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2DSTMUN Conference

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AND SO IT BEGINS...

THE OPENING CEREMONY – THE DST MUN IS BACK IN THE GAME

8th November- Today, the delegates of the 2nd DSTMUN were warmly welcomed in the assembly hall of Thessaloniki's German School by the members of the Secretariat. At the opening ceremony the delegate's placards were raised high and speakers managed to put the conference into a greater context. The first speaker, Mr. Viering, the headmaster of the DST, was honored to introduce the topic of this year's conference: "Trade and Development in the 21st century: Are we getting ready for the future?" and encouraged participants to find solutions to controversial questions.

The second speaker, Mrs. Bending, the Consul General, emphasized the fact that, "the big problems of the world can only be solved together- the world needs you!". Later on, the President of ISOMAT, Mr. Tsiritis, underlined the importance of international trade. The students of the DST, Spyros and Iliana



played a musical piece. Later on, Mrs. Kosmopoulou, the city councilor of Thessaloniki, endorsed the youth to cooperate and exchange ideas and opinions. Following by, Maria Deliporanidou and Kyra Giovanopoulou, the Organizing Team, urged the participants to "discover something new" during their MUN experience.

Last, but not least, George Moneftsis, the Secretary Journal, concludes by saying that "You'll have a unique opportunity to discuss, find solutions, in order to shape the future of mankind!". The hammer echoes and so it begins...

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MEET YOUR CHAIRS

Spyros Koutsaliaris - GA2

What was the best thing that happened to you today?

Seeing my good friend Roy Malta. Since she lives

In Athens I only get to meet her in MUN-Conferences.

What are the benefits of participating at a MUN conference?

MUN is a great chance to learn a lot about the world we live in.



Marianna Generali - GA1

What's the funniest memory you had at a MUN conference?

In last years DSTMUN we had a box of shame in which me and my friend had to apologize to the whole committee for talking during debate.

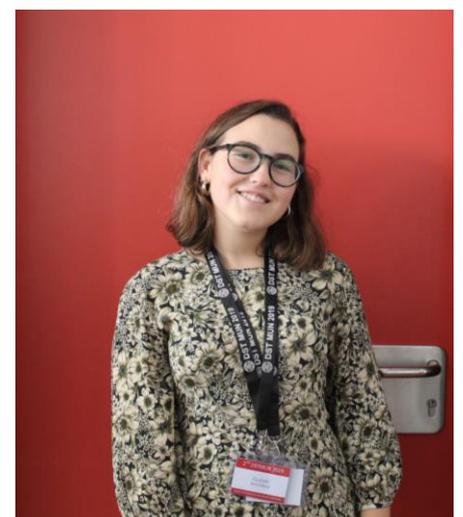
What are the benefits of participating at a MUN conference?

MUN offers delegates from all around the world the chance to exchange opinion around the world.



Elena Patsalia - GA3

What motivated you to apply for the position of a chair?



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I always wanted to be a Chair and since DSTMUN is my last conference, I wanted to experience this co

What social stigma does society need to get over?

Basically everything

Katerina Voutsas - EU

What is DSTMUN for you?

DSTMUN is for me an excellent initiative that aims at increasing the youth's involvement in political issues.

Where do you see yourself in the future?

In the future, I would like to pursue a career in Business Administration, focusing on marketing.



Vassilis Zotos - ICJ

What inspires you to be better?

I always try to put high goals. It's the process that matters and the skills and experience, I have acquired throughout.

What are you known for?

I am most known for my candor and stubbornness.



ARTICLES YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING

United Nations Day 2019

74 years striving to maintain peace

In accordance with a tradition held since 1948, the UN Day was celebrated once more on 24 October. The anniversary marks the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945, which after having been signed by the majority of the participating nations officially declared the establishment of the United Nations.

The annual statement of the Secretary General António Guterres focuses on the organization's mission to deal with the real problems of real people as effectively as possible. "We are working for a fair globalization and bold climate action." Guterres underlined "We are pushing for human rights and gender equality and saying "no" to hatred of any kind. And we are striving to maintain peace, while bringing life-saving aid to millions caught up in armed conflict."

In a world moving towards the fourth industrial revolution the United Nations are facing the challenges of an unpredictable and highly demanding emerging new era for mankind.

The climate crisis escalates

Recently, the discussion regarding climate change has been more open than ever before. The fact that our climate is indeed changing is no news: for several decades now, scientists have pointed attention to this potential threat. However, while aware of this issue, the general public has never demanded change in concert and collectively, prior to recent events. Fridays for future, protestings, the acceptance of our individual responsibility, are all sending a message to the world leaders that people are ready for the beginning of a sustainable era. On the other hand, some are not convinced. Contrary to the 97% of studies released on climate change, a group of scientists supports that humans are not the ones causing this change, and the rise of the temperature is a natural process that has taken place in earth several times. Where some see governments taking action for the protection of our species, others see green taxes and where some see a natural process, others see the beginning of a mass extinction.



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MEET THE BOY ON THE STAGE



George Moneftsis
Secretary General

- **How did you feel when you were chosen to be secretary general?**

I was really honoured ,extremely happy and couldn't think of anything else except how I would look like during those 3 days of the conference

- **What expectations do you have for this year's conference?**

I want it to be better than last year and fun for everyone participating. I want the delegates to be able to learn something and for myself, to be the best I can.

- **What is the best thing about MUN conferences?**

MUN conferences are really special to me in the sense that people learn lots of things like to cooperate, to participate, to discuss, to improve their english skills, make friends and in general I believe it has a serious educaational value.

- **What life lessons have MUN conferences taught you?**

The MUN conferences have taught me how to be a better citizen, student, friend and how to be more organised.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

GA1

On the first day in GA1 all the delegates were extremely excited and delivered their opening speeches considering the theme of the power vacuum in West Iran and Eastern Syria and secondly with the question of the use of artificial intelligence in warfare.



GA-3

Basically the delegates read their opening speeches and they discussed about the rules with the chairs. After that they started debating about the issue of the Global Mass Surveillance by the Governments.

GA-4

The delegates of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee spent their morning forming allies and discussing resolutions concerning the topic of Neocolonialism. The Russian Federation and its allies assert that MEDCs are taking indirect control of LEDCs, thus affecting their economy and preventing them from developing on their own. Meanwhile, USA and its allies are trying to establish a win-win situation for both sides.



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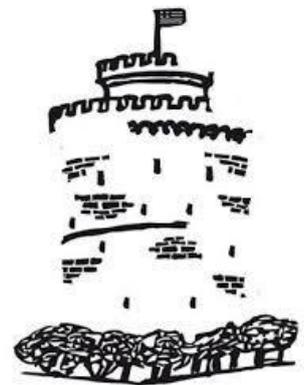
EU COUNCIL

On the first day in the EU Council of Ministers each delegate delivered a speech on the topic of “Reviving European Defense Cooperation”. All the delegates were noticeably active and asked each other questions on the matter. The delegations of France and Bulgaria managed to stand out in the conference with their delightful speeches and activeness.



Spend your time in *SKG*

Thessaloniki is a beautiful city full of culture and places everyone should visit! On top of that there are also countless choices of places you can go to simply drink something or to have a meal. If you want to enjoy a coffee or a drink in a comfortable but special environment. Ypsilon in Edessis and Efimerida SKG in Filikis Etairias are recommended! If you want to please your sweet tooth, don't worry! Places like Sugar Angel and Spoon exist! You are hungry and you want to have a full meal? Don't worry too much, the choices are endless, but Takadum in Platia Emporiou and Kitchen Bar are two we suggest. And of course in case you are vegan or vegetarian, you have many choices as well! Falafel (vegetarian) and The Saints Stones (100% vegan) exist! If you want to have a night of culture and movies, the 60th movie festival is happening in our city, so make sure to check it out!



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CAN YOU SPOT YOURSELF?



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A FEW WORDS FROM THE ONES BEHIND EVERYTHING...

*Kyra Giovanopoulou-
member of the
organazing team*



- **How did you feel now that the 2DSTMUN is finally coming true?**

I feel really proud that something that we started last year has the opportunity to continue as a legacy in this school.

Since it is a second edition, I believe that everyone is more experienced. So, I expect that the conference will be better this year.

- **Was it difficult to organize the whole conference again?**

Of course, there were difficult parts and a lot of effort was put from every single one of us.

- **Do you expect anything to be different this year?**

I hope that this year we have managed to ameliorate the conference as a whole. So, I would be very happy to hear that people created even more beautiful memories.

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QUIZ TIME - WHAT KIND OF A DELEGATE ARE YOU? (Solutions on the next issue)

How many conferences do you attend a year?

- a) 1-2
- b) 2-4
- c) More than 4

What do you enjoy most about MUN?

- a) The debate
- b) The people I meet
- c) The opening and closing ceremony



When lobbying I

- a) Join the bloc that suits my country
- b) Try to make other countries join my bloc
- c) I always succeed at making countries join my bloc

When speaking

- a) I try to showcase my speech as well as possible even if it is not relevant
- b) I am too busy scribbling down notes to speak
- c) I try to attack

What is your go to MUN drink

- a) Starbucks
- b) Just water or juice
- c) Coffee

What accessory do you use at a conference?

- a) A flag of my country
- b) A pin
- c) A tie matching my countries flag