

## Interview with the Deputy Secretary General

We decided to take an interview of the person who is going to be the Deputy Secretary General and the Chair of the ECOSOC Committee.

Very enthusiastic and polite, Camelia answered our questions.



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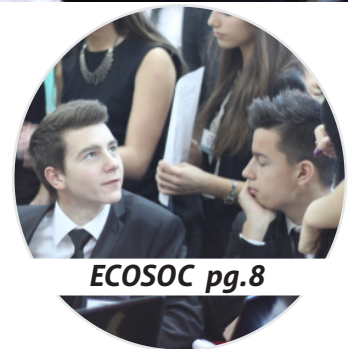
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# Training for a new MUN

LIVIA CIOBANU

*The countries were shared, the topics were established, the committees were formed. The fifth edition of IASIMUN is getting close and everybody is preparing for the big event...*

The MUN preparations started with lots of training. The chairs had some meetings, which they all attended with seriosity. jokes from time to time, though without losing any of their professionalism.

Their determination and ambition can surely be seen in their way of work. It's really wonderful to watch how, while patiently teaching each other, the chairs are learning from their eventual mistakes. One is giving his speech, like a simulation of the conference, and the rest is listening, correcting and explaining what didn't go well so it can be fixed.

Because they all got to know each other, there is a kind of relax atmosphere, they can even make

It's obvious how excited they ate about this project: the debates, the exercising, all the work are done with such enthusiasm!

Organising and order are just some of the key words. Everyone is paying attention to the details; with every training, there's a progress and, step by step, the conference is falling into place.

The good colaboration, the excitement is the MUN spirit is announcing the coming up of a new edition.



PREPARATION OF THE CHAIRS  
ILINCA ROMAN

## Working with Mr. Pi

MONICA BÎLBĂ

On the 16th of August this year, the current IasiMUN team has been delighted with an extraordinary surprise – Mr. Pi. Considering most of us hadn't seen the father of all MUNs to ever take part in Iasi ever since his departure from Romania, the enthusiasm was quite visible on all our faces.

We started out by saying a few words about ourselves, what drove us to take part in organizing this edition, either as a Chairperson or a member of the Press Corps and about our MUN experiences. The conclusion was quite clear; we had all been immensely influenced by it and are willing to take it to the next level.

After the introduction, Mr. Pi showed us an agenda of what we would be doing in the next hours and started out with the two main principles to take into consideration. The first of them was "professionalism", followed

by one of Hemingway's quotes – "Grace under pressure". Thus we were taught a valuable lesson about what control is, how to maintain ourselves calm and try to solve any issue in a mature, professional way.

That having been said, he then asked IasiMUN advisor, Mrs. Victoria Sechelea to hold a special training session with the members of the Press Corps. There we made a critique of the past issues of the Observer and each of us stated out what we would keep, discard or add. To our surprise we shared a view of how the newspaper should look like and created a new layout for the front page. We also discussed about other changes then headed back to the main room, where Mr. Pi had created a "mock debate". He would randomly choose a future Chairperson and have them under the pressure of conducting and controlling the debate. We first came across Ruxandra Tesloianu, future Chair of the Human Rights Committee,

then Lucian Parau, future Chair of the Political Committee.

We had to have a little bit of fun at the training, too. The whole classroom was laughing as Mr. Pi was advising Lucian to sit straight – again and again. "Don't sue me for this, ok?" were Mr. Pi's words as he tried to straighten his back. "This is not painful, right? I'm just trying to help"...

After the laughter and Lucian's turn ended, the Chairs were asked to divide in two

groups and continue their training and mock Chairing. Half remained in Mr. Pi's class and half departed into another one with Madalina Darabana, one of the creators of the first IasiMUN edition. Considering our job there was done, we – the Press Corps team – asked to take a photo before leaving and said goodbye to the one person we owe it all to; David Pi, for making all of this possible in the first place.



"I realized that many of the older students understood MUN much better than me."

- Mr. Pi - Opening Ceremony of IasiMUN



THE OPENING CEREMONY  
GEORGE ADRIAN OPREA



## EDITORIAL

# Anniversary article!

MONICA BÎLBĂ

Honorable delegates, distinguished chairs and fellow guests, let us all rise up and say happy birthday to our conference, for it has reached its 5th edition. It is a special year, a year of pride and motivation, a year in which not only do we celebrate, but also set a new goal – to domore! More years of debate to follow, more solutions to discover, more friendships to build, more English to learn and last but not least, more of the amazing experience that lasiMUN manages to bring to all. Even from its first edition, our conference has captivated the minds of the young and old alike. Either as part of the Junior Administrative Staff or the Press Corps, or as a delegate or a chairperson, lasiMUN has amazed all its participants by proving

to us all what good can come from such a conference. To Mr. Pi, the bright mind who laid the foundation for each conference to begin, we owe our respect and our gratitude. The following year, while more and more people became attracted to the brand new idea of debating, role-play, English and fun, the number of participants increased. With each new person bringing extra life and a new take to the experience, they have only improved and become more and more enjoyable. After 5 years since the start, everything is new and more indepth, though everything stayed the same – the same unique experience; some of us have participated to all of lasiMUN's previous editions and we are just as excited to be involved.

Nevertheless, what we can say with certainty is that this year will be extraordinary. Happy 5th anniversary, lasiMUN!



## OPENING CEREMONY

# Welcome to lasiMUN 2013!

**ALEXANDRA ZĂVOI**

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She recalled how when it all started, five years ago, the ambassador of the USA Mark Gittenstein was present at the time. He said that "You are not a United Nations Model. You are a model for the United Nations. For the next three days you are the United Nations."

The principal of "Emil Racovita" National College was present as well to welcome us and

remind us of the 49th anniversary of the highschool.

At the end of her encouraging speech, Mrs Sechelea invited the Secretary General, Robert Pintilie, to say a few words as well. As all of the other chairpersons, he is glad to still see so many students attend this conference and try to make a change. Following a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson ("Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."), he encouraged us to be the trail for future generations.

Another chair, Arthur Clarkson from the United Kingdom, reminded us of a very famous quote from Charlie Chaplin's Great Dictator speech: "You have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure." On a similar tone, Radu Puiu, chair of the Environment Committee, said

that we are now painting on the canvas of our future and that the leaders of tomorrow are among us. Moreover, Bianca Vasilache, chair of the Political Committee, took a step back and summarized this year in one simple word: solutions. The reason why we are here is that so many solutions have yet to be found and it is the young minds of today that will be tasked with creating them in the future.

The Opening Ceremony ended with the traditional message from Mr Pi, founder of lasiMUN. He talked about his visit to Romania, when, for the first time in his life, it made him happier to see there were other people much better than him at this activity. He ended his speech by giving everyone a piece of advice: to constantly push ourselves to do something important.



**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**  
GEORGE ADRIAN OPREA



**THE OPENING CEREMONY**  
ȘERBAN STELEA

# For a better tomorrow!



DELEGATE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
ILINCA ROMAN

*"We are entering an era of water scarcity" some of us say. It is said that some parts of the world have already been affected. The lack of access to water could have major impacts on people's well-being. Lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation, combined with poor personal hygiene, can cause massive health impacts.*

*How we'll try to take action to protect his essential resource? The Human Rights committee will tell us.*

**LIVIA CIOBANU**

The conference was declared opened and each committee headed towards their rooms. In the Festivities Hall, the Human Rights committee began its

activity in the fifth edition of IASIMUN.

The chairs (Ruxandra Tesloianu, Ciprian Cristea and Silviu Ungureanu) talked to the delegates, explaining the MUN procedures. Ciprian started

by welcoming them and, afterwards, made them aware of the rules they have to obey during the project. Also, Ruxandra and Silviu presented them in a few words the school and the schedule.

to do the same". A very good and efficient way of thinking, right ?

The young generation discussing the world's issues, concerned bright minds... It is kind of a relief to know that the future is left in capable hands!



HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
ILINCA ROMAN

Each delegate stated their opening speeches. Some were nervous or shy, some were acting natural. But one thing they all have in common is the dedication to this project. They managed to sum up possible solutions for some of the most pressing problems that the world of today confronts with. They all agree that they need to be the change, to assure a better future.

They spoke about the country they represent and the junior administrative staff soon started to spread the passing notes from one country to another.

The most mentioned topic seemed to be the right to clean water and sanitation, because, in some countries, water scarcity is a really serious issue. Communication privacy is also a complex thing to discuss, next to political refugees. The delegates thought of ways to avoid these violation of human rights.

One of them even talked about countries helping each other: „If we stop for a second and look back in the past, someone once helped us so maybe it's time



DELEGATE OF FINLAND  
ILINCA ROMAN

## Off to a good start...

*The Kurds, the largest stateless ethnical group in Southwest Asia, have long been subjected to oppression and violence. In 2007 they fought back, pulling out the deadliest suicide attack in the Iraq War. A couple other terrorist attacks, namely the Ankara bombing of 2007 and the explosion of two car bombs in Reyhanlı this year, have been assumed to be caused by the Kurds, this time in lack of solid proof.*

*As a consequence, Turkish forces entered Iraq several times in pursuit of Kurd fighting, damaged several villages and forced residents to flee. Finally, on 25 April, the Kurd armed force announced it would withdraw all its troops from Turkey to Northern Iraq. According to the government, the Kurds and most of the press, this move marks the end of a 30-year conflict.*

### RĂZVAN RUSU

One of the first things we noticed upon the official start of the Political Committee's work this year was the initial excitement of it. Once all the delegates gathered together and took their rightful places, mutters started to fill the air. Silence was imposed once the chairpersons made their presence felt, and all the regulations and guidelines were made understood. Sure enough, the atmosphere got heavier once sheets of paper started to rustle.

*"A single leaf working alone provides no shade."*

~ Delegate of Belize

One after the other, the distinguished delegates were invited to make an opening speech to present their country's position concerning the problems at hand. With great diplomacy, the representatives showed interest in every issue each country had to complain about, yet still one of the topics gained the upper hand: transnational organized crime. Going on a limb, it can be said that the Kurdish problem and Egypt's democracy posed only local matters, unlike the other topic mentioned above (hence the word "transnational").

The energy of the delegates was almost touchable, but there were a few that really stood up from the crowd. The delegate of

Brazil showed off with her deep involvement in all concerns, and her powerful attitude. The representative of France was even more frank, making an impetuous discourse. The chosen one of Jordan wittily stated that politics, for all too long, have been concerned about right or left rather than right or wrong. As far as Egypt's political state goes, Russia reminisced the wise saying of Ronald Reagan: "Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man."

Just as it started, the Political gathering ended up in conversation noise, marking the beginning of the caucus, whose purpose is the exchange of ideas and birth of relational bonds between different countries, in order for a resolution to be voted.



DELEGATE IN CAUCUS  
GEORGE ADRIAN OPREA



DELEGATES IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
ȘERBAN STELEA



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

# “Do not wait for the perfect moment. Take the moment and make it perfect!” (Delegate of Sweden)

*While it has been more than twenty years since the end of the Cold War, the existence of thousands of nuclear weapons continues to pose a serious global threat. They were invented as a result of scientific laborious work worldwide, in order to develop a means to obtain highly efficient mass destruction bombs.*

*Following from the perpetual study of the nuclear branch, scientists envisioned a safe, clean and efficient way of using nuclear power: energy production. However, the costs of nuclear accidents are high and encompass both material and human losses. Even though nuclear power has established itself as a reliable and cost-efficient way of producing energy, there is an emerging threat affecting the world: the materials (such as plutonium, uranium) used by power plants can easily be used as bombing material too.*

*The question that the delegates of the Environment Committee are facing is whether it's beneficial... or not. The matter is in their hands. However, we must all acknowledge the issue, the risks, form our own opinion and contribute. Is the risk really worth it?*

### MONICA BÎLBĂ

After the Opening Ceremony, all the delegates were led to their Committee rooms, where the Chairs (Robert Pintilie, Ștefana Nazare and Radu Puiu) briefly went through the rules and procedures of Model United Nations. Shortly after that, each country presented their Opening Speech, thus stating their position on the three topics.

Though many different points of view were discussed, the delegates received some valuable pieces of advice, coming from the delegates of Brazil, Finland and Belgium,

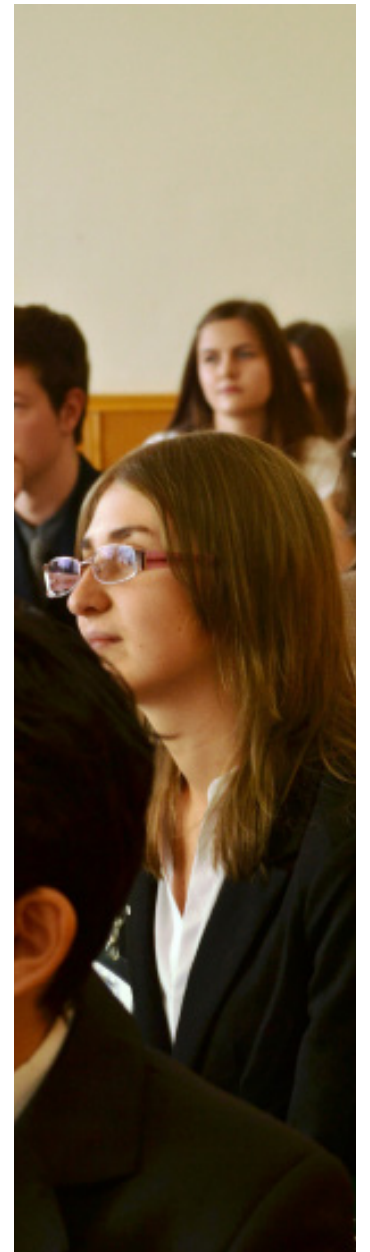
who invited us to put aside all personal matters, join our forces and fight with strong words. “Change IS possible and the chance of change lies in our own hands”, the delegate of India reassured us in her speech. When confronted with the issue of nuclear proliferation, the Environment Committee seemed to have split in half. Countries like USA, UK or China agree with the development of these air pollution free plants, others decide to remain neutral until tomorrow's debate, while Northern Countries would rather rely on other renewable sources of producing energy.

The last delegate to give

a speech, namely the delegate of Yemen, made quite an impression when, after telling everyone that Yemenis were the first civilization to ever drink coffee, encouraged the delegates to have one, as they would need plenty of energy to cope with the debating process and come up with valuable solutions. Taking in consideration the points raised in the delegates' Opening Speeches, tomorrow's debate is expected to be a very fruitful one. One thing is though certain - the delegates of the Environment Committee are highly determined to bring out the best in them, towards finding the greatest solutions there are.



THE DELEGATES IN THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
GEORGE ADRIAN OPREA



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
ILINCA ROMAN

## ECOSOC COMMITTEE

THE DELEGATES OF THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE  
ILINCA ROMAN

## Divided we stand, united we fall!

*The restriction of weapon use has different scales of amplitude. World military spending has increased, being comparable to Cold War levels and continually rising. Nowadays, nations can procure weapons of mass destruction. Countries are trying to control weapon sales by different movements and treaties. Seeing things from a closer point of view, people are allowed to have weapons for self defense. Guns however are not used only for that, people's lives being put in danger with many murdered in shootings.*

### MIHAELA TRIȘCĂ

After mentioning the procedures and the summary of the rules, the delegates from ECOSOC started the opening speeches. Since the beginning of IasiMUN, they came with strong ideas. The most mentioned topic was the Restriction of weapon use, considered one of the most important issues

the world is facing nowadays. The first delegate to speak was the delegate of Indonesia. The delegates expressed their strong disapproval regarding the weapon use: "there are not many available solutions regarding the gun control", "universal strict rules should be implemented". The delegate of Ireland, at the end of the speech came up with a peaceful quote: "If we want to

live in a safe world, it is up to us to make one!". The delegate of Peru came with some statistics, such as, a recent survey showed that 11% of the Peruvians have been threatened by someone with a gun in the last 3 years. The delegate of Spain: "The laws regarding weapon use should be very restrictive, every citizen who want to possess a gun has to respect certain rules." The

main idea was the idea of unity, that all the humans should fight together for a better, peaceful world, by using a universal set of rules, followed by all of them. The delegate of USA supports that statement: "We can make a better world not only satisfying individual needs!". First of all we should improve ourselves, then work for a collective improvement.

PLACKARDS OF THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE  
GEORGE ADRIAN OPREA





## INTERVIEW

# What do the Chairs say?

**MIHAELA TRIȘĂ**

1. How does it feel to be a chairperson for the first time?

Since the first time I participated in IasiMUN, as a junior Administrative Staff member, I have wanted to be a chairperson one day. At that time this seemed to be the greatest achievement one could have in their high school years, which I still partly believe. Now that I am finally a chairperson, I feel enthusiastic and eager to see the delegates' debate but more than anything, I just feel old.

2. Why did you choose ECOSOC?

As I have been a delegate in the Environment committee twice, this year I decided to change my point of view. Economical and social issues

have always interested me, since bringing solutions to them requires both logical thinking and understanding of the human nature.

3. Why do you recommend participation in IasiMUN?

MUN's are, undoubtedly, one of the most intelligent activities high school students can take part in. Participants learn more in three days of MUN than they can imagine, without even realizing it. Apart from developing public speaking skills and understanding today's global issues, after every edition of IasiMUN, one certainly becomes more mature.

4. What do you expect from this year's delegates?

More than anything, I expect them to be passionate and relevant. Once, I participated in a debate where, regardless of the points of view they had to

express, all speakers agreed on one solution. In all their speeches, they said the same thing, but rephrased. I hope nothing like this will ever happen at IasiMUN. I hope the delegate will know what they have to say and express it in such a manner, that it will be a pleasure to listen to them debating.

5. What determined you to give up on being a delegate?

Time. It is natural; it's my turn to be a chairperson, so I cannot be a delegate any more. I don't know whether it will be better or worse than the previous experiences. However, it will be different and this is all that matters.

6. What do you think about this year's topics?

I cannot have an unbiased opinion as I was part of the team who wrote them. I can only hope that they are challenging and that



**CAMELIA DIACONU**

ILINCA ROMAN

the delegates will enjoy them. I will know exactly how good this year's topics are only after the first day of debate.

7. How would you describe in three words the IasiMUN experience?

Spontaneity Passion Fun

**LIVIA CIOBANU**



**RUXANDRA TESLOIANU**

ILINCA ROMAN

1. What made you choose to participate in IASIMUN?

I was lucky enough to be one of Mr. Pi and Mrs Sechelea's students. They put a lot of passion in this project and made us like it so much that it would have been harder not to be a part of it. Of course, a very important role was played by curiosity and a desire

to do something different. There are many extracurricular activities and projects that students can get involved in, which have very stilted names and might be good for their CV but are not necessary of good quality. IasiMUN is very different from this point of view and I am really glad to be one of its organizers.

2. Why did you choose to be a part of the Human-Rights committee?

The issues debated here are directly related to humans and their lives. This also makes it very challenging, because in this committee we are not only dealing with data but we also have to understand different mentalities and the impact of culture and history on human psychology. Sometimes, when researching for topics, delegates might find themselves confronted with ethical issues that might not only change the way they see the world, but also the way they perceive themselves.

3. How much experience do you have with the MUNs?

I have been involved in IasiMUN since its beginnings, firstly as a Junior Administrative Staff and in the following 2 years as a delegate in the Human Rights committee.

4. What is the thing that you find most fascinating/interesting in this conference?

The whole IasiMUN conference is very interesting and each thing has its part in creating that MUN atmosphere. But for me the most fascinating thing is probably the fact that you have to research and think logically in order to understand the roots of the international problems, which can lead to a new way of understanding what is happening around you.

5. How do you think the MUN experience is going to help you in developing your social skills? Do you think that it will help you in your future career?

It's useless to make list of all

the possible benefits because they are obvious to anyone who takes part in this conference. And I have no idea if the conference will ever help me in my future career. I might choose to become a scientist and spend my days in a laboratory. Definitely, international issues will not be my biggest concerns whilst doing my work. Still, I have benefited a lot from IasiMUN in a way or another. After all, not all good things help us in a practical way. Then only writers and critics would read books!

6. Could you tell us a reason why other people should take part in the IASIMUN conference?

As I have already stated, no matter what you choose to do in life a conference like IasiMUN can only help you. If you are really passionate about debate and want to study Law or if you are just curious for more than what you learn in school and want to understand some things better, IasiMUN is a great experience.

# What do the Chairs say? (cont)

## MONICA BÎLBĂ

1. Why did you choose to give up the delegate life and replace it with a Chairs?

I have participated in five MUN Conferences before as a delegate and each one of them offered me an amazing experience. I was a very devoted and enthusiastic delegate, because I understood the great outcome of a MUN Conference, both on the personal and social plan. However, I consider that now it is time for me to go to the next level. Therefore, the will to help other delegates benefit from this remarkable opportunity and a slight trace of curiosity guided my decision to become a Chairperson. Hence, this year I am truly determined to involve myself into organizing and moderating the fifth edition of lasiMUN. I want to protect the characteristics that this conference is known for; diplomacy, sobriety and noblediscussions, in order to give the chance to as many students as possible to improve their skills. With guidance they can become more aware of the international issues in today's world and to have an amazing and useful MUN experience.

2. What does the lasiMUN experience mean to you?

For me lasiMUN means anything but the usual. It means something new, something uncommon, because it offers an absolutely unique experience for a student in comparison with other opportunities.

It is a perfect combination of a formal environment, diplomatic attitude, quality discussions and socialization. But maybe even more important, it is a place where your words matter. During the conference you really feel that you are a real delegate, debating in the great UN conferences, and that your decisions will affect a certain issue.

I could say that for me the lasiMUN experience is something that almost turned me into another person, which made me become fully aware of the world that I live in and its issues.

3. How has the preparation for the conference been?

If I thought that the preparation for being a delegate was exciting, I would have had no understanding of being a Chairperson. The preparation for the conference has been surprisingly good, as we all managed to communicate very well and always finish our work on time.

I think that the most beautiful

part was seeing so many young students interested in lasiMUN and actually excited about it, because it made me feel that what we do really matters to them. Hence, we all worked very hard, but I've never felt that it was waste of time, and therefore I am looking forward to finally getting to lasiMUN and see the conference take place.

4. What drove you into Chairing in the Environment Committee?

In my previous MUN experiences I have participated in numerous committees, but never in the Environment one, because I had little interested and poor knowledge on environmental issues. However, right now the environmental issues becoming more and more pressing, therefore I became very interested in this subject and I was determined to find interesting topics that will support valuable discussions, which, would maybe result in good and effective solutions for these matters.

5. If you were to say, what reasons would you give people to pursue them into joining lasiMUN?

I would simply tell them the truth about lasiMUN.

The first reason that I would give them is that you get amazing experiences that will help you improve various skills as communication, public speaking, team working,

persuasion, analyzing and many others.

Secondly, besides the obvious personal benefit regarding their abilities that will develop, I would stress the fact that participating in this conference will change their perspective completely.



ȘTEFANA NAZARE  
ILINCA ROMAN

## RĂZVAN RUSU

1. What made you want to become a chairperson in lasiMUN?

Last year I participated at lasiMUN as a delegate in the committee which I am chairing now and I had a truly wonderful experience. The chairpersons made a perfect conference that was organized with serious and realistic tone and that made me wish to try to offer the same great experience that I was given last year.

2. What do you think the advantages of being the youngest chairperson are?

I think being the youngest chairperson made the other chairpersons to be nicer to me, to help me do my work and give me good advice on how to do it. I had to do the same thing as the other chairpersons however, even if they thought they helped me however I was not excused for any of it.

3. We have talked about the advantages of being the youngest chairperson. Now surely there must

be some downsides to this too?

Being the youngest chairperson means that you have no experience, and you have to learn everything from the beginning and that is not easy at all. Many of the chairs already knew the stuff I needed to learn, and it was often hard to accept all the critics and see how well others could take care of a conference.

4. What do you think you, as a chairperson, can bring to the conference?

I believe that every chairperson is responsible for the goings on of their committee and give the delegates a first impression of the conference. Even though the things that a chairperson must do are mostly standard and need to be learnt, I think that during the conference by helping the delegates and giving them ideas, they can help them discover the pleasure of debate, and maybe a future hobby or even a potential job.

5. What do you think is most interesting about the political committee?

One of the things that has always fascinated me about the political committee is the fact that countries are concerned about the problems

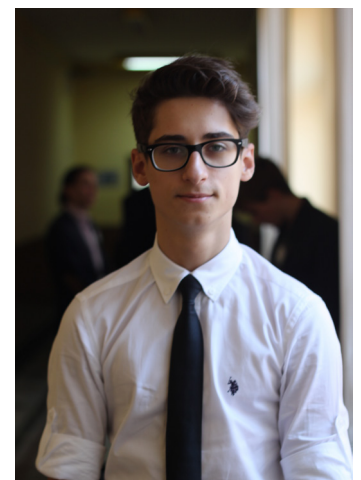
that other countries are facing and try to help them and find solutions. That is one of the things that describe us as humans, helping each other and caring for the well-being of the others around us.

6. What do you expect of the delegates this year?

I am looking forward first of all, to meeting interesting people from different high-schools, not only from lasi but from other cities as well. I hope that the delegates are interested in the topics which we are debating and have interesting opinions and solutions for the problems that the topics involve. Being a chairperson gives you the opportunity to analyze every idea or solution that the delegates propose, and I am looking forward to hearing many interesting speeches.

7. What advice would you give the delegates in the political committee?

I advise the delegates to learn about their country's opinion about the topics but most importantly to come with a positive attitude at the conference.



LUCIAN PÂRĂU  
ILINCA ROMAN



# IASIMUN

## microphone

by **Alexandra Zăvoi** and **Șerban Stelea**

Distinguish delegates, it's time to answer a fundamental question  
**If you were to be the delegate of Atlantis, what would your opening speech be about?**



I would talk about gas extraction, because we are in the middle of the sea and we need it.

**Ruxandra Păsărică**  
*Delegate of India - Environment*

Getting things up. The moral of the speech: you have to let things sink and to look deep for every good thing that might hide.

**Ștefan Ceparu & Andreea Anghel**  
*Delegates of Qatar and Brazil - Political*



Hi, guys!

**Apopei Irina**  
*Delegate of China - Environment*

Why does not anybody know about my state?

**Vlad-Florin Corduneanu**  
*Delegate of Iran - Political*



The delegate of Atlantis loves water and thinks that all land should be covered in water; also stop fishing!

**David Călin**  
*Delegate of Argentina - ECOSOC*

How we want to invest money in agriculture and ensure that it does not sink again.

**Miruna Cristuș**  
*Delegate of Russia - ECOSOC*



**SOCIAL EVENT**

# History of IASIMUN



PICTURES OF PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF IASIMUN

**RALUCA IRIMIA**

About 4000 sheets of paper printed per year. Over 200 badges, and about 200 application forms per edition. 60 debated topics, hundreds of notes exchanged during debates, hundreds of speeches, strongly sustained ideas and last but not least, so many friendships that were built. 5 editions of hard work, innovative solutions and fun times. This is just what lasiMUN stands for.

What started as an ambitious idea of a group of high school seniors, supported and coordinated by their teachers, has come to the point where you can hear people talking about it when you're waiting for your coffee-to-go in the tram station.

When asked about his decision to join the conference, Catalin Toma, part of the original team of students

who founded the conference in Iasi, answered with a smile on his face "At the beginning, I wasn't into debating and I didn't think I could do it" He did, however, end up doing it in Saint Petersburg, at the suggestion of Mr Pi and Mrs Victoria Sechelea. "The conference helps you see the world in a different light. That, if your eyes are open."

Mihai Paun was also one of the students who participated from the very first edition, and told us a few words with the same excitement just like the first time he joined lasiMUN, as the delegate of Namibia. He reminisced how he decided to do it, while all of his school mates didn't even think about it. "I thought to myself, 'I want to be different from everyone in the Festivities Hall'"

Anca Apostol, former delegate and deputy-chair of the Political Committee, also told us about the self improvements she made. "It gave me the confidence I needed, it taught me how to deal with people, how to be better organized. I have become a nazi of time management", she confessed with amusement.

In other words, lasiMUN is not only about the diploma or the participation itself. It's also about self development, discovering yourself, your skills, both your culture and other cultures, developing your ideas and extending your horizons.

This being told, Long Live lasiMUN. 5 done, and so much more to go!



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