

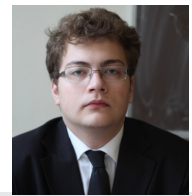


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EDITORIAL

Administrative Staff- Important part of IASIMUN

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Junior Administrative Staff

ALEXANDRA ZĂVOI

1. Where did you first hear about IasiMUN?

We first heard about this conference some years ago, from our English teacher as well as our older colleagues.

2. What made you decide to take part in this conference as a member of the junior admin staff?

Otilia said that, on the whole, this is a very interesting project, which she fully enjoys. Andrada agreed with her and added that she most likes the fact that she has the opportunity to learn more about the pressing issues that the world is facing nowadays.

Moreover, they both agree that what makes this conference special is the formal atmosphere which governs these three days.

3. What does it feel like to be a member of the junior admin staff? What do you find most difficult about it?

Andrada: I find it extremely interesting to find out what other people's opinion is on certain matters. Moreover, I am extremely grateful for this opportunity, since it greatly helps me improve my English.

Otilia: However, we do have to face some difficulties as well.

For example, it is extremely hard for us to perform on time all of the tasks needed, especially when there are not enough members in the team.

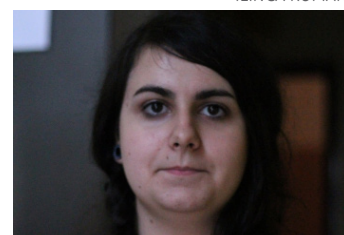
4. Do you see yourself taking part in this conference next year as a delegate? If so, in what committee?

Their answers to this question were the same: Yes, that is a definite yes! We will most probably choose the Environment or the Human Rights Committee.

Acatrinei Andrada si Chioaru Otilia



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS

General Assembly: where things fall into place

RĂZVAN RUSU

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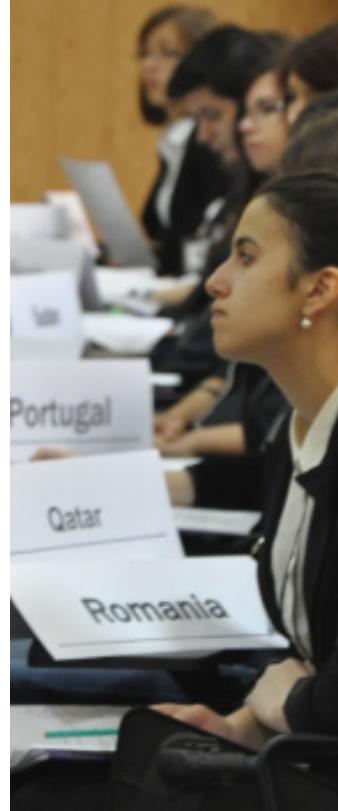
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With much authority in his voice, one of the chairpersons called: "House, come to order!", and indeed to order it came. After the role call, the Political Committee was the first one

to take charge of the debate, with many a pressing subject being discussed: the requests to humanitarian organizations, the residence and equality of the Kurds and a possible agreement between them and the UN on the Kurds not taking advantage of the situation, moreover giving arms up.

As far as the first amendment of the Political Committee goes, the one proposed by the delegate of Austria and concerning the Kurdish educational system, it did not pass. Sure enough, captivating and stirred up polemics were in each and every committee, on each and every resolution or amendment.

On a more cheerful note, one thing that was well in trend at the General assembly was note passing, up until the chairs prohibited them, that is.



DEBATE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ȘERBAN STELEA



VOTING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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IASIMUN awards

POLITICAL

Best Delegate
Carina Patras (Japan)

Best speakers
Vlad Corduneanu (Iran)
Mihai Stan (Iraq)
Arina Acatrinei (Israel)

ENVIRONMENT

Best delegate
Irina Apopei (China)

Best speakers
Mara Caluschi (Finland)
Ioana Camui (Norway)
Delia Cretu (Ireland)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Best Delegate
Olivia Apopei (China)

Best Speakers
Ana-Maria Vochita (USA)
Andrei Alexandru Nevschi
(Sweden)
Andrei Tudor Ionescu
(Germany)

ECOSOC

Best Delegate
Irina Chirca (China)

Best Speakers
David Calin (Argentina)
Caterina Elena Tincu
(United Kingdom)
Cristiana Diaconu
(France)

And so are we on the final (and apparently, the tensest) day of the fifth edition of IasiMUN



THE DELEGATES IN THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE
ILINCA ROMAN

RALUCA IRIMIA

“Corruption can never be truly abolished. We can only minimize it.” (delegate of China). This is one of the key points that have been stated this morning in the ECOSOC Committee, regarding the topic of corporative influence on UN Countries’ Governments. There have been included operative clauses such as the establishment of transparency on the government, of stricter sanctions in cases of companies bribing the governments for support, and the implementation of laws to protect entrepreneurs and local businesses.

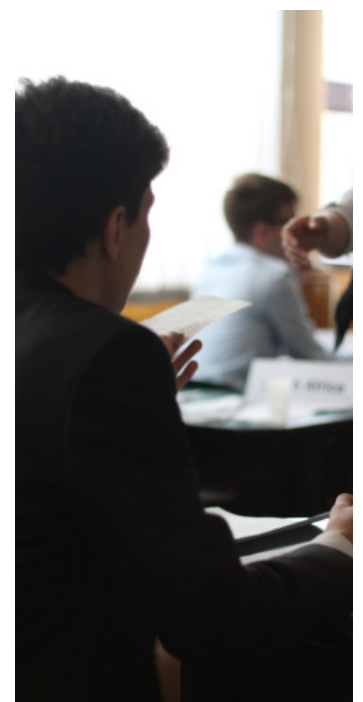
The problem of denial to lobby for companies convicted of crimes has also been approached in an interesting manner, by an amendment meant to erase the respective clause. “The right to lobby is related to the right of free speech, so it should not be denied.” (delegate of Israel). At the same time, a strong speech against the amendment was held by the delegate of Argentina, who believed that “We can not risk to place this right, compared to the right of free speech, in the hands of a criminal.” A highlight moment in the debate was the voting procedure, with a clear majority against and only one “for” vote.

Most of the delegates

seem to be more minded to defend their positions than ever. Defend and, at the same time, unite to find the right solution for this massive problem, affecting nations worldwide. As stated in the proposed resolution, “out of the 100 largest worldwide economies, 51 are corporations, whereas only 49 represent countries”.

In fact, this is what Model United Nations really is about – combining a way of positive defense with organized team work, letting go of prejudices and discrimination of any kind. In order to find a solution in favor of every nation.

Thus, on the last day of IasiMUN 2013, we “Veni, Vedei, Vici”!





INTERVIEW

Interviews with the Secretary General and the chairperson of the Political Committee

RĂZVAN RUSU
MONICA BÎLBĂ

Interview with Robert Pintilie,
Secretary General and Chairperson
in the Environment Committee



1. What impression were you left with at the end of this year's edition of IasiMUN?

IasiMUN, as always, was a great conference. All the delegates were ready to tackle our world's most concerning issues.

2. Do you think you could have improved anything? If so, what and how?

I believe every edition of IasiMUN had to learn from its previous ones, in order to achieve higher standards. That is what I tried to do this year as well. It was a collective activity and an arduous work, but with the combined experience of the other Chairpersons I think we managed to do it.

3. You are in your final year of high-school, why did you choose to play such a significant role in IasiMUN 2013? Is it not tiring?

Indeed it is my last year of high-school and I can assure that it was extremely tiring, but no matter the case, someone had to do it and with the help of the others we made sure that we can do it.

4. What did you find most interesting about the debates held in the past two days?

The past two days have been amazing. It is difficult to choose a most interesting moment. If I were to name one, it would be the caucus. Each committee was so eager to come up with their own solutions and the delegates were very passionate to

the responsibilities are worth the satisfaction?

In my opinion, the conference is much more complex through the eyes of a chairperson, as these three days of debate are just the tip of iceberg, the result of a few months work. Furthermore, besides the organisational aspect, chairpersons must pay attention to all speeches in the committee, never seem tired or bored and, the most difficult task, be objective. You are asking me whether it is worth the energy? I can undoubtedly say it does, because the look on so many content delegates' faces is priceless and it always gives me the incentive I need to start all over again...the following year.

2. Has IasiMUN influenced you personally or professionally in any concerns? Would you take up such a job in real life?

IASIMUN taught me how to see the whole picture and why it is of utmost importance to keep up to date with current international affairs. Moreover, this conference is the reason why I chose to study law at university, as it was the first experience that showed me how powerful words can be. It gave me the glimpse of a lifelong challenge to genuinely make a difference and eventually convinced me to take it up. Regarding real life, I would rather prefer to be among the delegates and take active part in elaborating solutions.

3. Give us three reasons why someone should give the conference a try.

- meet great people
- become truly aware of at least some the problems our world is facing
- gain more confidence in your public speaking and, more important, persuasion skills, as you will need them regardless of your future career

4. Do you find the position of a chairperson as one that can be taken only by an experienced individual, or do you reckon any newcomer could be in such a function right from the start?

I strongly believe that one can only be a chairperson after successfully representing a country as a delegate. Otherwise, you cannot know what to assess in the delegates' performances or what to look for in resolutions.

5. If you would be the head of such an authority in real life, would you have faith in yourself as in one single person who can make a huge difference?

I am more of a team worker and even though I do have faith in myself, changing the world, making a huge difference is not a one-person job.

6. How do you find this year's topics?

I was a chairperson in the Political Committee last year, too, but this year I think the topics tackled more sensitive issues because almost all delegates took part mind and soul in the debates. We had a lot of dramatic twists and all resolutions passed! It was quite an experience to choose only one resolution for the General Assembly.

make their countries' positions heard.

5. Do you ever miss being a delegate or do you think that the Chairing position fits you better?

There are moments when I wish I was a delegate again, just for the sake of showing the same passion as the others but I enjoyed quite a lot to be on the other side of the table, as an organizer.

6. What would you like the delegates in your Committee to remain with?

I am sure that all the delegates are now more aware of the concerning issues of the world. I wish they leave the conference more self-confident and ready to tackle any situation that may arise in their lives.

Interview with Bianca Vasilache
Chairperson in the Political
Committee

1. How does the conference look through the eyes of a chairperson? Do you think



Interview with Ciprian Cristea - chair of the Human Rights Committee

LIVIA CIOBANU

1. What made you choose to participate in IASIMUN?

At first, back in 2009, lasiMUN looked like a new and exciting opportunity (bear in mind that it was the first edition and one of the very few MUNs in Romania at the time). At first I was kind of scared to be honest, because I didn't know what to expect. Luckily for me I love challenges, which motivates me in everything. If life is a game, why play it on easy?

2. How much experience do you have with MUNs?

This edition of lasiMUN is my 7th MUN. I have participated in every edition of lasiMUN, once at GalMUN and once at BTMUN. As far as chairing, this will be my fifth time as a chairperson. It's safe to say that I've seen everything.

3. What motivates you to still participate, even after you finished high school? Why do you still continue?

I want to keep reliving this wonderful experience. lasiMUN has always been a meeting place for great people, and I'm sure it will continue to be like that. And to be honest it will be a much needed break from the things I do and study every day. It will be a nice change to hang the lab coat and be a chairperson for a weekend. And as far as continuing after high school, age is only a number after all.

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

The Human Rights Committee will be something almost new for me. I'm looking forward to see how the delegates tackle Human Rights issues instead of Political, Economic and

Social or Environmental issues. Debates usually revolve around unquantifiable items. It's harder to gauge how well human rights are respected than pollution for example, where you have a very clear set of parameters. The issues are also a fair bit harder to solve efficiently without harming someone else, but that is just the nature of this committee.

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

For me, the most fascinating thing is the whole idea of the conference. You get to represent a country, not necessarily yours, in a context which is just like the United Nations. You have to learn to speak from someone else's point of view, which may or may not be the same as yours. You get to walk a few miles in someone else's shoes basically. It's not the easiest thing to do, but once you can do it it's a great skill to have anywhere you might go.

6. How did the MUN experience help you in developing your social skills? What have you learned from your previous projects and conferences?

The MUN experience helped me tremendously. Before lasiMUN I couldn't speak in public, it was simply too hard. Luckily for me, I didn't need too much coaching on that, it was sort of natural for me, but still, I needed an opportunity. Being a delegate also taught me how to win an argument by being rational and bringing proof, because after all once you raise your voice you already lost the argument. I also learned how to face defeat. No one is right every time. Your resolution may not always pass and you may even face stiff opposition sometimes. Simply carry on and learn from defeat. Organizing the conference taught me many more things, such as teamwork and how to split tasks between people when



CIPRIAN CRISTEA
MONICA BÎLBĂ

I need to. There are many minute things that need to be taken care of when faced with such a task. The variety of things that we have to do eventually trickle down into our personalities. I can safely say that being a part of lasiMUN and other MUNs made me a better person.

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

Even though MUNs aren't for everyone it's definitely something worth trying. You may not like it, but if you do you will be hooked. It's a great place to meet many new friends. It's also a great place to practice your English, better than any class. It challenges you to step out of your comfort zone and trust me, after the conference you won't be the same. lasiMUN is

honestly one of the best MUNs in Romania at least. The quality of the debates is very high. Sometimes I think that our conference isn't a model of the United Nations but a model for the United Nations. Be the change you want to see in your world, be a part of lasiMUN. It's worth it.

8. Conclusion on this year's conference.

This year's edition was different. I have never seen such well behaved and well prepared delegates in

any IASIMUN edition so far. The debates were all interesting and quite heated, but fruitful. All in all,

I'm quite happy with outcome.



The Press Corps

The eye of the Observer

RĂZVAN RUSU



Ilinca Roman

As head of the Press, Ilinca is the “puppeteer” when it comes to organization and leadership in the Corps. She has been around for the past four years, first as a delegate for the Human Rights committee, then as a member of the Press Corps and, finally, as a chairperson.

“... this is the thing with IasiMUN: you allow yourself to dream. It’s like a huge brainstorming.”



George Oprea, one of the few people who seem “to have always been there”, lives up to his reputation. He can rightfully show off with having been a chairperson from the very beginning of IasiMUN, some 5 years ago.

Monica Bilba

Now, now... Should we let George steal the show? Well, that would be unfair for Monica, another “veteran”



of IasiMUN, who first shook hands with this project at its very infancy in 2009, when she was a 7th grader. That year she was a Junior Administrative Staff, but in the years that followed she was in for delegation. And now, following up her enrollment in the press.



Alexandra Zavoi

A newcomer in the Press Corps, Alexandra has quite some past experience with the MUN, precisely two consecutive attendances as a Human Rights Committee delegate, whom she most definitely enjoyed and is much grateful for. She states that it feels great to finally see what the conference looks like “behind the scenes”.

Rusu Razvan

One of the newest faces around, Razvan is facing his first IasiMUN experience. The general impression of it, already defined is his mind, is that of a project that knows what it does and does what it

knows best.



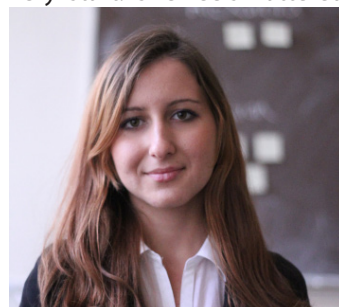
Serban Stelea

Serban is a total newcomer to IasiMUN, yet he already sees it as a great opportunity to get some skills down, socialize and develop his teamwork. Sure enough, his cluelessness causes him certain nerves from time to time, but it’s all constructive emotion, he reckons.



Livia Ciobanu

As one of the people who never knew that there has ever been such a thing as IasiMUN, Livia admits she’s rather excited to give the Press Corps a go from the very start. She feels flattered



to have the opportunity of working with a team with such professionalism (as she says), in a field so fascinating as journalism.



Mihaela Trisca

Yet another newcomer in the Press, Mihaela says she has some experience in the field of article writing, despite having never worked in a team with such interests. She enjoys doing what she does for the way of seeing things from an outsider’s point of view, thus explaining her choice of joining the reporters.



Raluca Irimia

Raluca is yet another of the persons who have been a constant presence in the MUN “landscape”. Her story takes her through Junior Administrative Staff and delegate functions, having joined the Press Corps only last year. And what a blast did she have! Because of this, she says she’s found the last edition to be the most enjoyable.

SOCIAL EVENT

Bringing culture to the masses



THE NATIONAL THEATER



RĂZVAN RUSU

On Saturday night all the people of IasiMUN had the pleasure of attending another social event: a play held at the " Vasile Alecsandri " National Theatre, titled " Iasii in Carnaval " . Alongside ordinary people or seasoned art lovers, our esteemed delegates, honorable chairpersons, hard-working administrators and devoted journalists slowly made their way to the main entrance of the theatre. Everywhere in the room, jovial faces could be spotted, smiles prolonging, as

the friendships already tied during the past two days got even stronger.

Following up three special effect moments, in which the lights dimmed and trumpet notes could be heard, came the first waltz of the play, that caught everyone's attention. Next, the first two actors made their entrance, and after wittily exchanging some lines, the show began. And, boy, was it a blast!

The brass band came on stage in a military march, the actors went wild, the

funny moments got the crowd cheering and, despite the darkness, you could feel the joy in everyone's hearts.

What other way of ending such a marvelous show other than in a waterfall of applause and cheers? It was great pleasure, upon exiting the theater, to notice people going home in a pleasant mood, different from the one in which they came, and it was indeed a wonderful opportunity to remind the participants what it's all about: socializing and having fun.



DELEGATES AT THE SECOND SOCIAL EVENT
ILINCA ROMAN