safe environment, which means that students are free to make mistakes without any kind of consequences. That is one of the reasons that MUN is such a useful experience: you can do things wrong, learn from your mistakes and then, after a while, you will excel in public speaking and formal writing. The only condition for this to happen is to raise your placard and take the floor in your first MUN conference!



# Interview with student officers

## *Could you tell us your favourite quote?*

Natasa Panagiotou, Deputy President of UNEP: "Is it better to speak or to die?" and "Lost time is never found."

Stavros Marmaras, Deputy President of SECURITY COUNCIL: It is a quote by Kamala Harris and it's this: "Democracy is only as strong as our willingness to fight for it".

Konstantinos Papanikolaou, Deputy President of ECOSOC: "The black serpent of stung vanity had sucked all night at his heart." by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Vasiliki Katsandri, Deputy President of DISEC: My favorite quote is «I think I could stand anything, any suffering, only to be able to say and to repeat to myself every moment, 'I exist.' In thousands of agonies – I exist. I'm tormented on the rack – but I exist! Though I sit alone in a pillar – I exist! I see the sun, and if I don't see the sun, I know it's there. And there's a whole life in that, in knowing that the sun is there». by Dostoyevsky

Dimitrios Kottoros, Deputy President of OAS: My favorite quote is "Win by persuasion, not by force".

Kalliopi Vareli, Deputy President of YDF: "Life changes in an instant. The ordinary instant" by Joanne Didion

Christina Liatsikou, Deputy President of SOCHUM: My favorite quote is "you have your brush, you have your colors, you paint the paradise, then in you go" by Nikos Kazantzakis. This quote talks about the importance of making the most out of any opportunity that life gives us. I reckon that it is up to us to "make our paradise" and built our future. We must take every opportunity that passes our way, use our "brushes and colors", chase our dreams and achieve the unachievable.

## *Do you have any advice to give to new delegates?*

Ivi Galiotou, President of YDF: As we all know the YDF is a committee open to newcomers in order to show them the MUN experience. The first piece of advice that I would give them is to be calm. It is obvious that they'll be nervous and anxious but there is no need for stress. In MUN conferences nobody criticizes and there is a solution to every problem that may arise. So delegates relax! Furthermore, I would advise them to be active during the procedure and not be shy. Among others MUN provides the opportunity to be able to speak in front of people. So, it would be great if you grasped that opportunity! And finally get to experience all of the procedure as much as you can!

Papadimitriou Athina, President of UNEP: I understand that being a newcomer in MUN might be hard and frustrating for a lot of delegates. So, if you are a newcomer, I've got a couple of tricks for you!

1. Try to be as prepared as possible: Read the study guides and delegate's manual, do your research and prepare a resolution. It doesn't have to have many clauses, but it has to have good ones. Remember: Quality over Quantity
2. Don't be afraid to contact your chairs before the conference: Ask questions and clarifications on the topic or in the procedure in general and ask the for advice.
3. Be friendly and step out of your comfort zone: Talk to the rest of the delegates, create new connections and don't sit in a corner all by yourself. I know that it might be difficult at first but eventually you will make it! Remember that you can always fake it till you make it. If you don't feel confident, just pretend. Tell yourself "I am confident" and in the end you will find yourself being more self-assure.
4. Go into the committee with confidence: Shoulders back and head up: Try to participate as much as possible. It doesn't have to be speeches while debating. It can be adding your clauses to the draft resolution while lobbying, doing POIs to the delegates and proposing amendments. It doesn't matter if you are a holder of the C2 in English or not. Delegates will understand your point.

## *Why did you choose to participate in the ATS MUN?*

Konstantinos Kyratsopoulos, President of SPECPOL: "Having participated in ATSMUN 2021, it was my favourite conference I had ever participated as a delegate and I really wanted to offer the same enjoyable experience that I received to other delegates too. It was the conference that made me take MUN more seriously and in which I made great friends that I still hold a strong relationship with to this day, such as my friendship with PGA Elena Ioannou. Finally, when I read the secretariat list, I decided that I should really participate in this conference, having Erika, George, Elena and Georgianna, people that I really trust and I know that they would make a great conference for everyone!"

Theodoros Akritidis, President of LEGAL: I firmly believe that MUN conferences are a great opportunity for people to meet very interesting individuals from all over the world and exchange their opinions. When the opportunity to participate in ATSMUN, which is a conference located in a city far away from my home, came up, I thought it would be a genuinely pleasant experience and that I would be able to meet new people, with completely different personalities and backgrounds from the people I already know.

## *Could you tell us your role model?*

Sophia Kapetanaki, President of WMO: To answer with honesty, I don't have a role model, actually I believe that I am my own role model, because for me if you are not your role model you can't have any other. Having such potential and being optimistic, for me are my most powerful strengths and that's what make me my role model. I wish that every individual is its own role model as this will make them feel more confident and reach their goals!

Ioanna-Maria Varotsi, President of SOCHUM: My role model is most definitely my mother! Being a kind individual, a first-generation lawyer, and a constant participant in EU related conferences, definitely makes me her biggest fan!

# ATSMUN Committee Recaps Day 3

**SOCHUM (GA3):** On the third day of the conference, we started off with funny awards, read gossips and played soulmates! Afterwards we went to the General Assembly where the main submitter of one of the resolutions on Ageism, delivered their speech. Lastly, we all attended the closing ceremony, and the chairs announced the best delegate and honorable mention awards.

**OAS:** On Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, the Organization of American States Committee debated upon the fourth and final resolution that was submitted by the delegation of the United States of America. The delegates delivered fruitful speeches and engaged in a productive debate. Furthermore, a motion to reconsider a resolution was proposed, mainly the resolution that was submitted by the Delegation of Haiti.

**YDF:** Third day of this ATS MUN! We didn't even realize where the time went! The procedure went on really smoothly and our newcomers really got used to the procedure! There was some evolution on the delegates level and knowledge and it was so good to see that!  
Thank you all for this amazing conference!

**DISEC:** our committee started debating on the 4<sup>th</sup> and last resolution since we didn't have time yesterday to debate on it. The resolution passed and we continued with the Gossip box.

**ECOSOC:** Today in the ECOSOC Committee we finished with debating on the first draft resolution on topic 2 which passed with a clear majority. Currently, we are debating on the second draft resolution on topic 2. The delegates appear engaged with debate and participated with productive speeches and POIs.

**IEA:** Our delegates' critical thinking and cooperation abilities were once again put to the test, with them having to draft a resolution on a major energy crisis in India, after yesterday's huge success. They, once again, were able to create two very meaningful resolutions, which led to a very fruitful debate.

**SPECPOL:** Having finished yesterday with debate and lobbying, today was the fun day! We started by reading out the gossip box, we had a lot of laughter, and the delegates finally got the chance to relax and have some fun. We then started reading out the funny awards which gave delegates the chance to get closer with each other, joking around. Finally, all delegates attended the General Assembly Plenary meeting and were very active during the debate of all resolutions.

**WMO:** Today, we started a fruitful and interesting debate on the second topic of our committee and the majority of the delegates were very active and made the procedure fun and intense. When lunch is over we will be reading the gossip box and doing funny awards since the debate time has finished. After that we will be attending the closing ceremony of the conference.

**Legal Committee:** Today was a fun and relaxing day for the Legal Committee. We saw new friendships making their way up and laughter all over the place! Proud for our little diplomats!

**ICJ:** The court is working hard on the verdict upon the issue of Gabon vs Equatorial Guinea. Things are heating up as we reach towards the end of the conference and our advocates are waiting patiently on the result. The judges are working hard and things are getting even more heated.

**ICJ Verdict!!!!**

After three days of tiring deliberation, the workings of the ICJ have finally come to an end. In the maritime-border dispute between Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, the court granted the islands of Mbanié, Cocotero & Conga to the dominion of Equatorial Guinea.

Case closed.

# Interview with Robert Stern (ICJ) Co-Ordinator (MVP)

We would like to welcome you to this year's ATSMUN. Mr. Stern this is your 8th year in our conference. How has the ATSMUN evolved since its first year?

Every year improves with fine tuning. Always efficient. I assisted ATSMUN in obtaining status as a Hague MUN affiliate, a significant and well-deserved recognition.



What is the role of the International Court of Justice?

The International Court of Justice is the main judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established as a body of the UN in 1945. It operates under a Statute, which forms part of the UN Charter, as well as under its own Rules. It is headquartered in The Hague.

The primary job of the Court, using international law, is to settle legal disputes submitted to it by States. It is a civil court, not a criminal court, and it is normally composed of between 15 and 17 judges. The decision of the court is binding. Cases include boundary disputes, fishing rights, intellectual property, aerial spraying, genocide, and many other issues. This weekend, 23 participants are going to simulate the trial of a currently pending case before the International Court of Justice. This is my 76th ICJ, spanning 30 years.

The case is Republic of Gabon vs. Republic of Equatorial Guinea. Years ago, they negotiated and signed treaties regarding their boundaries. Now both sides say those treaties were not valid. The question for the Court is whether those treaties were, in fact, valid, and if not, what should the boundaries be? There are islands of the coast at stake as well as several resources.

In your opinion how effective has it been in fulfilling its role?

The Real ICJ has been moderately successful, especially among smaller, lesser countries. One difficulty is enforcement of decisions, in that 5 countries have Security Council veto power, for themselves and their friends. This impacts countries from bringing a case or securing a proper judgment.

What makes the ICJ unique in a MUN conference?

ICJ is an actual part of the United Nations. Procedurally, it is very different, yet very interesting and exciting. Two students will be lawyers for one side and two for the other. The rest of the students act as judges. We have evidence in the form of documents and papers, and we have witness testimony to review. In the end, the judges will spend over three hours pondering what has been presented to them and reach a verdict, which they will then write out in the form of a legal judgment. Just like real lawyers and judges. Therefore, my MUN ICJ is a simulation of a current cases before the real ICJ.

What are the benefits of participating in the ICJ for the delegates?

I have worked with over 1500 participants. Students hone all their academic skills in this exercise--and it is an exercise, for there are no winners or losers. Like in real life, if you are prepared, you are a winner, despite the verdict or outcome rendered. And, when it is over, many of the participants decide on a career in law or international relations. MUN is the finest academically related extra-curricular activity in secondary education today. As for me, I am proud of MUN ICJ; but I am most proud of the students who participate in it. Practical application, even simulated, is a key to education and one's success in the future--applying what you have learned in content and in skills.

In your opinion, what is the biggest adversity that the post-Covid society has to face?

Extreme Nationalism.

## Pictures from today's conference:



## Gossips of the day

Love the deputy president of Security Council<3

Chairs from ECOSOC we love you!!

The admin staff are the true G.O.A.Ts of this conference.

Admin staff of press office is so pretty!

Mozambique from UNEP what an icon!!!

Pretty boys from SKG<3

The Security Council chair really had a great time in the party ;)

Brazil and Norway from the Security Council have a love hate relationship.

I like the waiter with the green eyes please! I am in love!

I have been to many MUNs, but you guys are the best chairs I've has so far!

The deputy president from OAS is cute.

Egypt from SPECPOL we love youu<3

Australia looks like Justin Bieber

We love admin<3

China and India from WMO are couple goals>>

Yesterday's party was great!!!

Syria might have not been active 24/7 but they have been on my thoughts 24/7.

Taylor Swift for life>>>

Belgium from Specpol is the most handsome guy!!

We love Luxemburg and France from WMO.

Cameroon from WMO is dangerously pretty.

Stern is an ICON!

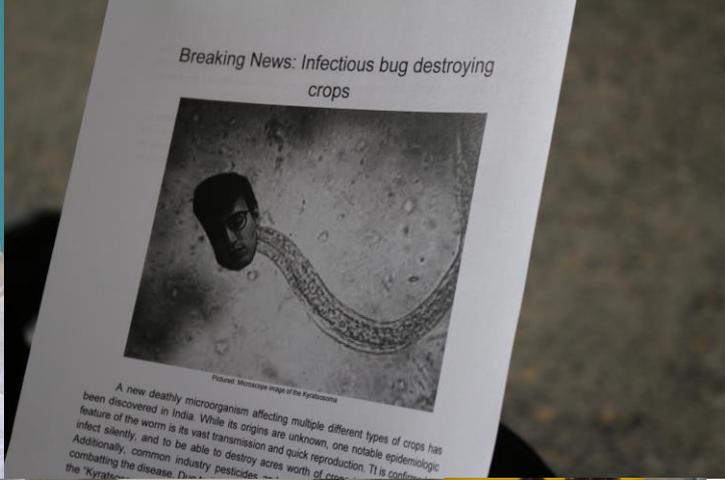
Boys from the American school!

Judge Kremmydas<3

ICJ president best chair!

Pantelis is mood.

Anastasia from staff is really beautiful.



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