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The 8th ATSMUN What its all about.

Model United nations more commonly known as MUN is a simulation of the real-life United Nations whereby students of all ages become representative of countries to discuss different topics in various committees. The 8th ATSMUN is hybrid 3-day conference taking place here at Arsakeio Patras for students between the ages of 13-23.

This year's general topic is called game changers. A game changer is defined as an event, idea or procedure that significantly influences the current way of doing something.

Game changers are people who take a different approach to things that end up being better than conventional approaches. For example, as John Taylor mentioned in his speech, the internet and search engines where game changes in the way information was communicated and the way information was researched.

People that are often referred to as game changers are people like the Wright brothers and Thomas Edison who through their inventions of the plane and the light bulb revolutionized travel and the way people lived their lives.

This year's conference's main goal is to encourage and inspire people to be game changers through making them critical thinkers and allowing them to develop their thinking skills as well as their communication skills.



*picutre of our esteemed General assembly

The Opening Ceremony

Everything you need to know if you missed something...

The **8th ATSMUN Opening Ceremony** took place in the morning of the 4th of November at the Conference Centre of The University of Patras in Rio.

The first speech was delivered by the **Headmaster of Arsakeio Gymnasium of Patras, Mr. Dimitrios Vlachodimitropoulos**. He welcomed everyone to the 1st Hybrid Mun Conference and talked about the importance of engaging students and putting them at the centre of governance. Lastly, he addressed the students as the future "Game changers" who have the power to transform our world for the better.

Then, the **Headmaster of Arsakeio Lyceum of Patras and Science Coordinator of Philekpedeftiki Eteria, Mr. Emmanuel Petrakis** welcomed the participants and stressed the high educational value of the ATSMUN conference in cultivating students' conscience and critical thinking. Lastly, he highlighted the significance of investing in education through such innovative procedures.

Erika Kunstmann, Secretary General from Deutsche Schule Athen elaborated on the topic of "Game Changers". Kunstmann along with the other members of the Secreteriat **Deputy Secretary General, George Alexander Bakalis, President of the General Assembly, Eleni Ioannou and Deputy President of the General Assembly Georgia-Athanasia Georgoulea** produced the opening video where they further discussed this year's ATSMUN topic.

Next, **Mr. Andreas Filias**, who is the Deputy Head of Region of Western Greece, Head of Regional Unit of Achaia delivered a speech in which he greeted and welcomed everyone to the ATS MUN conference. The floor was yielded to **Panagiotis Dimopoulos** who is the Vice Rector of the University of Patras and an active Professor at the Department of Biology of the same campus, who discussed the long tradition of MUN and the importance of the essence of democracy in this year's topic.

After that, **Sophia Christopoulou, educator on Behalf of Mr. Giannopoulos**, Regional Director of Primary and Secondary Education in Western Greece talked about the plight of rapes, femicides, wars and refugee crises the post-covid era came to experience. She also expressed her hope for young students to constitute carriers of positive change.

Evgenia Pierri, Director of Secondary Education, Achaia stressed the importance of this innovative conference in offering students cognitive benefits and training them in extensive research, dialogue, argumentation and critical thinking.

After, **Spyridon Papadakis**, the Organizing Coordinator of Western Greece and Regional Design Center delivered a speech in which he said that his main mission is to support the educational world and innovative programs in Western Greece. He believes that MUN gives the chance to delegates to become familiar with democracy. Lastly he thinks that the conference develops one's creativity and critical thinking.

Robert S. Stern, International Court of Justice Coordinator quoted John Rawls to discuss the role of justice as a game changer and talked about the role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as a body of the UN.

Gelly Aroni, Head of the Unit for Integration and Support of UAMs, Ministry of Migration & Asylum talked about the challenges the current generation faces and the importance of 21st century skills.

Then, **Stephen-John Taylor**, Educational Consultant/Global Presenter, Cambridge University Press and Assessment talked about positive game changers thought the years and the latest and most important game changers, the internet as an integral part of freedom of expression.

An excellent musical performance was given by **Anastasia Kyritsi**, Singer, Graduate of Department of English Language and Literature and the Music Teacher of Arsakeia Schools of Patras, Musician and Pianist **Lara Lymperopoulou**.



Interview with General Assembly Secretary General Erika Kunstmann

- Can you tell us a few things about yourself?

My name is Erika Kunstmann, I am 17 years old and attend the German School of Athens. If I could describe myself in three words, I would say that I am introverted, ambitious and creative. I have been dancing since I was 3 years old, mainly Ballet, Hip hop and lyrical dance. I also love doing MUN. MUN was the first time I felt like myself, outside of dance class, and it has become a sacred practice.

- What made you decide to apply for a Secretary General position?

My goal in my MUN career was to Chair all GA Committees, which I have almost completed, and to be in every position in the Secretariat. Seeing as I had already been appointed to every position except for Secretary General I decided that it would be a great idea to shoot my shot and apply for Secretary General.

I think it's important to see more and more female Secretary Generals since in the real UN there have only been male Secretary Generals until now.

- What is the most valuable lesson you have learnt in your MUN career?

The most valuable lesson I have learnt through MUN is that you should work hard for your Positions. You cannot just expect to be handed positions. Moreover, I have learnt to stick up for myself, which I couldn't confidently do prior. And lastly, even though MUN is really competitive and a relative hard extracurricular activity it is important to remember to have fun. Without fun, you will be burnt out after your first year. I think all these falls together under the category of being ambitious and following your dreams.

- Could you share one of your favourite quotes with us?

I have multiple favorite quotes however, I think my recent most favorite quote is "I don't have MUN friends, I have friends" which was said by Jason Patsatzis, the Secretary General at the 25th DSAMUN Conference. This quote really stuck with me, since Jason is one of my best friends and it is true that I have made multiple friends through MUN which in fact aren't just MUN friends, they are real friends.



* A picture of the esteemed secretary general



*A very nice MUN meme provided by our esteemed press team member Leo

A First time Delegate survival guide

A guide to making it out alive.

MUN can be a scary and confusing experience for first time delegates, but rest assured it is neither scary nor confusing and can often be one of the most enjoyable and most diverse experiences of your life and this article will aid you in better understanding and participating in debates.

From using the personal pronoun 'I' to having absolutely no clue what is happening, this article will cover the basics of everything you need to know as a first-time delegate. Therefore, without further ado, here is a list of everything you might need to know that you didn't already:

1. Unless you want to be shouted at by your chairs, if you are representing a country, always use the personal pronoun 'we' in your speeches as opposed to the personal pronoun 'I'. The personal pronoun 'I' refers to just yourself, whereas 'we' refers to the country which you are representing, which is the whole point of the MUN.
2. Don't be afraid to make speeches or questions, remember, everyone was in your position once, there is no need to be worried about not knowing how to do or say something correctly.
3. Always remember to yield the floor to your chairs after delivering a speech, it isn't mandatory, but it is considered highly disrespectful if you do not do so.
4. Always try to be well informed on your topics and your country's stance on those topics. Even if your resolution isn't the best, knowing your topic still allows you to make speeches and participate in the MUN itself which is the entire point of the MUN.
5. Participation is key. Giving a speech even if you're not sure about yourself or what you're saying is always better than not giving a speech at all.

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