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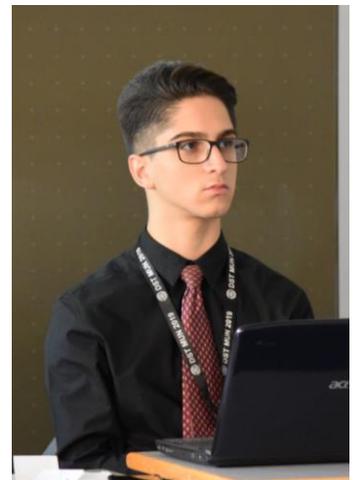
Christopher Vogiatzis – Security Council

If you could describe MUN in one word, what would that be?

The word I would use would be “inspiring”. It is inspiring to see the dedication and hard work students put into these conferences.

Which is one of your favourite topics to talk about?

Regarding politics, I often find myself talking about populism and its effect on our world. I find it very interesting.



Mikaela Saridi – Youth Assembly

Who is your role model?

To be honest, I don't really think I have one.

What inspires you to get better?

What inspires me to get better is the goals that I have set for the future and the fact that I want to achieve them. I believe that by having that as my everyday motivation really helps me to be productive and happy.



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Manolis Miliaras – Group of 20

What life lessons have the MUN conferences taught you?

It is difficult to find good food and China always wins.

What do you think are the most important qualities for someone to excel in this role?

Being polite to Roy and trying not to piss off Roy 😊.



Joanna Sakkadas – GA2

What do you want to achieve in life?

World domination.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

The same place that I now see myself, in a mirror. (Also, trying to settle down.)



Antonia Dalla – GA4

If you were the US President for one day what would you change?

I would help all the people who live under terrible conditions.

What goal do you think humanity is not focused enough on achieving?

Health care for all people.



ARTICLES YOU MIGHT FIND INTERESTING

China's Overpopulation

As we all know, China is one of the most populated countries of the world. 1,4 billion citizens live there and as you can imagine, it is urban crowding. Therefore, overpopulation may affect the daily lives of the people to an incredible extent and cause problems. There is a huge amount of candidates for admission to Chinese universities. In addition to that, there have to be very big buildings and many examiners in order to examine all of the students. Furthermore traffic is a very important problem in China and all the cars pollute the environment. Getting a job is also very difficult, due to the fact that many people apply for the same job. Last but not least, the most important problem, which appears not only in China but also in many other countries, is poverty. Poverty may also affect other aspects of living, such as food, clothing etc. In conclusion, China suffers from urban crowding and in our globalized world this is spreading to other countries as well.



Erdogan speaks on Syria

Last week, UN Secretary General, António Guterres, visited Turkey to meet with President Erdogan. After the two politicians' meeting, both sides expressed their support to the ongoing Syria Constitutional Committee meetings, a committee that finally brings the Government and Opposition face to face and has enabled communication after nine long years of violence. "The Secretary General also expressed his deep appreciation for the strong cooperation and support of Turkey to the United Nations," said the press release of the UN spokesperson. President Erdogan briefly presented his plan for the return of up to two million Syrian refugees, out of the supposed number of 3.6 million, back to their homeland. In response to this, Guterres informed the President that he will immediately seek the formation of a new team at UNHCR (UN refugee agency) in order to engage in discussions with the Turkish authorities. The Turkish military strike on Syria, which took place on October 9th in response to the USA's decision to withdraw troops from the region, has caused an even greater deterioration to Syria's humanitarian situation, said the UN. According to news reports, Russia and Turkey are aiming for the creation of a "safe zone" in order to combat the crisis. Apart from talking about Syria, the two men had an exchange of views regarding issues on the wider region, including Yemen and Libya, as well as issues concerning other parts of the world.



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OUR DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL SAID...



ROY MALTA

Deputy Secretary General

How did you feel when you were chosen to be Deputy Secretary General?

I was very honored.

What do you enjoy most about your job as DSG?

Hanging out with George Moneftsis.

What's the best thing about MUN conferences? What makes them so special in your view?

Hanging out with my favorite people, discussing interesting topics and messing with George Kanellopoulos.

What life lessons have the MUN conferences taught you?

I learned to be appreciative of my Vans.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

GA1

What a debate! On the second day in GA1 an interesting discussion came up about the power vacuum in West Iran and Eastern Syria. Most of the delegates were very active, especially the delegates of Syria and Italy. During the debating procedure upon the resolution that was made, some conflicts between the delegation of Syria and some other delegations occurred concerning the return of the refugees to Syria.



GA2



On the second day in GA2, discussions about the Prevention of the Global Financial Crisis started. The delegations of Spain and Russia were especially active and controversial, since both their speeches addressed many questions.

GA3

Today in GA3 the delegates started debating about the Issue of Global Mass Surveillance by Governments followed by a voting procedure. After that the next debate started. The topic of the second debate was about the Consequences of the Economic Crises on Human Rights. During the debates most of the delegates were participating, especially the delegates of USA, Russian Federation and Spain.



EU



Today in the EU Council of Ministers the resolution on the topic “Reviving European Defense Cooperation” was introduced by the delegation of France. Open debate started and many different opinions came up, especially by the delegations of France, Bulgaria and Belgium.

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GA4 - Heated debate on the question of Neocolonialism



The second day of the conference in the Special, Political and Decolonization Committee started rather pleasantly with the delegates debating on the resolutions submitted by the Russian Federation and its allies. The delegation of France was especially active and sometimes even quite aggressive. Finally, the majority of the delegates voted in favor of the resolution and consequently it passed.

SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council went upside down when the crisis was announced! Argentinian vessels and troops arrived in Port Louis today. Many innocent people are being held hostage by Argentina. In the meantime, an email was leaked with very spicy news... Russia has been cooperating with Argentina this whole time! The Government of the United Kingdom is very upset and the Prime Minister announced that they are not going to be involved in such a conflict. What is going to happen now? What decisions are going to be taken?

G20 - “Children will be the leaders of tomorrow”

It's the second day of the DSTMUN and the delegates of the G20 committee are engaged with a crucial issue: international development. Sustainability was the one of the main topics of today's debate, as well as the coexistence of sustainable practices and economic growth. During their discussion concerning these affairs, the delegation of Japan proposed the incorporation of the SDGs (sustainable development goals) in education. “Children will be the leaders of tomorrow,” Japan said, “thus it is of great importance that their education leads them towards the right path”.



ICJ

This year's ICJ has to deal with a demanding case, the LaGrand case, concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (Germany vs USA). One of today's witnesses, a chief sheriff, presented his opinion on the case, admitting that brothers Karl-Heinz and Walter LaGrand were neither informed of their right to consular assistance nor of their German nationality. However, he



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made clear that no evidence of a different nationality was presented and that the German government did nothing to make the brothers aware of their dual citizenship. The second witness was a public lawyer, who underlined that the US officials violated the human rights of the brothers, as they did not inform them in time about their German nationality, thereby infringing the Vienna Convention through their application of procedural default. Did the judges manage to make their way out of that confusion? I guess we have to wait to find out!

THE UNSUNG HEROES

HEAD OF ADMINS

Hello, my name is Daphne Wendelstadt and I am the Head of Admins in the 2nd DSTMUN. At first it was kind of difficult to organize the MUN-newcomers, but we managed to do that. I think we did a great job and I hope everyone had fun in the conference!



SECURITY STAFF



The Security Staff of the 2nd DSTMUN conference are the hidden heroes behind the curtain. It is a great deal thanks to them that the delegates can have the best possible experience during the 3 days of simulation. Our 4 wonder boys, Apostolos, Nikitas, Anastasis and Minas, guided by their head Geoge Anastasiadis were the once that made sure that everyone and everything was at the right place at the right time.

THE WOMAN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN



Maike Rohkrähmer

MUN Advisor

How did you get involved with the MUN for the first time?

When I applied to DST 2 years ago, I was asked if I want to be the MUN advisor when I came here. I had no idea what MUN was so of course I said “yes”.

What expectations do you have for this year’s conference?

I expect everything to go smoothly, because I had a great team who put their heart and soul into this conference and did a lot of work in advance. I hope students will realize how important it is to work together in order to find solutions.

What’s the best thing about MUN conferences?

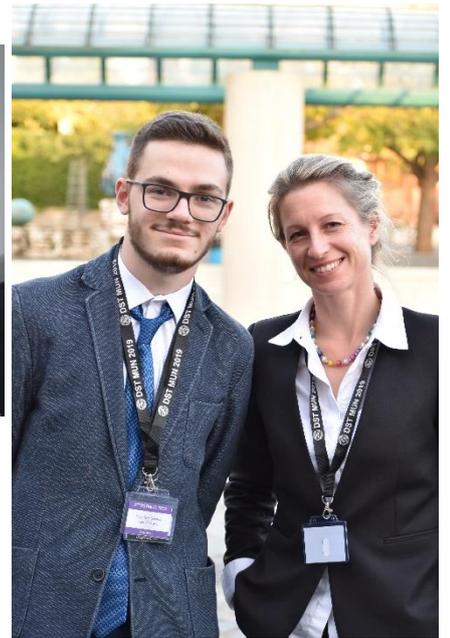
It’s wonderful that the students do it all by themselves. I love the fact that they speak English, I love how they dress up and it is an amazing and unforgettable experience

What goal do you think humanity is not focused enough on achieving?

Well, this is hard...I think it’s unity, because even if we organize conferences like this one and similar ones, still people focus on their own goals and are sometimes unwilling or unable to see the greater good.

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CUTE MOMENTS WE CAPTURED



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SOLUTIONS TO THE QUIZ "WHAT KIND OF DELEGATE ARE YOU"?

Type 1: The Orator (mostly a)

You are really here to showcase your speaking skills. Both the debate and the quality of your speech matter to you. You grab any opportunity to deliver a speech and express your country's policy.

Type 2: The Negotiator (mostly b)

You work in the dark. The secret to your success are alliances with other delegates. It might not seem like it, but you always get what you want.

Type 3: The Award-Seeker (mostly c)

You would do anything to get what you most want. At the closing ceremony you can be found lingering in the back and nervously fixing your tie waiting to be announced the winner of an award. You are a hard-working delegate and an award is the best way for you to prove it.

GAMES FOR THE LONG DEBATES

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