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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENCY

Our organization is the legacy of groups of motivated people with dreams, visions, and a capability to put them into action, and this since 1999. Although times were confusing when our Board took office in May 2020 and that we were feeling like everything could fall into place this apprehension did not last long.

We can be pleased to have been surrounded by wonderful team members and partners always eager to involve themselves greatly in each Board's journey. The trust put in the work of each other allows us to empower one another. And that is what GIMUN has been about.

To find purpose in our duty, one that drives us deep on the inside was a marvelous feeling. For our Board, it was helping ourselves, our teams, and the overall association learn concrete skills and grow. Like a seed that blossoms into a tree. Our goal was to serve this purpose, and this intention to serve was behind every other goal we had for GIMUN during the year. Bonding altogether, and reminding each other of their purposes made this journey an unforgettable one.

What also made this journey wonderful was how much we could accomplish despite the changing circumstances. We managed to enhance the overall structure of our organization: the Human Resources department is now two years old and is expected to grow bigger and to therefore tackle more tasks; the Delegation has demonstrated itself as being a wonderful place to create a new generation of MUNers, and of GIMUNers especially.

For instance, four out of the six new Executive Board members have been members of the Delegation. In addition, our total number of members peaked this year, serving the interest of our partners UniGe and IHEID as their students participate and learn within our NGO. Apart from the new developments in departments, the work of our already well grounded departments continue to thrive. For instance, the Translation Department whose reliability allows GIMUN to extend its reach and the scope of our events. Without them, it would have been more difficult to organize our events and the degree of professionalism exhibited during them would have been changed.

The Secretariat, the Events and the Finance departments also proved their resilience and capability to adapt and do cross departmental collaborations as these departments managed to outperform their objectives and to involve wonderful participants.

Giving ourselves to GIMUN, spending hours and hours implementing projects, solving problems and, also, having fun was eventually a good investment. At the end of this journey what we have gained is beyond what we could have imagined.

On the name of the entire organization and of its fiftieth members, we are delighted to present you our 2020-2021 Annual Report and we thank everyone involved in its creation.

Best regards,

ANTOINE GOTHUEY & JINYU (JOANNA) RUAN PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT 2020-2021
"TO ME, EVERYTHING GIMUN HAS TAUGHT ME OUTWEIGHS THE VALUE OF THE DEGREE I AM CURRENTLY PURSUING. I WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE GIVING THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO OTHER INTERESTED STUDENTS."

EMMA FISCHER

"BEING A MODEL UNITED NATIONS, GIMUN REPRODUCES THE ACTUAL DEBATES IN DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS. PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR UNIVERSITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD COME TO REPRESENT COUNTRIES ASSIGNED TO THEM IN THESE DEBATES, THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER, SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND COMPROMISE TO FIND SOLUTIONS TOGETHER TO THE AGENDA THEIR COMMITTEE DISCUSSES. IT IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ON THESE AGENDAS, ON THE COMMITTEES AND ON THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE UN, ADDITIONALLY, YOU CAN MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM ALL KINDS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND EXPAND YOUR SOCIAL NETWORK. THE DEBATES HELP YOU IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL SKILLS AND ORAL ELOQUENCE, WHILE ALSO TEACHING YOU HOW TO WRITE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. ALL OF THIS MAKES GIMUN ONE OF THE MOST ENRICHING EXPERIENCES ONE CAN HAVE, MAY IT BE PROFESSIONALLY OR ON THE HUMAN SIDE OF THINGS."

DARIUS HARNICHSCH

"ONCE IN A MUN I ATTENDED A PRESIDENT SAID, "MUNS ARE NOT A GAME OR A HOBBY, MUNS ARE ABOUT PEOPLE." QUITE A SIMPLE SENTENCE, BUT IT HAD A BIG IMPACT ON MY PERCEPTION OF MUNS. THIS IS WHY WHEN A PERSON ASKS ME WHAT GIMUN IS, I TELL HIM THAT WE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND WITH A COMMON PASSION: DIPLOMACY."

NICOLAS CAVADINI

"GIMUN PLAYED A HUGE ROLE IN MY CAREER, THERE IS NO UNIVERSITY WITHOUT GIMUN, THEY JUST GO HAND IN HAND."

"ALL THE PEOPLE I MET AND THE EXPERIENCES I HAD WERE HAPPY"

ETHAN CATANZARITI

"MUN IS FUN, AND MAKE ME ENJOY BEING PART IN THIS WORLD."

"GIMUN IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE- YOU’LL MEET INCREDIBLE PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME BRILLIANT FRIENDS OVER THE COURSE OF A WEEK, DEBATE IN SOME OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS CONFERENCE ROOMS OF THE WORLD, AND HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEK THANKS TO THE SOCIAL EVENTS. IT’S THE PERFECT BLEND OF FORMAL SUITS AND PROCEDURES, AND FUN EVENTS THAT YOU’LL BE THINKING ABOUT FOR AGES. DEFINITELY ONE OF MY FAVOURITE MUN EXPERIENCES."

ERIN EVA HAYES

"I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL AND DETERMINED PEOPLE. THIS IS JUST THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING PART OF GIMUN. THIS EXPERIENCE AND THESE FRIENDSHIPS ARE WHAT PREPARE US FOR OUR FUTURE AND IMPROVE US AS PROFESSIONALS."

CHIARA MUELLER
CONTRIBUTIONS & FUTURE TEAM

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01 - GENERAL NOTIONS ABOUT THE 2020-2021 DELEGATION

Just like in 2019-2020, this year's delegation met for two hours once a week. This allowed delegates to maintain a good connection with the debate and with each other, whilst also giving them enough time to prepare for each session.

Model United Nations debate quality is heavily reliant on every single delegate being present for the whole session, as one member State not participating can affect the entire discussion. In previous years, Heads of Delegations noticed that maintaining the delegate's motivation over the course of an entire semester could be challenging, and participation rates often dropped to a third of the original number. For this reason, one of our objectives as Heads of the 2020-2021 GIMUN Delegation was to boost delegates' dedication over a long period of time, starting by renewing the application process.

First, we allowed prospective delegates to take part in two open sessions so that they would be able to make an informed decision about joining the delegation. Second, we asked for dedication right out of the gate by hosting in-person interviews to gauge their future adherence and performance as delegates.

The main criteria we were looking for were commitment, teamwork and willingness to improve. We interviewed 40 applicants and took on 22 delegates as part of our 2020-2021 delegation. In previous years, Heads trained different delegates each semester, so a notable innovation of the 2020-2021 term was to create a permanent delegation.

In agreement with the Presidency, we recognized the need for GIMUN to have a permanent delegation of competent and motivated delegates that could represent us in conferences all over Europe and potentially the world.

In that same spirit, we are hoping to select future Heads of Delegation from our own delegation who will thus be very familiar with GIMUN's organizational structure - it is however too early to say whether any delegates will be willing to pick up the torch.
This year, we extended the scope of the delegation to include both traditional MUN debate and delegate development. These two distinct blocs were created in order to provide a holistic approach to MUN style debate for our members. In the context of standard MUN, we looked at HAMMUN rules of procedure and debated a relevant topic per semester. We started the year by going over the strategic use of rules of procedure, the writing of impactful position papers, the proposal of excellent draft resolutions, and everything in between. The delegates were able to master all the elements of the debate and use them effectively. Once they were fluent in rules of procedure, we entered the debate. MUN style debate allows the delegates to learn about a topic from multiple perspectives.

They have to defend the issue from the point of view of a country they are not necessarily familiar with while also having to take into account the political stances of all the other countries. It is an exercise of both open mindedness and tactful negotiation. This year’s innovation was to add a delegate development block. We would include these topics in a time permitting premise as the debate is the priority and essence of the delegation. One aspect we focused on was public speaking. We did so by looking at famous orators and performing rhetorical analysis in order to develop a delegate public speaking toolbox. Additionally, we looked at current events so that each delegate would be able to build their understanding of international policy and thus debate more effectively. Overall, this addition was successful in giving a holistic approach to MUN debate to our delegates. We all grew as people, debaters, and delegates.
03 - FALL SEMESTER

The fall semester’s topic was “Food security in refugee camps” and our committee was the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). The discussion focused on the issue of funding, defining a refugee and how to stop the refugee crisis at its root. As per MUN procedure, we prepared two topics which the delegation voted on at our first permanent delegation session. The other topic we prepared was the protection of cultural property in armed conflict (UNESCO). As the second wave of covid-19 hit, we operated a switch from in-person delegation to online delegation. Looking for the best possible software for MUN discussions, we tried both Zoom and Airmeet, finally concluding that Zoom is most appropriate for delegation sessions - especially with the recent update allowing delegates to move between breakout rooms freely. Online delegation allowed delegates to develop other skills than in-person debates as it required heightened commitment and motivation, clear enunciation and a lot of autonomy. Furthermore, online speeches needed to be rhetorically more powerful to be convincing. Overall, we were very pleased with our delegate’s improvements over this period of time, and were happy to note that their commitment did not waiver over the course of the semester.

04 - SPRING SEMESTER

For the spring semester we opted for a topic relevant to today’s political climate: “Regulating the spread of misinformation on social media” in the ECOSOC. This topic was extremely well received by the delegation as it has been a prominent subject in international relations this year that has not yet been resolved.

We continued our sessions on zoom in the same format we had ended the fall semester. This method has proven to be effective and continues to show promise. Overall, attendance has been sustained and motivation continues to increase.

In the transition to the spring semester, we had to switch the date of our meetings resulting in the unfortunate loss of a few members. We did not proceed in another recruitment since our new quorum of 17 delegates works efficiently though Zoom. Despite the reduced number of participants, those who have stayed have shown dedication and a love for MUN.
05 - DELEGATE PROGRESS

Over the two semesters, the delegates have shown undeniable growth. From the point of view of MUN debates, they have demonstrated a clear mastery of the rules of procedure. They have been able to pass resolutions that tactfully include the political opinions of all the countries. In terms of debate, they have become more comfortable speaking in front of each other and started using rhetorical devices to their advantage.

The most dramatic improvement was in those who attended the GIMUN annual conference. When they came back to the delegation, they brought with them a new level of confidence and technical skills that benefited the delegation as a whole. We are particularly pleased with one of our delegates who won a “best delegate award” and another who reached out of her comfort zone and chaired one of the committees.

In continuing with that momentum, we will be participating in another conference at the end of April as a delegation. At this point, all of the GIMUN delegation is ready for any conference they attend. We are confident that they have all the tools necessary to be successful while also continuing to grow.

06 - COMMITTEE ASPECT

One of our objectives for the 2020-2021 delegation was to create a diverse community of people within the GIMUN framework, which is why building “delegation spirit” was very important to us. Due to the (still) ongoing pandemic, seeing each other physically was too difficult, and at times illegal. Working around Swiss covid-19 legislation, we implemented two ways of maintaining bonds between delegates: online team bondings and “special Thursdays”.

Online team bondings often took place in the evenings and consisted of the delegation playing online games such as Among Us, Skribblio and Wolfie whilst getting to know each other per Zoom. Although they were originally started by the Heads, delegates quickly took the initiative to propose bonding activities in the chat, proving that there is indeed a strong delegation spirit.

“Special Thursdays” were implemented in the Spring Semester. Their aim was to provide support for delegates who needed MUN help (rules of procedure, strategy advice), but we also provided organisational and orientation advice. In accordance with covid-rules, Special Thursdays could only host 5 people. The activities depended on the week, and we originally planned to cycle hosts between Emma, Sophie and a third-party (for example another GIMUN member who could tell them about their department or studies).

Overall, we consider our goal of building delegation spirit and creating a group of diverse yet like-minded people very successful, and we are very happy to have done so.
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OUR PROGRESS IN NUMBERS
Participants expansion in the different events

230 people have participated to our events in the 2020-2021 year

X5.7 We improved the number of participants of 5.7 from the beginning of the year to the end of the year
01 - PRESENTATION

The event department of GIMUN was created in the beginning of the 2019/2020 academic year, with the aim to promote GIMUNs values and principles through events all year around. The team, consisting of two Events Directors and three members, are therefore closely working together with the President and Vice-President of the organization, in order to create events of international interest. Hence, various events such as the study trip, cultural events, workshops or most famously, the UN day, are organised with the aim to enable students to actively participate in globally relevant events and to provide them with a platform to voice their opinions and amend their academic skills. Following the advice of the former Events Director, the recruitment of the new members was done at the very beginning of the semester. This happened parallel to the last few internal community bonding events, that could be held offline and the planning for an adapted version of the UN Day, which then had to be cancelled nevertheless (additional information to this will be provided later on in this report). Given the particular circumstances, we decided to focus on organising smaller events that would benefit the GIMUN members and to host events that are useful to them all while respecting the sanitary regulations given by the University and the government.

For this reason, we held several workshops with the intent to equip students with the necessary skills for a successful entry into the workforce. In this light, online workshops related to job interviews or networking on Linkedin were organised as well as more social events such as a cooking and dancing workshop, with the aim to provide a place for students to sustain social connections. As the opinion and needs of the GIMUN community is our highest priority, we conducted a question form at the end of the semester. With this, we were able to understand the current needs and interests of our members and could outline the second semester accordingly. Weekly meetings for the events team were held throughout the semester, enabling us to adapt quickly to the always changing situation. Hereby, each event team member oversaw one particular workshop while assisting the others at the same time. Similarly, the social events organized by the Events Directions were equally supported by the events members. With the aim to learn from each other and from past mistakes as well as future challenges, a workshop for the events team members was held at the end of the semester. The intention hereof was also to prepare the events members for the second semester, where we planned events for the general public. The Events Directors were hereby responsible for the training of their team members, the supervision of organization of the events as well as the coordination of the different departments within the organization. Despite the given limitations of the sanitary situation, this semester was a success for the events team. Not only were we active throughout the semester, we were also able to contribute to the strengthening of the GIMUN community by providing alternative platforms of exchange and growth. As this point, the Events Directors would like to express their gratitude for the dedicated work of its members. Their continuous hard work and passion was and still is well appreciated and made this success possible. Moreover, we would like to thank the executive Board, especially the presidency, for their support and guidance in every step of the way.
Social Event

While socialising is always a crucial part of the associative life of GIMUN, it was even more important in this particular period. Therefore, as mentioned previously, we have made it to our priority to maintain the associative spirit of GIMUN. As we strongly believe that good team work and lastings friendships are the basis for high quality work, we are especially proud to have had networking opportunities for our members throughout the semester. Hence, we held a social event for the organization members to get acquainted in the first week of the semester and were able to organize two more social events before the sanitary situation got worse. As the national sanitary situation took a turn for the worse, we weren’t able to realize our Covid-19 adapted plans of doing a short study trip, which should have also underlined the associative part of the organization. This hurdle, however, was overcome by continuing regular online events.

One of the goals was hereby to create a connecting platform for the MUN delegation and the executive board, which would allow a more inclusive integration of the new members. For this reason, Zoom meetings enabled us to continue virtual game nights and networking events as well as educational, social workshops, which we will further elaborate in the following parts.

Professional events

Beginning of a new semester, GiMUN’s members made their voices heard with a form given at the end of the first semester. Hence, we decided to do an event on Diplomacy (first subject required) and two conferences on Women’ concerns (second subject required). Finally we also decided to approach the subject of the crisis handling of the UNO. GiMUN’S main goals is to inform and give a concrete idea of international institutions and relations. Thus, we decided to include as much as possible international concerns. Furthermore, we thought it important to not only give concrete ideas of the international concern but also to give concrete tips for future international carriers. Covid-19 has been a real fence for students to contact professionals and have close and concrete tips for their international expectations. Thus, we believe that having different conferences and roundtables even though it was online, was giving new perspectives and opportunities to our participants.

However, even if online is a less personal way to interact we made our priority to propose interactive conferences where participants could loud their voices and their questions.
03 - FALL SEMESTER

01 - SANDRA

The first official online social the Events Team created was an online cooking session. During lockdown and lots of online classes we wanted to create a fun event which also gives the opportunity for our members and nonmembers to improve their cooking skills. As we decided to make a vegetarian Indochinese dish, one of our Events Team members took the lead on demonstrating the cooking. We made a flyer including a shopping list to promote our event on social media. The participants could sign up on an online document. The event was overall about two hours. First we quickly presented Gimun as there were also participants outside from our organization, then everyone introduced themselves so we could get to know each other better and finally the cooking started. Even though we were only about ten participants the event was a success, everyone enjoyed the company and the great selfmade dish.

02 - ANNE-SOPHIE

We wished our workshops to be useful for the rest of the GIMUN team and for us also! Therefore we chose to focus on notions related to our next working field. We have chosen to discuss it with 3 intervenants, each focusing on other methods for one to enter in the working life. People from university and GIMUN members were welcome to join and had to register by email. Like the other workshops of the semester, the event was held online, on the platform zoom and it lasted around 2 hours. At first, Natalie Joray started by outlining the importance of one’s CV’s design. We also received advice on what to importantly mention and what mistakes were easily made. Bartosz Gdaniec taught us about Linkedin and shared his experience about the website. Finally, Celine Dardel gave us a great talk about the importance of conferences and events concerning one’s ability to create contacts in the working field. This event also included an interactive moment where every participant talked about his working background and what this person considered as being proud of. Finally, we want to outline the fact that we were very grateful that GIMUN’s AB supported this event and shared their knowledge as well.

03 - CAMILLE

The events team wanted to focus on professional events in order to acquire skills in the field of work. Indeed, after having a first workshop dedicated to CV’s, we had an excellent intervention of about two hours by Alessandra Costa, (member of the ?) to share with us her tips and methods to be successful in job interviews. We also discussed the preparation, the anticipation as well as the mistakes to avoid during an interview. Given the health situation, the event was held remotely via the Zoom application, and the participants had to register once the promotion was done on the social networks. During the two hours, we quickly presented the gimun association, then we discussed the subjects to be able to train among us in breakout rooms. The goal was to make a total professional session in order to improve our skills and share our advice.

04 - SPRING SEMESTER

01 - THAÏS

The second semester was still a challenge for us unknowing how the current sanitary situation would evolve. However, the events team was fully motivated to create and to give the students possibilities to entertain and learn more about international concerns. We took in consideration the subjects our members liked the most on the forms we gave them at the end of the former semester and tried to create events that could fit their expectations and our concerns. We decided to begin the semester with Women’ concerns and dedicated the whole month of March to this topic through two conferences. First conference was “L’Efficacité mitigée des Nations Unies sur les principes d’autonomisation des femmes” and we had the pleasure of collaborating with Ms. Leah R. Kimber, post-doctorant specialized on the right for women’s rights and UN’s action on Women’ concerns. This conference was made to stimulate debate and discussion on the topic. It lasted almost 2 hours and a half an hour and counted approximately twenty participants. The debate was really interesting and gave students the opportunity to approach at the same time Women’ issues and the UN’s competences on it. In the end, the event was a success and brought a lot of interest to GIMUN’s next events.

02 - CAMILLE

During the second semester, we wanted to focus on more activities related to international relations. That is why we found it interesting to organize a workshop on women in the workforce during the month of March, with the international women’s day. Our first guest speaker was Mariangela Linoci, Economic Affairs Officer in the Trade, Gender and Development Programme of UNCTAD, who spoke about the power of women, gender inequalities and unpaid work of women. Then, our second guest speaker, Hannah Wu, human rights officer in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights intervened to exchange with us on wage, gender inequalities, differences in access to education and the place of women in developing countries. This two-hour event allowed us to understand the importance and the gravity of the situation but also the impact that the pandemic had on the subject.

03 - SANDRA

As a lot of people were very keen on the topic “Diplomacy” in the survey, we decided to create an event where we invite two diplomats as guest speakers. The main goal of the event was the promotion of a career in the diplomatic field where the participants could interact firsthand with professionals. We had the honour to have Mr. Guillaume Cassaigneau, Head of Unit, Profiles and Recruitment, Directorate for Resources at the FDFA and Mr. Miguel La Plante-Perez, Counsellor for WHO and Deputy Head of Global Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva as our guest speakers. In the first part of the event the speakers talked about their personal experiences in the diplomatic field, about their career and challenges in their work. Then, Mr. La Plante-Perez talked about the current global crises and how the WHO is helping to distribute the Covid vaccin worldwide. Following, Mr. Cassaigneau talked about the career possibilities at the FDFA and the whole formation to become a diplomat. Finally the participants had the chance to ask their questions to the guest speakers. In total there were more than 80 participants at the event and it lasted two hours. The events was a huge success, the participants were very active in asking questions and could learn a lot from the experienced diplomats. We also received great feedback from both sides.
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PRIORITIES IN THE NEW AGE: RESHAPING THE FUTURE

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01 - LETTER FROM THE SEGRETARIES GENERAL

"GIMUN first took place in 1999 and was organised by students of the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. Ever since, GIMUN has grown, and started organising other events besides its annual conference. Since its inception, GIMUN has inspired MUN conferences across the globe and has become a highlight in the European MUN circuit. The 2021 edition of the GIMUN Annual Conference has however broken the pattern of its predecessors and gone beyond the classic conference. As Secretary Generals, we have improvised, adapted and overcome the global pandemic in order to maintain our conference this year, having it in an online format for the first time ever. Organizing a conference online came with its own set of challenges, such as timezones and the necessity of clear and concise communication; but we rose to the task. Our time as Secretary Generals officially started at the end of May of 2020, and we started the organisation process in July by setting guidelines for the months to come. Our first course of action was to get in touch with the former Secretary Generals to get some proper guidance. The transition played out very smoothly, though didn’t take place until August due to schedules being tough to align.

Our next step was meeting with the translation team and listening to their recommendations and inputs. Translation plays a large role during the Annual Conference, so understanding their needs was a top priority: they need to translate everything that is written from study guides to resolutions. We had more than 70 applications for the translator position which made us very happy because they were much needed! Elisa, Kenza and Coralie did an excellent job running their team very smoothly and we would take this chance to thank them one again for their amazing work. In September we decided to officially transition the Annual Conference to an online format due to the sanitary situation; it was an incredibly tough decision to make for us, but ultimately the right one. As soon as possible we started meeting with some potential online platforms like Airmeet and Gatherly to scope out the options - in the end, neither of them fit our needs properly. We announced the transition to an online format on social media hoping that it would encourage people worldwide to apply and participate in the conference. The marketing worked, and by the end of September we opened up the recruitment for USGs. We received many applicants from all around the world, who were all a joy to interview. We met online with 22 potential candidates over three weeks and then chose our wonderful USGs team that would help us make this 2021 Annual Conference a success! With their input, we decided that we were going to be aiming for 150 delegates spread out across 7 committees, 2 being held in French and 5 in English.
More administration decisions were soon made, such as the dates of the conference and the price. The conference was to be held at the beginning of March, and we set the price to participate in the conference at 20CHF per delegate in order to ensure that there would be a minimum of no-shows, as well as to maximise the number of delegates that could attend thanks to the relatively low price compared to our usual rates.

We first met with the team of USGs for Committee Management to choose the theme of the conference and the committee’s topics. We wanted to make this process as inclusive as possible since we were working remotely. It was also a way for us to include them in the decision making, and it turned out to be a huge success. Within the first hour of the meeting Daria, Ayswarya and Ibrahim made suggestions for the theme and then we moved on to the topics. We wanted to talk about the pandemic but not have a conference that would evolve only around that as that subject already plagued our daily lives. We wanted to use the topic of Covid-19 to start conversations about global and societal issues.

We included larger and smaller committees as well as beginners and advanced committees and had some specialized committees as well as a regional committee.

The Human Rights Council addressed the crisis in Tigray and the living conditions of Ethiopian refugees, while the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change committee discussed the need to revise the Paris Agreements on global warming. These were diverse topics that give a glimpse into the realities of our world and our crucial role in its future. We also had the pleasure for the first time to welcome the United Nations Space Office committee which debated on peace in space and the Security Council talked about the dynamics of cyberspace in the age of artificial intelligence. Next we met with Press, Anna and Besma. It was a bit different as we had to be firm with the color restrictions and frames. After asking them to come up with new ideas, Besma and Anna came up with something that was way above our expectations. We were thrilled to see that they portrayed perfectly everything we wanted to put in this conference. They also did an amazing job with the Instagram and LinkedIn page as they created something more interactive. The delegate handbook was beautiful and they recruited journalists who would go from committees to committees during the conference to write some articles which can be found on our website. It created great memories for delegates to look back at their performance and committees. It was hard to organize meetings with every USGs due to timezone differences, so we mostly communicated by email. Looking back, we should have taken more time to have online group meetings because it would have allowed us to maybe create a stronger cohesion between USGs.
The chair recruitment followed the USG recruitment more or less closely. We gave the USGS of CM some leeway to organize themselves while making sure that everything was running smoothly and trusted them to be impartial if they knew specific candidates. We ended up with 2 to 3 chairs per committee depending on the number of delegates interested in the committees. 

The main task for Human Resources started in January when we opened the delegate recruitment. We trusted Sam and Zvezdana completely in their judgment to choose competent candidates and allocate them the best way possible to their corresponding committee. We merged the departments of logistics and events together as they both didn’t have that much work because of the online format. We could do most of the work ourselves since it consisted of meeting with different platforms and choosing whom we would work with. We picked MUNCommand which turned out to be a real success during the conference after a few adaptations. Alex and Jonas, both people who worked with MUNCommand were very keen on helping us if we had any issues and they even took part in our online social events!

The guest speakers for the opening ceremony were organized together with the Secretaries-Generals with the approval of the President. We were able to choose two guest speakers representing the important partners of GIMUN. The speeches of the opening ceremony were to be around 15 minutes long and include an allocated time for participants to ask questions. We were delighted that Pr Paloma Baena Olabe, member of the Board of Directors of several foundations and serve in the Advisory Board to LLYC, the largest corporate branding & comms firm in Spain as well as being an adjunct professor at IE University, lecturer and author of international publications accepted to be part of this conference. Our second guest was Mr Bruno Pozzi, the Director of the Europe Office of the United Nations Environment Programme, who held a speech for this extraordinary opening ceremony. We were very lucky to be able to be broadcasted to our delegates directly from the Palais des Nations for the Opening Ceremony. It was thrilling to be able to get into that building at least once and to be in the heart of diplomatic in Geneva. It seems appropriate to return for a moment to the beginning of the conference process which was the choice of theme. As previously mentioned, this year’s theme, “Priorities in the New Age: Reshaping the Future”, was chosen in collaboration with our Under Secretaries General for Committee Management. We have chosen to address “Priorities in the New Age” because we have only ten years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The next decade must be a decade of action to protect our ecosystem and the most vulnerable people first affected by climate change, and this must be a priority among the international community.
The idea to include "Shaping the Future" in the title came to us when we were talking about the health situation that was not allowing us to meet. We were quick to mention our professional and family lives that had been disrupted by the recent pandemic. The health crisis has pushed us to assess a new future filled with possibilities that may be very different from those we could have imagined a year ago.

Today, we rely on technology more than ever before; the ongoing transition could change the professional world we are about to enter. So our generation will drive change and it is up to us to shape a future that works for everyone.

This year and for the first time, we were honoured to participate in the Refugee Challenge proposed by UNHCR. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is challenging delegates from around the world to debate critical issues related to forced displacement. The best resolutions on this theme will be awarded and shared with policy makers. Two of our committees, ECOFIN and UNICEF, represented GIMUN at the challenge, and it turned out to be a success!

Through the Annual Conference, we aimed to give you an extraordinary experience in the new ordinary created by the pandemic.

We went from committee to committee on Zoom and we could feel that very special MUN vibe. The competition, the laughter, the debates but we also read the final resolutions by the delegates and it’s safe to say that they did an outstanding job during these 3 days of debates. For more details about the resolutions and debates I would advise anyone to check the Press team’s amazing work with the blog they created especially for the conference. We have to say that once again USGs for committee management and human resources were great at handling any issues which arose during the conference. They were very present and ready to listen to the needs of the chairs or delegates!

Thanks to the work of the incredible GIMUN team, we have been able to create a rewarding experience and we truly hope the USGs, the chairs and the delegates will cherish the memories they made as much as we have enjoyed the unusual process of creating it.”
Once the team of Chairs was selected, we arranged preliminary meetings with each committee chairperson to discuss further details about the dynamics and topics for the debate. After the meetings, we gave them approximately a week to make the final submissions of the topics, agreeing on diverse topics with a large scope for debate. Once the topics were decided, the Chairs were responsible for starting to draft the Study Guides, undergoing two revision processes, where we took care of evaluating the content, formatting, and doing initial proofreading, which would, later on, be completed by the Translation Department. Exploring possible areas for debate alongside the Chairs was among the most rewarding tasks of our job. In committees of UNICEF and ECOFIN, we had incorporated the UNHCR Refugee Challenge. As a part of that challenge we were able to invite a guest speaker Rayan Deeb, who joined these two committees at the beginning of the committee sessions and inspired our delegates to think proactively in facilitating the refugees. This refugee challenge also enables these committees to submit their resolutions to UNHCR Refugee Challenge portals where it will be discussed in the UNHCR and one of the best resolutions will be incorporated into the UNHCR’s resolution. Our delegates upon this esteemed opportunity found themselves motivated to debate and discuss to formulate a good resolution that resonated with real-life issues faced by refugees.
COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

We were able to animate the course of debate with around two updates per day per committee. Through the Chairs, we were also able to communicate with the delegates. We also had the responsibility of handling issues that arose during committee sessions and successfully worked hand in hand with the USGs of the various departments with any issues that arose. We also had the duty of reading through and formatting the Resolutions that were produced. We ensured that they were in line with the Resolution formats which we had sent to the Chairs before the conference. We also made sure that there were no grammatical errors and that the resolutions were realistic and conforming to the socio-economic and political constraints of the United Nations and the world, no matter the time the committee was set in. We ensured that the solutions that the delegates proposed in their resolutions were achievable. It was an amazing experience which we will never forget as we got to mingle with future world leaders and global change-makers and listen to the brilliant ideas each delegate and committee brought to the table. We are proud to have been a part of the GIMUN conference!
The USG for IT/Logistics takes care of the IT and the logistics. The most important task of the logistics department is the planning and delivery of the conference goodies and working closely with our Finance department to create a budget and estimate the total expenses for goodies to be sent worldwide to participants. The IT department manages the technical part, the different online softwares that hosted the conference. USG for IT would be familiar to all the important features (meaning ALL the features) that online software has to offer and needs to get very comfortable with the softwares in order to answer any questions the delegates might have about it. The work began with an exchange with SGs on responsibilities and work organization: we divided the responsibilities as follows: Michael would mostly take care of the IT part and Dhruvi and Gandi the logistics. But we also participated with the SGs in the proposals of guest speakers for the conference. The IT department was obviously very new and very important for us as it was our first GIMUN online conference and the central and decisive question for the future was to know which platform was going to be used in order to organize the best and simplest possible online conference. Michael first contacted the creators of the Airmeet software with whom he had a very fruitful exchange on the full functioning of this software. Subsequently, we held a meeting on Airmeet with the UGs to take stock of the situation and make practical proposals regarding the technical management of the conference and technical assistance to the delegates. For example, we have proposed the creation and use of WhatsApp groups for communication between the staff and the delegates on one hand, and on the other hand between the delegates but also between the chairs and the delegates. We used Airmeet for our internal meetings with SGs, Discord for quick and daily written communications with all staff, executive board, chairs and delegation. During the conference, the opening ceremony took place on the Webex, debates took place on the Zoom with one WhatsApp group per committee to make sure everything runs smoothly. Michael was present in all these WhatsApp groups to address the technical concerns of the participants. He was also switching between committees and staying a while during the debates on Zoom to answer any delegate questions or help them if they have any software/connection issues. He was thus able to provide immediate answers to participants’ questions and technical problems, including during breaks. At the end everything went well and we are proud to say that the participants had the necessary technical assistance to be very good with softwares, connection and computers and that no participant complained about the technical aspect of the conference.
The USGS for Press was responsible for the social media accounts, the design of the main Conference’s documents, the articles in the Conference’s Journal. Moreover, we were responsible for the team of journalists who wrote articles before the Conference on the future agenda of the Committees, and then interviewed delegates and took notes during the GIMUN 2021 sessions. We started preparations for the conference in November 2020 when we published the first post ‘Priorities in the new age: reshaping the future’, where we announced the dates of the Conference. Then, we made several posts on the presentations of the Committees. We posted updates, polls in Instagram stories and videos. Audience engagement has grown several times since we started posting in the @gimunofficial Instagram account. Before the conference, in January, we interviewed three candidates for the position of journalist. The candidates completed the test task, they had to write articles on international relations in English and French. As a result, we took three journalists to our team. We assigned topics to each of them in accordance with the agenda of the Committees. Before the Conference, we published the Delegate’s Handbook in English and French that contained the welcome letter from the Secretaries-General, opening ceremony schedule, biographies of the Secretaries-General, biographies of the Chairs, committee topics, conference schedule. Then, we published the Journal with several articles and we also included interviews with one of the Chairs. During the Conference, we organized the activities of journalists who moved from committee to committee and made preparations for future articles. Moreover, on Instagram, we published delegates’ answers to questions about their expectations from the conference and debates. After the conference, journalists sent in articles that will also be published in the Journal.
The USG of Cultural Events of this year was responsible for finding activity ideas during the welcoming session and the ice-breaker events for delegates to get to know each other. The fact that this year’s conference were held online, the USG was responsible to find activities that can be done online and virtually with delegates.

The process started with brainstorming the activities that can be made during the Conference. The USG was responsible for coming up with a list of activities and presenting them to the SGs during the first Zoom meeting. Throughout the process, in collaboration with USGs of Logistics, the USG of Events was also responsible for finding ideas concerning guest-speakers. We made a list of guest-speakers and presented them to the SGs with the profile of public figures that we believed best fit to hold a speech during the opening ceremony. One of the guest-speaker suggested by USG of Events actually accepted to hold a speech during our Opening Ceremony and it was a pleasure to suggest him to the board.

For the sake of efficiency, the USG of Events turned out to be in charge of the goodies because the USGs of Logistics do not live around Switzerland and it was better to have someone who lives in the country in order to organise the goodies which are stored in Geneva. So, the USG of Events met up in Geneva with the SG and the Vice President in order to count and calculate the exact number of items that we have to send to the delegates.

Before the conference, the USG of Events contacted with the chairs in order to give them some ideas for ice-breakers events and made suggestions about the activities that they can do with their delegates virtually. Moreover, the USG made a document that be used to chairs to give them inspiration and suggestions and shared it with the chairs.

It was a pleasure to work with the whole team even though everything was online but I am looking forward to collaborate with them on other projects in the future.
The translation team for GIMUN’s Annual Conference has two main purposes: the first one is, of course, to ensure all written documents are bilingual. The second one is to offer a valuable experience to translation students from all around the world by having them work in a group, update TMs and glossaries, meet extremely tight deadlines and share ideas and suggestions to fellow translators. The major innovation this year was the integration of Smartcat, a free, online and intuitive CAT-tool, into the translation team’s work. Our objectives were multiple: to use CAT-tools - which are omnipresent in today’s translation industry - in a practical environment, but also to facilitate consistency. The translators were able to familiarise themselves with the software thanks to a small exercise before going on with the translation of the study guides and resolutions. They used and updated both a TM and a glossary that, we hope, will be used and updated every year from now on. In response to constructive criticism made at previous years’ Annual Conferences, in which EN translators had to assume more the role of a proofreader than of a translator, two Committees (instead of one) were assigned to each EN translator. It proved to be a great idea as all of them appreciated working on a greater variety of texts and none felt too overwhelmed. The translation team had the pleasure to attend an online meeting with Sofia Lobanova, a reviser and project manager at the United Nations in Geneva. After talking about her career, she gave the translators an insight on what it is like to work at the UN and explained the recruitment process of the organisation. The translators were able to ask her questions regarding the actual job of a translator at the UN, the use of translation technology tools and the access to internships programs, amongst others. They especially appreciated her reminder on the power of translation; her presentation was considered one of the highlights of the Conference.

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Overall, the participants gave very positive feedback, though the translation team could benefit from better communication with members of the Secretariat and the Chairs to better define the needs in translation and better plan the overall schedule. Study guides were received later than expected, so the schedule and the team had to be reorganised and the deadlines shortened. It shed light on the difficulty of making the GIMUN experience useful and enjoyable for the translators while having to handle real work that will be used by other participants. In short, this online conference proved to be a very valuable experience for both the translators and their USGs and succeeded in its main objective: showing translation students what it’s like to work in a group setting... and to translate a text that will actually be read, used and published.

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THE NUMBER OF TRANSLATORS RECRUITED.
8 translated from French into English and 18 from English into French. The translation team was very diverse, with students from 12 translation schools or faculties, remotely working from Belgium, Canada, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

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THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
The recruitment process went as follows: a first round was organised to select applicants based on their background, studies and experience. Selected candidates then had to go through a second round of selection, which consisted in a translation test.

70000
THE (APPROXIMATE) NUMBER OF WORDS TRANSLATED
The work of the translation team started a few months before the Conference with the translation and proofreading of the chairs' biographies, press articles for the GIMUN Journal and, of course, of the study guides. During the Conference, the translators worked under very tight deadlines to provide the Committees with high-quality translations of their resolutions so that delegates could vote on them. The translators worked in small groups and mainly used Google Drive, Whatsapp, Zoom and Smartcat to communicate. Finally, a few days after the Conference, a new round of press articles for the second edition of the GIMUN Journal was proofread and translated.
The Public Relations team is pleased to share with you the developments within their department throughout the 2020-2021 term.

From the beginning of this term, the executive committee has had to adapt to the social restrictions due to covid-19, with an online election, online meetings, online teambuildings, etc.

We still had the chance to meet face to face at the beginning of the semester and even had the opportunity to organize the Welcome Days in person with more than 100 participants, new students of the UNIGE interested in our association, while respecting the Covid measures! Many of the participants of this day became members of Gimun or participated in some of our events. (put photo). The PR team consisted of Justine Dubourgeal who took care of the Twitter page, as well as supporting the PR Director whenever she needed, Christopher Henry who took care of all the professional photos, and Alejandra Rosales joined the team to correct the texts and give a final look to the publications. The team was also supported from time to time by Natalie Joray, who helped the team a lot with the design, as well as with the setting up of the website in particular. From the beginning of our mandate, we had to update the statutes, update our entire website, organize in collaboration with the events team and the vice-president of GIMUN Joanna Ruan. We also worked on a new form of our instagram page so that all the posts have a coherence and a common thread between them.

Throughout the term, the website was constantly updated. Our team was joined by Besma Abdallah and Anna Golikova as general undersecretaries of press for the Gimun 2021 annual conference, who were very supportive! We worked with them to develop an ongoing thread for our Instagram posts. Thank you to them for their wonderful work!
Regarding social media, we have noticed that with the pandemic, the networks that attract the most audiences, are Instagram and LinkedIn. On Instagram we were at 1269 followers in September 2020, and now in April 2021 we have 1597, which means we have gained over 300 followers (25% INCREASE)! On LinkedIn we were at 914 followers in September 2020, and now in April 2021 we have 1178, as a result we have gained over 250 followers (30% INCREASE)!
FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Delegation were held online, drastically reduced our need to spend, especially the Annual Conference, which is our biggest and most expensive event. This allowed for the freedom to use the money elsewhere and GIMUN was able to finance a few of its delegation members to participate in an in-person conference in Moscow, C-MUM. Moreover, having our events online reduced the participation fees. The Annual Conference was a huge success among students from backgrounds that don’t usually have the financial means to participate and they were extremely pleased. In the end, the COVID-19 pandemic and its safety measures were integral in keeping GIMUN alive for the future generations, which also meant that some of our sponsors' contributions were not necessary. Having said this, GIMUN maintains strong relations with all its sponsors and partners especially due to the tireless work of this year’s finance team who has made sure that all our sponsors remain happy and will contribute the following years when called upon. The finance team was composed of a very hard-working team, tirelessly and meticulously working together in order to heal the fragile state of the association's financial health. Directly adjacent to the team were our two internal auditors who watched over the books, maintaining the transparency that GIMUN holds so dear.

I would like to again thank all our sponsors and partners for their contributions; big or small. This was a difficult year for all and I wish all the best to the future board and finance team. I look forward to seeing you achieve great things.
## GIMUN'S BUDGET

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## GIMUN's Balancesheet

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GI MUN’s Human Resources department was created in the 2019/2020 academic year, in order to help with recruitment, documentation, communication, campaigning and publicity within the organization. This year’s team can count on three members: one head of department (Alessandra Costa) and two executive members (Agathe Wurry and Giorgia Sola). The team worked the entire year in close collaboration with the GI MUN executive Board, helping it to manage the administrative part of the NGO. Among the main tasks of this year’s Human Resources Department is the regular updating of the member and mailing list, the objective being to fill it with new members and their information while keeping their data confidential. Our department also took care of the coordination of 1) the signatures of members’ engagement agreements, 2) the contracts for the participation of foreign university groups in the annual conference and 3) the certificates of participation to guarantee the presence of certain members of the organisation at important events. Furthermore, in order to provide important information and to report on the month’s activities, the Human Resources department writes a monthly newsletter. During the year, we innovated the format of our newsletter by moving to a more elaborate format with relevant tools, including the use of the Canva platform. The main objective is to give everyone an overview of what is occurring at GI MUN. We have also organised various surveys throughout the year, so that the Executive Committee knows better what our members think and what aspects of GI MUN could be improved.

The human resources department also worked closely with the events department to adapt to the health situation and to continue to offer interesting events to the different members. We tried to organise various workshops during the semester. We wish to continue this dynamic for the next year to continue to offer you interesting events and to promote a strong cohesion within the GI MUN. For the first year, in 2020-2021, the team’s head participated in the recruitment process for the 2021-2022 new executive board. This represents one of the many important steps for the expansion and growth of the department. After these first two years, indeed, the Human Resources department has been able to integrate and establish itself within the association, and is working in order to be expanded again in September to continue its growth. The department should also propose to members who are already well established in the GI MUN to promote it at the beginning of the academic year in order to welcome new adherents.
Despite a period of upheaval due to the pandemic, the Translation Department developed and consolidated its role within GIMUN. The year was marked by the recruitment of two new, highly motivated and competent members and by a change in management. The team continued its mission and ensured that the organisation's bilingualism was respected by translating and revising various internal and external communication documents. We translated and/or revised the biographies of the members of the Executive Board and the Advisory Board, the Under Secretaries General, the presentations of the departments and guests at the 2021 Annual Conference, a satisfaction survey, emails to GIMUN members and potential guests, a recruitment form, emails, etc. Thanks to the efficient collaboration within the team and the excellent communication with the different departments, we were able to carry out our projects in a very pleasant atmosphere.

We have also continued to add to the organisation's glossary, which helps to maintain consistency between the various GIMUN documents; members have become accustomed to consulting the glossary when in doubt.

The Translation Department's current goals are to promote our services within the organisation so that we revise all communications before publication, to revise the website so that we have a linguistically impeccable platform in both French and English by the start of the academic year 2021, to recruit a native English speaker, and to maintain the cohesive and trusting relationship with other departments.

The translation team is proud to participate in the transmission of UN values by offering bilingual, inclusive and multicultural content to GIMUN members and friends and looks forward to continuing to work hand in hand with the other departments to this end!
This year GIMUN and the new Executive Board were determined to encourage other faculties of UNIGE to take part in this innovative project. We decided to continue helping Open Geneva organize the second edition of the Hackathon in Sustainable Finance. As an active member of GIMUN and contributing to the organization’s collaboration with our partners, I helped this time realize the Hackathon in Sustainable finance that Open Geneva, Geneva School of Economics and Management (GSEM) UNIGE Career Center organized. The event took place on the 13th and 14th of Nov 2020, over the weekend. The same as the first edition, the goal was to get people interested in IT, Finance, and Sustainability to work together on the Sustainable Developments Goals and create innovative projects to improve or apply the Sustainable finance concept inside the corporations. For the event, I helped with recruiting participants in South America, more specifically in Colombia; I got in touch with some Universities sharing information about the Hackathon, organizing meetings with the economic and engineer faculties to reach more students being involved enough to participate. In the end, three universities wrote to me with a positive answer about sharing the information with the students and offered incentives to the academic community to have more people involved in it. GIMUN partnered with the University of Geneva, République et Canton de Genève, Open Geneva, UNIGE Career Center, Geneva Tsinghua Initiative, and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

I was helping professor and President of Open Geneva Thomas Maillart with “International challenges.” To let you understand the event better, participants in the Hackathon had to work together to find a precise solution to the challenges that the organizations propose using collective intelligence; the dynamic was the same; the participants were free to choose which challenge to join. They then provided solutions and explained their work at the end of the event with their final speeches; all the groups presented their projects in a limited time frame. Over the weekend, the teams were allowed to participate in the workshops that Open Geneva prepared for the participants; our Secretary-General for GIMUN in the 2019-2020 period, Natalie Goray, was part of the team offering exciting workshops. Organizations as Financial Centers for Sustainability (FC4S) from UNEP, Global Green economic Forum, Green digital financial alliance, Global Citizen Capital, Tsinghua x-Lab, Growing in Africa Fund (GIAF), etc., proposed exciting challenges as well the student community of UNIGE. The event was entirely open to organizations, and civil society worldwide can contribute and submit challenges. This year, the SFH was carried out online due to COVID; the logistic was not so extensive as the first edition. It was unnecessary to involve more GIMUN members, so during the meetings, we were updating the team about what was happening with the international challenges and coordinating with them whether stakeholders met the requirements to load the challenge.
This year we’re no prizes for civil society, but the organizers offered organizations some packages with an amicable price to help them reach out to the challenges. Before starting the Hackathon, we had to organize everything concerning logistics, more specifically IT logistics; in the end, 16 challenges were launched from different kinds of organizations and civil society (UNIGE students). During the Hackathon, we prepared interviews for participants and saw how everything was inside the teams to see if all the participants were participating. In this edition, students from GSEM participating in the Hackathon had received 3 ECTS. The Sustainable Finance Hack is held in preparation for the Building Bridges Week & Summit, a premier sustainable finance conference in Geneva bridging financial institutions with international organizations. The following Building Bridges Week is scheduled to be held in November 2021. GIMUN was placed to be part of the second edition of SFH, where great influencers in building society such as Nicholas Niggli, Deputy Secretary-General at Republic and the State of Geneva, and Nathalie Fontanet Conseillère d'Etat. Were involved and looking very closely at the solutions the teams have developed during the Hackathon. I hope this project’s development in its second edition, can inspire the next board to continue and our student community and corporations to participate in collaborative projects to address significant challenges that humans face today.

HERE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WERE LAUNCHED DURING THE SECOND EDITION OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE HACKATHON 2020 AND THEIR DESCRIPTION.

1) BRIDGING THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE SKILLS’ GAP:
The European Commission has been at the forefront of efforts to build a financial system that supports sustainable growth. Transitions in the market practices may be supported by policy frameworks, but ultimately will be contingent to the skillsets of individual financial practitioners. Please Find here the final pitch: https://sfh20.sparkboard.com/project/5f83017253a8dd003b5c0188

2) STOP FINANCING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
Human Trafficking refers to “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation”. Human trafficking victims as well as traders have bank accounts in well-known banks. And, human trafficking victims, human trafficking traders, and companies that are knowingly or unknowingly ‘employing’ victims of human trafficking have bank accounts. This begs the question for banks: What can banks do to not finance human trafficking? Please find here the final pitch: https://sfh20.sparkboard.com/project/5f82ff1953a8dd003b5c0182
3) Collaborative investment for ESG impact: Investing together is more fun. And if it helps doing good, it is even better. This challenge aims at designing and prototyping a collaborative impact investment tool, which would align the quality of contributions with future redistribution, stimulate immediate engagement of investors while return may come only in the future (e.g., gamification, tokenization, smart contracts), allow multiple types of actors (e.g., individual investors, investment funds) to participate in collaborative impact investments. The problems to be solved are: how to compute and value investments, how to select projects or organisations that yield positive impact. Please find here the final pitch: https://sfh20.sparkboard.com/project/5fa125a31dd742003bdd1b20

4) Neuro-informed fundraising with virtual reality for Humanitarian purpose: Our goal is to increase donations to the International Committee of the Red Cross by using virtual reality. Identification with a group’s experiences and emotions affects individuals’ willingness to donate, however, many of the ICRC’s humanitarian operations support groups facing challenges that are far-removed from Europeans’ day-to-day lives. Our project aims to use virtual reality (VR) to bridge the gap between donors and donees by providing potential donors with vivid, perspective-taking experiences of the donees’ world. Presence and emotional reactions to these immersive environments will be measured using self-report and physiological data and compared to those elicited by other mediums (e.g., videos).

Our hope is that VR will provide potential donors with deeper emotional insights, stimulating empathy and compassion and promoting donations. Please find here the final pitch: https://sfh20.sparkboard.com/project/5f840bbe53a8dd003b5c0199

5) GenieShares - Creating social cohesion and trust through sharing business equity: As an entrepreneur, have you ever thought of giving away a portion (e.g., 1%) of your equity to individuals, who represent lower-ownership groups, as a way of reducing inequalities (SDG 10)? GenieShares is a project aimed at using intermittent variable rewards - equity distribution - to improve the public perception of business, by associating random people from focus groups, such as health workers in covid-19 times, to an entrepreneurial adventure. This way GenieShares may make business inclusive, equitable, and certainly more human through social cohesion. A group of entrepreneurs in the UK have pledged several million pounds worth of equity to be distributed. They aim to create dozens of individual stories of deserving people receiving an unexpected gift of equity ownership. How can they make these stories as entertaining and engaging as possible to maximise the number of people who develop a positive attitude to the role of business in community? Please find here the final pitch: https://sfh20.sparkboard.com/project/5fa10ed01dd742003bdd1b17
The 2020-2021 term was marked by a deepening of the relationship between GIMUN and its partners. The need for adaptability called by the Covid situation made us reconsider all of our partnerships. Indeed, we had to foresee all of the potential evolutions of the sanitary situation so that to ensure that our relations with other institutions or organizations would take advantage of any change during these unsettled and surprising times.

We are delighted with the turn our partnerships took and the outcomes, we have obtained throughout this mandate.

Thanks to good management and to our financial agreements, we could ameliorate the overall financial situation of the organization as well as find a balanced budget for this year that saw most of our events being held online. More information written by our Finance Director can be found on page 23-24 of this report.

Following our entrance in Autumn 2019 within the CUAE, the umbrella organization of the student associations from the University of Geneva strengthened cooperation has reapproached us with the University’s associative life. We took part in the Welcome Days organized by the CUAE and encountered a great success.

GIMUN has reached its record of members of the General Assembly and we received good numbers of attendance for most of our events and of applications for our teams and delegations. Our Heads of Delegation even had to adapt and choose around twenty future delegates out of around forty applicants. The actions of GIMUN within the MUN world and our will to continue to export our presence were symbolized by the election of former Secretary-General Natalie Joray to the Board of UNYA and the participation of some GIMUN members to conferences. In this spirit, we formed and sent a team to Moscow, Russia in April to take part in the C-MIMUN Conference. We are also very thankful toward the NGO Liaison team of the United Nations at Geneva for their diligence and their help for the organization of our hybrid Annual Conference. Last but not least, GIMUN improved its presence within Geneva by working hand by hand with other organizations from the region.

During Autumn 2020, our team led by Vice Finance Director Isabel Peláez co-organized the second edition of the Sustainable Finance Hackathon with Open Geneva. Throughout our mandate, we co-organized the 2021 Intergenerational Dialogue with Greycells. The Dialogue could eventually be held both online and offline and allowed GIMUN’s 2021-2022 Vice President Chiara Müller to make her first steps as she represented our organization during the event.
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