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Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva, at the opening of GIMUN 2020 Annual Conference

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

The start of GIMUNs 3rd decade was full of changes, restructuring and challenges. Nevertheless, our constant mission to share the values of equality as well human rights and to develop skills such as negotiations and debates among students was continued. The 21st year of GIMUNs activity was more challenging than ever: we needed to keep up the outstanding work that has been done since 1999, but also to propose some innovations and to increase professionalism in the hard times of world Covid-19 pandemic.

With the incredible engagement of student volunteers we were able to face the need to restructure the NGO, create amazing events throughout the year and develop interesting collaborations. We also worked to change our Statutes to reflect the changes within the association. The work of the Executive Board started with reaching our main goal: increased inclusivity. The Board decided to create new functions

to allow students from different backgrounds to gain valuable experience, but also to improve the functioning of our association per se. This long and demanding process resulted in creating departments of Events, Legal, HR and Translation, which were led by carefully recruited directors. We hope that this profound change in our associative structure can lead to a sustainable development of our activities and the improvement of the associations work.

We started this term with multiple associative events and info sessions at the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute (IHEID), advertising our events to students outside of the association and recruiting new members. The first event we organised in the Fall semester of 2019 was the Sustainable Finance Hackathon. For this event, we partnered with Open Geneva and the University of Geneva as well as other sponsors. The Hackathon allowed us to reach out to students outside of our traditional target group.

On the 25th of October 2019, GIMUN organized its traditional event called "UN Day" in partnership with the NGO Liaison Office at the Palais des Nations. This event commemorates the entry into force of the UN Charter on October 24th, 1945. The slogan of the conference was "Gender equality in the 21st century: Understanding barriers and finding solutions."

In November, we furthermore co-organised the Intergenerational Dialogue under the lead of Greycells on the topic of "100 years of international civil service." GIMUN was represented by Taner Toraman on the panel.

Throughout the Autumn semester, the MUN delegation aimed at preparing students for the MUN conference in Hamburg, where delegates were sent to. This semester was also rich in workshops which aimed at fostering soft skills, such

as how to succeed in job applications and how to improve your CV. Furthermore, social events helped to fulfill our aim at increasing GIMUN's inclusivity and create more cohesion among the different members.

Continuing our tradition, the Annual Conference which took place in February 2020 was our largest event. After 20 years of outstanding work and success, it was even more challenging to improve such an event. However, thanks to the creativity and the commitment of all GIMUN staff members, our 21st Edition on the theme of „100 Years of Multilateralism: the past, the present and the future" the event gained high recognition and was successful.

Even though many preparations for the second semester of our term had been going on in the background, the Corona pandemic prevented

us from actually executing them. The HR team had thought of a coaching system to work on our members' personal and professional aims, whereas the Events team accurately planned the next UN Day, a study trip to Brussels and more social and cultural events as well as workshops. Furthermore, an Advanced MUN Delegation was awaited with a lot of impatience by our motivated delegates.

However, we were still able to continue some of our tasks and activities à distance. Meetings with departments and partners were held online, the blog continued its monthly topic-related releases, the Legal Director revised our statutes, which then were translated and proofread by our translation team.

The recruitment of new Executive Board members, especially also finding a transparent online

voting tool, was challenging but the flexibility and adaptability of each and everybody led to a successful completion of our term of GIMUN's Executive Board during the General Assembly in May.

It is our honor to share with you this Annual Report, as the organisation of all these dynamic and successful events by GIMUN would not be possible without the support of the most loyal and instrumental sponsors and partners that a student-run organization could ask for. It is therefore with much sincerity that GIMUN wishes to thank all our old and new partners and sponsors that have consistently supported us.

GIMUN Board 2019-2020



A WORD FROM LIDIYA GRIGOREVA

Chief of the NGO Liaison
Unit Office of the Director-General
United Nations Office at Geneva

2019 was the anniversary year for GIMUN, a student-run non-governmental organization (NGO), which was founded in Geneva in 1999 and received consultative status with the United Nations (through its Economic and Social Council) in 2007. The NGO was established with the aim to promote the ideals and principles of the United Nations among young people and University students through educational events. During the twenty years of its existence, GIMUN has been faithfully implementing its mission and strengthening its activities, with the support of the Swiss authorities and the NGO's various partners. GIMUN's engagement with the UN Office at Geneva has been growing stronger every year. I personally got to know GIMUN when joining the UN Office at Geneva in 2015, and I was impressed by its activities. From the traditional annual Model United Nations Conference in March to the UN Day in October and several seminars throughout the year, GIMUN offers an educational platform for young people to discuss current global challenges, international cooperation and the role of the United Nations.

The UN Office at Geneva hosts several of those events at the Palais des Nations. The Director-General of UNOG opens a Model United Nations (MUN) conference every year and engages with hundreds of participants on issues of peace and security, economic sustainability, climate action as well as human rights. On the one hand, these MUN conferences allow participating students to gain a practical hands-on experience in international cooperation by taking the roles of Ambassadors, diplomats, UN Secretariat staff, media, translators and interpreters, and simulating sessions of the UN organs and bodies in a real setting in UN conference rooms. On the other hand, by inviting UN officials and experts to these events, GIMUN provides opportunities for exchanges of knowledge and skills between

UN officials and diplomats, and young people.

The UN Office at Geneva appreciates GIMUN's work in promoting the values and vision of the United Nations and in encouraging the next generation's leaders to shape their future. From conflicts to terrorism, from climate migrants to privacy issues, from health to disarmament, from empowerment of women to human rights, GIMUN is addressing some core challenges of our times. Since the adoption of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Developments in 2015, GIMUN has been raising awareness of this agenda by organizing events for young people with the focus on various Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, GIMUN's efforts in strengthening multilingualism and ensuring its meetings are bilingual require a special recognition. Thus, GIMUN can be proud of its achievements.

I am writing these words in 2020, the year of 100 years of multilateralism and the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, and at the time when the world is having a battle with the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating consequences on multiple aspects of our lives. This is also the time when multilateralism, which is needed more than ever, is put to test by this health emergency, combined with the four threats to the global progress that the UN Secretary-General identified in the beginning of this year, namely, epic geopolitical tensions, the climate crisis, global mistrust and the downsides of technology. Global solution to these challenges can only be developed through international cooperation and multilateral frameworks. In this context, GIMUN's action to mobilize young people's enthusiasm and creativity in support of the United Nations goals will be important for pursuing a more peaceful, sustainable and equitable future for all. I wish GIMUN a successful continuation of its mission.



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HUMAN RESOURCES

The term 2019/2020 was the first year for the HR Team. It was a year full of thinking of and implementing new ideas. And despite constantly charting unknown waters, the year has been as successful as it could have been thanks to our teamwork.

The year began with us preparing the main tasks for which we had been created. These consisted of assisting in recruitments, then campaigning and advertising and lastly documentation. Our overarching goal in all our work was to professionalise the Human Resources aspects of GIMUN.

It became quickly clear that we needed qualified support to accomplish our tasks. Hence, we recruited two members for the HR Team, Albiona Zeqiri and Bianca Paduraru. GIMUN has been extraordinarily lucky to be blessed with two such competent, motivated and engaged personalities. At every step of the way, they not only fulfilled reliably their responsibilities, but also innovated and improved our projects.

The first and most important task we tackled was the standardisation of the recruitment processes. Our goal was to make the recruitment of GIMUN fair, transparent and open. We wanted GIMUN to become an organisation where anyone motivated, willing to work and talented would have a fair chance to be recruited. We achieved this goal by introducing assessment reports and recruitment criteria and making them public on the GIMUN website, amongst other steps.

Then we worked on campaigning and advertising. We organised the GIMUN class shouts at the beginning of the semesters. And we also realised that while there are many GIMUN events taking place, a lot of the event information doesn't always reach our members and par-

ticipants. For this reason, we started preparing a monthly newsletter, so that everybody has an overview of what's happening in GIMUN. We are currently reaching more than 350 interested people with our newsletters. We also started holding surveys at the end of a semester, so that the Executive Board knows better what our members are thinking and what aspects of GIMUN could be improved.

Another considerable aspect of our work was taking care of the documentation in GIMUN. We worked on different email lists, organigrams and member lists and kept them up to date.

Furthermore, we had a few ideas of our own that we wanted to introduce. The EB was always open to new suggestions and kindly supported the implementation of these ideas. Chief amongst them was organising a coaching program for our members. The goal of the coaching program was to help our members develop their skills, so that they can achieve their personal or academic goals. We were also hoping that such a program would help our members identify more with GIMUN and improve internal cohesion. Unfortunately, due to the closing of the university in the second semester, we couldn't realise this project as we wanted. We hope that it will be possible to implement the coaching next year as intended.

Overall, we think that we have set a solid foundation for Human Resources in 2019/2020. We hope that HR will continue to make GIMUN function even better and support our members to develop themselves even further in the years to come.

Taner Toraman
HR Director 2019-2020

TRADUCTION

Le concept d'un département de traduction dans GIMUN n'est pas nouveau; depuis plusieurs années, le blog « UN You Know » et la Conférence annuelle sont bilingues grâce à des traducteurs. Mais cette année, une équipe d'un nouveau genre a vu le jour, sous la forme d'un département de traduction visant à apporter son aide pour la totalité des activités de GIMUN en tant qu'ONG, et ce durant l'année entière. Tout au long du semestre d'automne, j'ai personnellement participé à la création et à la formation de cette équipe, puisque j'en étais le premier membre.

13 Les premières traductions étaient à la fois variées et intéressantes : des biographies, des courriers électroniques, des documents internes... Grâce à leur fréquence savamment régulée par la présidence de GIMUN, j'ai disposé d'assez de temps pour cerner les besoins en traduction de l'association. Après avoir assisté à quelques entraînements MUN et à d'autres événements de l'ONG, j'ai pu mieux comprendre l'essence de GIMUN, et ses objectifs divers. J'ai donc abordé une partie cruciale de mon travail : recruter une équipe, en collaboration avec le département RH, et organiser son fonctionnement. Cette étape a comporté la création d'un glossaire, le choix de critères de recrutement et, surtout, le développement d'un plan de travail. Après une campagne de recrutement d'environ un mois, trois candidats ont rejoint l'équipe. Ces étudiants, dont la combinaison linguistique comprend la traduction de l'anglais au français, ont démontré un fort intérêt à rejoindre GIMUN et à relever le défi que représente la naissance d'une équipe. Depuis, nous avons traduit des descriptions d'événements et leurs courriers d'invitation (pour le UN Day par exemple), mais aussi des biographies et critères de recrutement de nouveaux membres, ainsi que des articles du blog « UN You Know ». Le travail est organisé de la

manière suivante : à la réception du document, nous convenons d'un délai raisonnable avec le membre demandeur de la traduction. Deux traducteurs sont alors choisis : le premier traduit, le second révise. Si besoin est, le travail peut être réparti entre davantage de personnes afin d'éviter tout retard. Ensuite, toute question ou tout commentaire est transmis au membre demandeur. Enfin, en tant que Directrice du Service de Traduction, je procède au contrôle de qualité – laquelle a augmenté grâce au respect du « principe des quatre yeux » : aucun document n'est renvoyé avant que deux personnes au moins en aient relu la version finale.

En plus de traduire, nous développons et actualisons en permanence un glossaire qui, je l'espère, deviendra une référence pour le bilinguisme dans GIMUN. C'est d'ailleurs précisément notre principal objectif pour l'année académique 2020-2021 : aider GIMUN à devenir entièrement bilingue de manière claire, efficace et cohérente. La cohérence est en effet ce que nous pouvons améliorer en définissant les lignes directrices du langage de GIMUN et en mettant ainsi à disposition une traduction officielle de tous les termes spécifiques à GIMUN et aux MUN en général. De plus, nous nous efforçons de promouvoir notre jeune équipe afin de proposer nos services à un maximum de membres. Le recrutement de traducteurs français-anglais est également prévu.

Voilà donc ce que nous aspirons à devenir : une équipe de traduction forte, prête à valoriser dans tous les documents écrits le professionnalisme et la diversité qui font de GIMUN l'ONG qu'elle est.

Elisa Ruckstuhl
Head of Translation 2019-2020

LEGAL

14 First of all, this year has been a great gain in experience for me. I had the chance to guide the executive board into renewing their articles of associations. That task mainly consisted in taking notes of what they wanted and to translate that with a more legal aspect. The new articles were mostly about the sexual harassment policy from the GIMUN. To do so, I first made a little recap of the GIMUN suggestions. Then I proceeded to search in some other bylaws to check what they were doing about this topic specifically. In the end, I proposed a new article to the executive board. In the second time, I had to review the new articles proposed by the GIMUN in the new bylaws. This means I had to search for any mistakes in the articles. This task made me search in bylaws from different companies or associations to see what they were doing. The articles of association from the GIMUN being already pretty complete, I just made some minor modifications to make the articles more fluent.

Finally, a last task was to respond to the legal questions from the members about any topic, those were overall small questions, but I hope they were helpful. This task was one of the most interesting because it made me see different associations realms. Those questions range from the shipment tax of the goodies to questions about new members and what my job consisted. Overall, my task this year was to help the executive board with the choices of their new articles. On the other hand, I had to check afterwards if all the changes were correct. My job here was to really check if the articles were correct from a legal point of view if they were easy to read. This has been a very interesting and a very rewarding experience.

Théo Hausherr
Legal Advisor 2019-2020

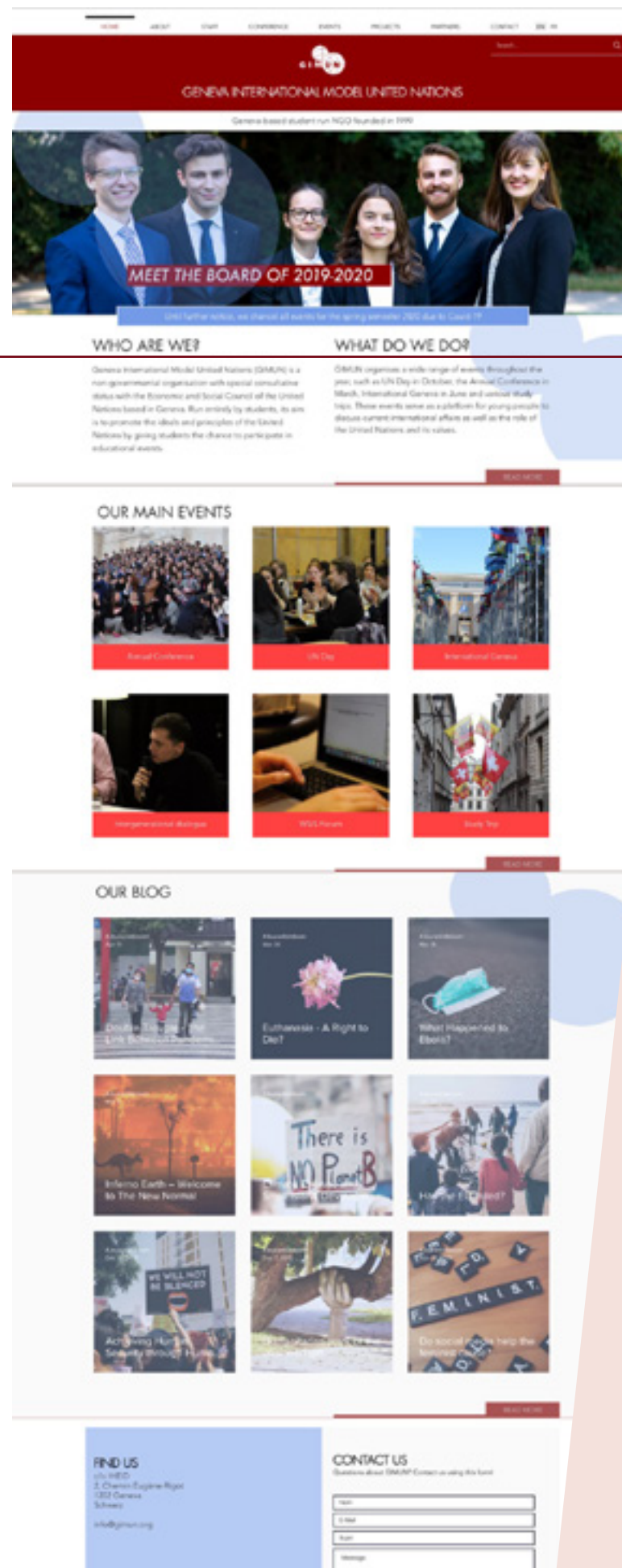


WEBSITE

The GIMUN website was last redesigned in 2014. After 6 years, it desperately needed another make over to not only modernize its look, but also to create a unique website for anyone interested in the association and its events to find. During the last couple years, a large number of pages accumulated that made the management of the website a difficult task. Since August 2018, the website has been rewritten to include new information, frequently asked questions and updated facts and figures on the association. Most importantly, the website has been restructured to make the access to relevant information easier and quicker.

To allow us to have a unique and eye-catching design without any coding experience, we decided to switch from our previous host WordPress to Wix. Wix is a very versatile website builder and with the use of shapes, colors and fonts, we were able to create a website that stands out from the rest. However, in difference to Wordpress, Wix doesn't allow for page templates that can be applied to any text, so each page needs to be built from nothing. We have also decided to merge our blog UN You Know?! with our website, making it directly accessible from our homepage instead of having it on a separate website. This helped to make the content published by our newly recruited journalist team and editor in chief more visible and visible to a larger audience.

The content has been translated to French by Marie Hourdequin and Kenza Vionnet. The original texts were corrected by Nicole Rosenberg. Including the French translation, this resulted in around 45 pages of plain text which were divided up into 33 pages for our website. Our new website allows us to proudly display our activities and to enter into a new decade with a fresh and modern look.



Natalie Joray
PR Director 2018-2019
Secretary General 2019-2020

PARTNERSHIPS

This term, GIMUN has pursued multiple new partnerships while deepening old ones.

In the beginning of the Fall semester 2019, GIMUN finally became a member association of the CUAE. Since becoming a student's association of the University of Geneva in 2007, GIMUN has steadily become more and more integrated into the associative life of the University. With the admission to the CUAE, we have taken the next step. It allows us to cooperate more closely with other associations of the University, especially when it comes to sharing information about activities, organising activities together and organising info stands and other associative events.

With the Sustainable Finance Hackathon, GIMUN also partnered with Open Geneva and hopes to repeat the event in 2020. We have also contributed to the "Festival d'Innovation Ouverte" which was planned to take place in March 2020 but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have furthermore started a partnership with Integrate Chinese Life (ICL), an organisation that allows students to pursue internships and other professional programs with companies in China. We hope that we will be able to organise study trips together with ICL in the future.

Simultaneously we have deepened our existing partnerships with BIMUN and CologneMUN, whose conferences were attended by members of GIMUN as chairs, as well as the HamMUN conference, which was chosen as the destination for our MUN Delegation. We were able to promote our Annual Conference on their social media and vice versa.

We have also continued our participation in UNYA as a member of the association and will hopefully be represented in the board of UNYA next year..

Natalie Joray



ANNUAL CONFERENCE



LETTER FROM THE SECRETARIES GENERAL



The first edition of GIMUN took place in 1999 and was organised by students of the Graduate Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. Since then, we have come a long way: GIMUN grew into a bigger and bigger association and started organising other events besides its annual conference. In its now 20 – soon to be 21 – years of existence, GIMUN has inspired MUN conferences across the globe and has become a highlight in the European MUN circuit. The 2020 edition of the GIMUN Annual Conference followed the footsteps of our predecessors and beyond, expanding where necessary and innovating where possible.

Our goal for the conference is that all of the participants have the opportunity to see international organisations, especially the United Nations, from a different perspective. We want our conference to serve as a prism, breaking down the monotony often related with international organisations. Being a delegate, ambassador, chair, translator or interpreter should help people to understand the processes behind the scenes and the work that goes into reaching an agreement applicable in real life circumstances.

Currently, multilateralism is under attack from many different sides - still, the values and principles of multilateralism are necessary for a peaceful coexistence of the multitude of actors, be it states, international organisations or NGOs that form today's world order. It is our duty to look back on this collective heritage and defend it from the onslaught of rising challenges that the near future holds. In a bold move, we decided to fight back against current trends and chose the theme "100 years of multilateralism: The past, present and future"

We did this in order to honour the 100 year anniversary of the League of Nations. Since the

1920, Geneva has become the centre of multilateral diplomacy on the European continent. To commemorate our city, as well as the centenary of the event that ultimately created the current international system, we decided to have committees with historical aspects, and such turned to the challenges of the present and the future. This division in three time periods allowed us to connect the conference not through its specific content, but through the overarching importance of the multilateral system.

Thus we created a conference not only unique to GIMUN's history, but also the first of its kind in Europe. GIMUN's innovations have often been continued by other conferences, for example the 2019 edition saw the CCPCJ committee, which was replicated in many other conferences throughout 2020. We hope to see this division in three also at other venues as it was graded as highly successful by participants. We strongly believe that multilateralism should be protected and we are proud to say we did our best to pass that message to our participants.

Due to the availability of the United Nations Office at Geneva, as well as the preferences of the organisational team, we decided to pull the conference one month earlier, in late February instead of late March. This move proved quite controversial, as on one side it wasn't appreciated by our regular participants or university students as it coincided with the exam session and beginning of semester. On the other hand, due to the COVID19 crisis of 2020, was the conference to be held at the end of March, it would have been canceled and postponed to a later date.

Therefore, while in the future the conference should return to being after the Human Rights Council's March session, we definitely chose the

right dates for the 2020 edition, with regard to the pandemic and its consequences.

The planning for our conference started in June 2019 with the recruitment of our Under Secretaries General (USG) and the setting of our conference theme. During the month of August, we have conducted around 40 interviews with applicants for the seven different departments of the secretariat. The core of every conference lies in its team and this year we didn't fail to deliver. We ensured that our multicultural and diverse team was well instructed and supported throughout the planning process.

To the 2020 term, communication was of key importance and we therefore did everything possible to make sure that tasks were clear, that USGs knew each other's positions and responsibilities and ensure interdepartmental dialogue. Seen as the feedback in previous years was that the team wasn't as close as we would've liked to see it, we're proud to say that this year we were much closer. In this success we have many different tools to thank. Our work on Slack allowed instant communication between team members, while the sharing of documents on Google Drive allowed for universal access to contact lists, schedules and various other information.

At the opening ceremony of the 2020 annual conference we were honoured with the presence of H.E. Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva Ms Tatiana Volovaya, H.E. Vice-Ambassador at the Swiss Permanent Mission to the United Nations Office at Geneva Mr. Félix Baumann, Ms. Beatrice Ferarri from the Canton of Geneva, as well as Ms. Pauline Eluere from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees. Participants were urged to defend the multilateral order and were warned particularly about the three horsemen

of doom that threaten the current world order. They had the opportunity to ask each participant questions within a Q&A session.

During the conference our committees were visited by various experts which presented their work and engagement. In the UNEP Committee, Ms. Sarah Leugers from Gold Standard explained the link between technology and the environment. In SOCHUM Mr. Maxime Cretex from the Swiss Youth Representation at the UN talked about his engagement, as well as the future of the multilateral system. In the League of Nations Health Organisation, Ms. Anne Claude-Jonah from the Swiss Evangelical Mission spoke about the history of leprosy and about christian engagement into its eradication.

21 As most previous years, the 2020 conference first welcomed participants to the University of Geneva in an orderly and well structured registration process. Timely planning and clear instructions helped us ensure that registration went smoothly. For the rest of the week, as usual, the conference took place within the halls of the United Nations Office at Geneva. We were proud to open and close the 2020 edition in the famous Assembly Hall, while committees convened in 6 historical and modern meeting rooms. During the conference, participants had the opportunity to visit the League of Nations archives together with Mr. S. Vukocic from the UN Library, and learn more about the roots of multilateralism.

Apart from the more official events during debate time, we provided participants with different opportunities to meet and network with each other. Be it in the traditional buffet on Sunday, at a Fondue dinner on Monday, during Karaoke on Tuesday or within each committee on Wednesday, we managed to thread connections between all participants and leave them with a comfortable space to relax in after long days of negotiations.

The highlight of our cultural events was the Gala Night. With lessons learned from previous years, we provided a relaxed atmosphere, yet in a prestigious venue such as the Halles de L'Île. Offering refreshments and light dinner, a photobooth and various other entertainment, we ensured that this year's gala night excelled on all fronts, leaving a great impression on participants and guests, as well as promoting GIMUNs strong reputation to our sponsors, alumni and potential future members. Ms. M. Keating, an expert from the UN Secretariat's Translation department held a presentation for GIMUNs translation team, introducing them to specificities of her work.

While GIMUN tries its best to be affordable to all, it is difficult to escape the reality of organising a conference in one of the world's most expensive cities. While we try to balance prestige, utility, cost and accessibility, we can't always guarantee an affordable conference. That is why we had a financial aid programme also during the 2020 Annual Conference. Applicants from developing countries could apply to have their trip completely financed by the canton of Geneva. Sadly, while more than 10 participants were shortlisted, only one single one could be able to attend in the end. This is due to the high percentage of people denied visas in the application process. While GIMUN appealed decisions from Swiss embassies in Haiti, Nigeria and Ghana, these appeals were in vain. We understand the preoccupations of the Confederation, yet we firmly believe that all people, regardless of their nationality or income status, should be able to participate in our conference if their applications are as successful as every other and we deeply regret that we couldn't host more of the people who requested aid. GIMUN has made it its mission to introduce the United Nations and the multilateral world to students from Geneva and from all over the world, and we hope to be able to continue doing so in the future without hindrance.

The 2020 conference hurdled at many issues and unexpected surprises, yet the basis we've built and the warm relations we've been able to restore were key to our success and renewed prestige.

Yet the challenges for the future term remain many and varied. For one, the United Nations Office at Geneva is planned to undergo extensive renovations within the next 2 years, thus the new team will perhaps be forced to scale down or look for a different conference venue. Moreover, the unpredictable nature of the post-COVID19 world adds to uncertainty over many elements when it comes to large-scale events. It is also important to note with regret that global interest for MUN conferences has been steadily dwindling and the multitude of conferences organised around the world and Europe is spreading remaining possible participants thin.

Therefore, it is extremely important that GIMUN continue work on its prestige and future strategy. We need to be easily recognisable and very inviting. Our image needs to be projected through partnerships with other organisations and conferences and through powerful marketing. More work needs to be invested in planning every detail of the conference ahead of time, to prevent mishaps and provide stability.

Our next time should always have a plan B in store, as we've seen that little can be taken for granted. While times may be difficult, we are very optimistic about the future, as the base we have created, the network we've established and the renewed vigour of our organisation will be sure to ultimately ensure a successful 2021 Annual Conference.

Mihail Mouhlov
Natalie Joray
Secretaries General 2019-2020



COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

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The USGs for Committee management are tasked with producing the substance of the GIMUN Conference from the Chair interviews to the editing of the Study Guides. Since August 2019, the USGs of Committee Management ensured on creating a diverse set of committees while keeping in line with the UN Refugee Challenge and the GIMUN theme; '100 Years of Multilateralism'. After preliminary meetings with the Secretaries General, we decided on the six committees to be simulated, two committees set in the past; The League of Nations Health Organisation and The Pan-African Congress; two committees set in the present; UNEP and SOCHUM (GA3); and two committees set in the future; The Futuristic Security Council and the Futuristic Legal Committee (GA6).

After the selection of the committees, it was time to pick our chairs. There was a Google form created for the applicants to fill. It was also during this time that the Chair interviews began. With

over 40 applications, we were able to narrow it down to 35 applicants for the chair interview. Upon the interviews of these 35 applicants from a variety of, we were able to pick 14 candidates who would sit in as Chairs of the six committees.

Once the team of Chairs was selected, we arranged preliminary meetings with each committee 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 an initial proof-reading, that would, later on, be completed by the Translation Department. Exploring possible areas for debate alongside with the Chairs was among the most rewarding tasks of our job.

At the Conference, we were tasked with ensuring the smooth running of the six committee sessions as well as the delivery of crisis updates in three of the simulated committees; the Futuristic Security Council, the Pan-African Congress, and the Futuristic Legal Committee. 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

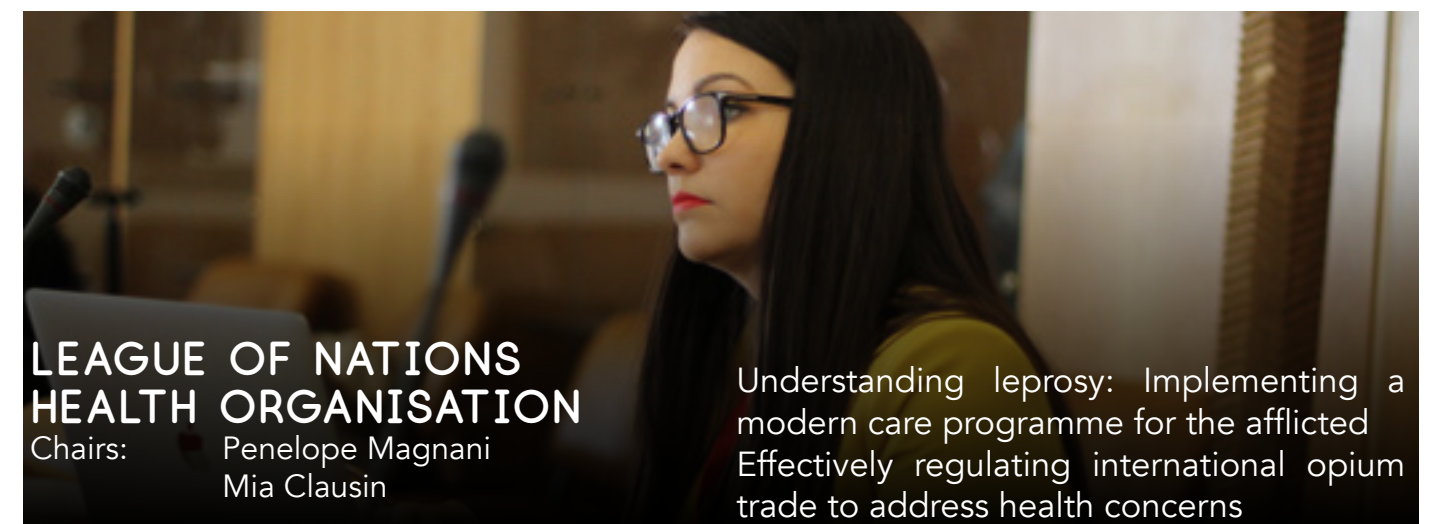
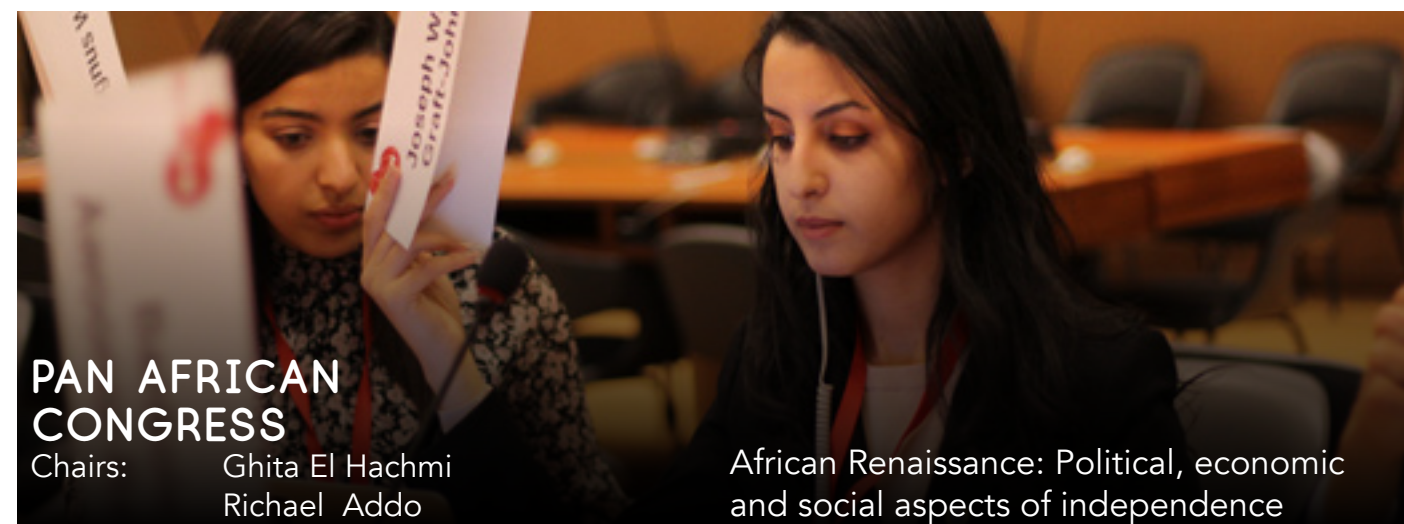
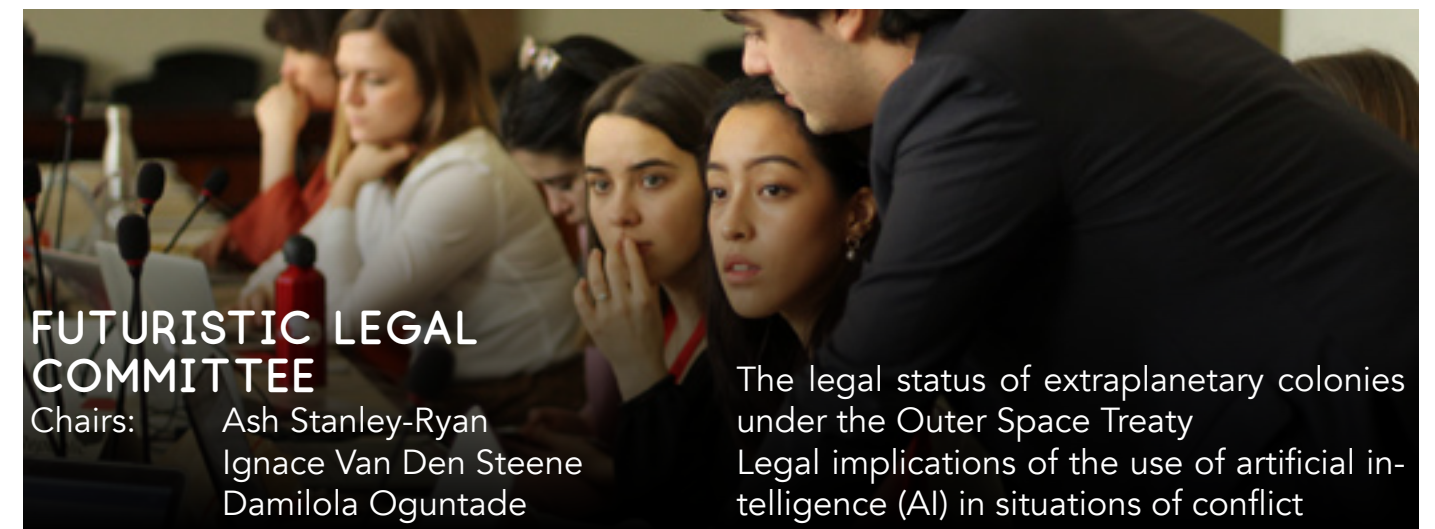
socio-economic and political constraints of the United Nations and the world, no matter the time the committee was set in. We ensured that the solutions that the delegates proposed in their resolutions were achievable.

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!

Chizulu Uwolloh
Victoria Luján Ecarri
Committee Management 2020

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HUMAN RESOURCES

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The USGs for of Human Resources are responsible for all the applications of Delegates, evaluating and assigning them. They are also responsible to some extent for the communication between the organizers and the Delegates.

The process started with creating the application form for the delegates to fill out. We took the form from last year and then edited with what we thought to be most fitting. We had them fill out their personal information, their committee and country preferences as well as their experience through uploading a CV. We had the form translated into French and then posted them both on the website.

After having set up the Application form we also set up a google sheet with an overview over all applications, and multiple E-Mail templates. We sent out an Email once we received their application letting them know which application wave they were in and around what time they could

expect our decision on their application. After the first mail we evaluated their application and decided whether to accept them or reject them, which was the second Email we sent out to them at the end of the respective wave they were in.

Along with the acceptance Mail we also sent out the Payment email to them with the deadline of payment and the amount they had to pay. They would be assigned a country once we had received their payment.

At the end of the deadline we would check back with all the people that we were supposed to receive a payment and then sent a reminder email for the people that we hadn't received a payment from.

If we had received a payment, we would note it in the overview and assign them to one of their preferences. For this we made a new google excel sheet with all committees and countries that

were open to assign and then tried to keep the committees balanced during the assignment process.

We also did communication work and would forward the delegates to the correct person when they had questions we could not answer ourself. We also did a consequent job with the heads of delegations, coordinating every individual, altogether.

We also helped with the Visa letters for the people that needed a Visa to come to Geneva. We asked for their information and then filled out the Letter template accordingly.

During the conference we did some reassigning of unhappy delegates and tried to make sure that it was going smoothly for the Delegates. Yara also took on the Gossip Page and posted funny memes and such on there during the conference whilst Antoine checked up all the fee

payments we had received. Moreover we also did a bunch of miscellaneous things and helped out in different places.

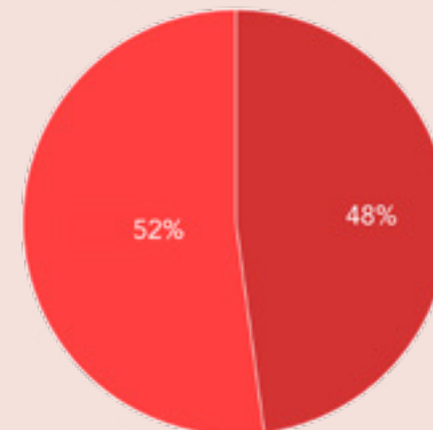
At the end of the conference, we helped with the feedback form for the delegates and tried to get as many of them to fill it out as possible. We again took the already existing form and edited that accordingly before sending it into translation.

Antoine Gothuey
Yara Lilie de Leon
Human Resources 2020

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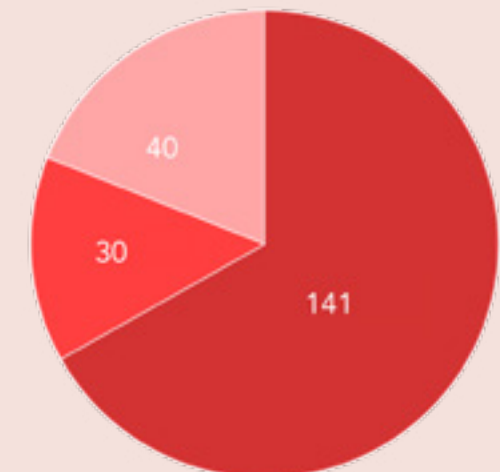
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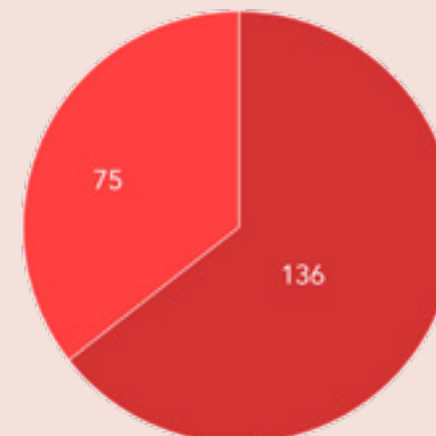
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APPLICATIONS



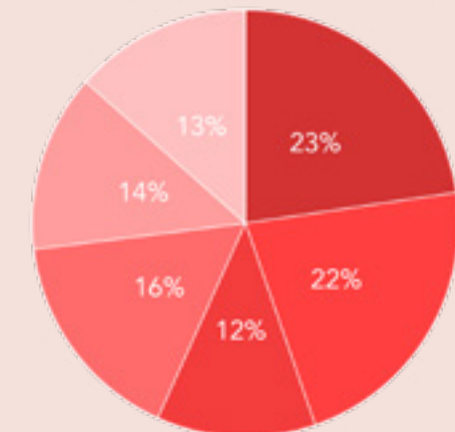
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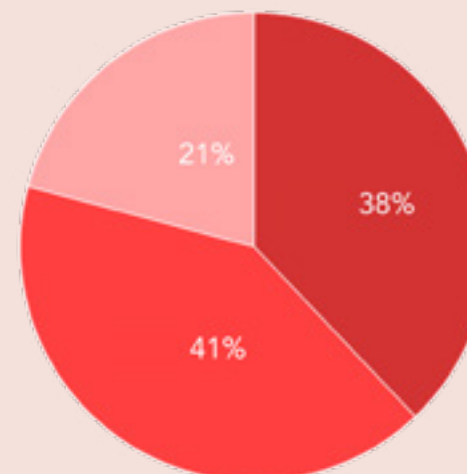
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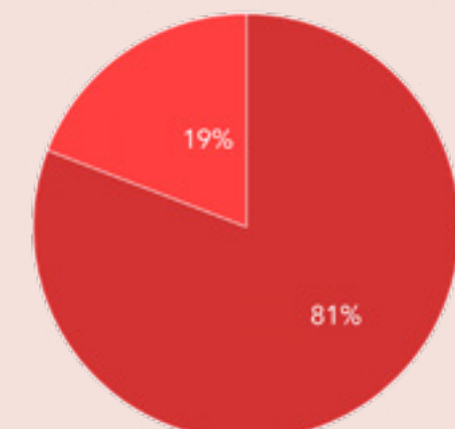
■ UNEP
■ SOCHUM
■ Futuristic Security Council
■ Futuristic Legal Committee
■ League of Nations Health Organisation
■ Pan African Congress of 1945

LANGUAGES



■ English ■ Bilingual ■ French

PARTICIPATION



■ Present ■ Absent



CULTURAL EVENTS

This year, the cultural events team consisted of two Under-Secretaries-General who were in charge to organize the social events during the conference. Their work began in September 2019, when they started identifying potential venues for the cultural events and created a well-rounded program for the participants. As the team was given a budget, they booked the right venues and organized six events for the Annual Conference 2020. GIMUN's goal is to offer a fun and relaxed environment to the conference participants where they can get to know each other, connect and create friendships all across the globe. In addition, we aim to introduce participants to the city of Geneva and to Swiss culture.

Thus, the cultural events program started off with tour of Geneva on Saturday, February 15th. We showed the participants the main sights of this fascinating city. The same day, in the evening GIMUN offered the Under-Secretary-Generals, the

chairs and the executive board a staff dinner at a fabulous Sicilian Restaurant called "l'Etna".

On Monday, we introduced the participants to the probably most iconic Swiss dish by organizing a Fondue Night at "les Vieux Grenadiers". For a lot of people, it was their first time eating Fondue and it was very delighting to watch them try and enjoy it.

On Tuesday, participants were able to relax after a long day of debates during our Pub-/Karaoke Night. We rented a space in the "Crossroads Pub" where the participants could come together and have a casual after-work-drink and sing to their favourite songs.

Wednesday night was Committee Night, where we encouraged the participants to connect with each other within their committees after the debates. GIMUN reserved tables at different bars for all different committees which were all lo-

cated in the Rue Ecole Médecins. It was a great way for our participants to see what students do after their classes at Unimail. Since all bars were very close it was possible for the committees to meet each other during the evening.

The GIMUN Gala was due on Thursday. We picked the "Halles de l'île" to guarantee our participants an amazing and memorable night. Participants came in beautiful dresses and suits which added to the elegant and glamorous touch of this evening. The event started off with casual conversations and finger food and turned into a club night once our DJ came in. The GIMUN Gala was a huge success.

Our closing event on the last day was a Dessert Night. All participants could come together for the last time to have a delicious crêpe and a hot drink at "Jardin des Crêpes". It was the perfect setting for everyone to tell their goodbyes. During the conference information on each cultural even and a detailed timetable was provid-

ed through social media (Instagram, Facebook). In addition, our USG for cultural events team announced all activities personally by visiting each committee during the day.

The USGs for Cultural Events did their best to make every participant feel welcome in Geneva, to create amazing memories and to foster connection between the participants.

In the conference evaluation, we have found that participants considered the conference to be very well-organised and that they enjoyed all the events, especially the gala.

Asmita Schoettli
Artina Fejazullahu
Cultural Events 2020



LOGISTICS

We were recruited in September 2019 and our first meeting took place in October. There, we laid out the principal tasks for the annual conference: Goodies, accommodation, registration day and dinner, printing work, and other diverse things. We also established a timeline to finish these tasks, which had to stay flexible due to many yet unknown and changing factors (such as the list of delegates, the schedule of the conference).

First of all, we were in charge of organizing the “goodies bags”, which began from the search for the companies where the products were quoted to the final purchase, trying to choose the best possible products for participants, whilst staying within our budget – so that all delegates could have something practical, of quality, and a nice souvenir. Participants gave positive feedback on the bags, especially the bottles and the post-it notes. We were also in charge of finding and recommending accommodations for all par-

ticipants who do not come from Geneva. This included launching an GIMUN Couchsurfing program and hotel buddy pairing system. Because of the high demand and price of housing in Geneva, accommodation work proves to be more difficult. More ways to incentivize the university community into welcoming participants could be implemented, such as putting a ‘lucky draw’ system with highly attractive prizes (potentially provided by sponsors, such as the 100CHF BnB vouchers) for all people who sign up to provide accommodation.

Organizing the registration day at Bastions is another big task involving a lot of people. Planning for rooms, signs, space, and personnel in advance is crucial, as timing is tight. The day starts at 8h00 with preparation and set up. Participants came in and followed a specific queue to go through 3 stations (GIMUN badges, UN badges, goodies). In the evening, we reorganized the space and prepared a huge dinner with food

and drinks. The fact that the registration day took place on Sunday complicated tasks a little more, as Sunday is not a working day in Geneva as the majority of services are closed. On the whole, the day went quite smoothly as planned, with plenty of help from the secretariat.

We were also in charge of the “Coffee breaks” during the week of the conference, and also to distribute the lunch vouchers for each participant.

The design, printing, and organization of each participant’s “badges”, all the “placards” of each delegate, committee presidents, press teams, translators and speakers invited to the welcome ceremony were also part of our tasks.

The organization and creation of certificates of participation to our annual conference, not only for the best participants but also for each delegate, president, USG, press, interpreters, and

translators as we all make a team to make the conference can be carried out. On the whole, we are satisfied with our work timewise and quality wise.

We could have planned to do the certificates sooner, which involved coordination with HR. We are rather proud of our work with goodies and registration day. Accommodation stays a challenge that requires innovation and external support. Apart from many new friendships and pleasant memories, we also have a beautiful memory of the GIMUN experience that we can cherish.

Joanna Ruan
Isabel Peláez
Logistics 2020

PRESS AND MEDIA

This year, the press team for the conference tried to hit the ground running. Having assembled a team since the previous year, we came fully armed to face the challenges ahead of us before, during and after the conference. Our main goal as always was the positive reinforcement and spotlight upon the work by our delegates and out colleagues. We began by recruiting a team of French journalists with the aid of the SGs as well as an English speaking team (both composed of six journalists each) whilst working with a Creative Director in order to help our design team (two designers) and our photographer with the aesthetic of our brand imagine. This was done in order to assure homogeneity and continuity in the chronicles. The purpose of the art team was to assemble and design the chronicles in less than 24 hours in order to distribute directly the next morning whilst working with the printer we have worked with for the past couple of years. When it came to the preparation and placement of the journalists, we USGs worked

individually with each journalist in order to assure a placement that allowed each one to feel comfortable and find their voice. Our priority were not only the delegates, but the journalists as well. Since this is an incredibly heavy undertaking, we wanted to assure the comfort and passion of each one of the writers. This allowed for easy discussion as for angles of articles and assured quality in the narrative voices of the articles. After ever journalist was placed, we decided to remove the pre-written articles in order to create profiles of our colleagues and delegates; the people who truly bring the conference to life. The journalists were tasked with an article a day, unless they had to write the profile.

Though challenging, we managed to obtain some extremely incredible content that truly spoke to ethos of the conference and how the humans of GIMUN are the ones who make the conference what it is. The journalists were also tasked with working with our photographer whilst also tak-

ing pictures of their own in order to make sure that specific moments of their committees and interviewees were captured to their satisfaction. We encouraged multilateral co-operation across subject areas, allowing journalists to have a say in the layout of their articles and for the art team to have a say in the visuals and specific aesthetic needs for the articles that the journalists needed to capture. The USGs took turns with members of the board to retrieve the editions as quickly as possible and distribute them at the end and during committees. A new strategy that we also implemented this year was, due to the lack of budget, to have the editions published online using Issuu, an online publication tool.

In general, as always, this proved to be an invigorating challenge as the press team is constantly facing multiple hurdles to overcome. The biggest challenge being time. Paramount amounts of preparation and revision of strategy do not seem to provide the perfect formula for success.

The press team struggled with time to compile the editions, distribution, and printing on time. We see this as a weakness but as a blessing as well; it serves as evidence and speaks directly to our hunger for perfection. The formula is constantly being revised and revisited with the hopes of achieving the correct one; the one that will allow us to compress insurmountable amounts of work into less than 10 hours. Nonetheless, after many Red Bulls, coffee cups and moments of extreme adrenaline, we managed to deliver. It was an invigorating journey with many twists, turns, challenges and moments of incredible dedication and stress demonstrated by everyone on the board the Secretariat and the press team.

Fernanda Sapiña
Martina Tisdall
Press and Media 2020



TRANSLATION

This year, the Translation team was made up of two Under-Secretaries-General, six French-to-English translators and twelve English-to-French translators. The translators were selected based on their background, studies and translation skills through a series of tests.

Those selected were students either completing a bachelor's degree or master's degree in Translation, from Belgium, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Their responsibilities included translating and proofreading Chair and USG biographies, GIMUN website, study guides, rules of procedures, resolutions and amendments, as well as creating glossaries for the committee they were assigned to.

For this Annual Conference, there were six committees of which only three benefited from our translation services: the United Nations Environment Programme, SOCHUM and the Pan-African Congress of 1945. During the first couple

of days, the translators got acquainted with the United Nations and the different committees, they listened to the debates, prepared summaries, translated press articles and learned about the specificities of United Nations resolutions.

The translation team was lucky enough to meet Ms. Michelle Keating, Chief of Language Services at the United Nations Office at Geneva, who gave a presentation on the different language professions offered at the United Nations: translator, editor, précis-writer, verbatim reporter, interpreter, terminologist, text-processor, etc. During this enriching experience, she talked about her career as well as the requirements for working at the United Nations. The team really appreciated her presentation and used this opportunity to ask her questions regarding sign language at the United Nations, translation technologies, the future of translation as well as the experience and the skills required to be successful in the field.

Halfway through the week, the team received the first resolutions of the bilingual committees and started translating. The team worked in an open-plan office where everyone had the possibility to exchange ideas and help each other. The team also collaborated with the press team and translated a few articles for the "GIMUN Chronicles" which were published every day of the conference.

In the future, the translation team would benefit from better communication between the other members of the Secretariat as well as with the Chairs of each committee in order to effectively address language services needed throughout the Conference. The team would also need to consider reorganising the workflow and find a better solution to Google Drive due to formatting and terminology issues. That being said, after a fruitful week, the team came up with many ideas for the future and overall gave a positive feedback.

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Translation 2020



INTERPRETATION

The interpretation department at GIMUN has two main objectives: facilitating bilingual communication and providing the interpreters with an enriching training opportunity.

The first goal is reached by having the interpreters work in the booths during committee sessions and the opening and closing ceremonies, interpreting simultaneously. During the mock debates, welcome ceremony and unmoderated suspensions interpretation is done in a consecutive mode.

To make sure the students improve their skills, they are listened to and given feedback by a team of professional interpreter trainers with years of experience on the private market and international institutions such as the EU and the UN.

This year the team consisted of 20 interpreters from 7 different universities all over Europe, 5

professional interpreters giving feedback and one USG to coordinate the team. We would have liked to have a bigger team, but as recruitment started only in December due to external circumstances, we are proud to have assembled a good functioning team in the short period available.

Apart from providing feedback from professional interpreters, GIMUN stands out for another reason: a seminar we organise before the actual conference starts.

During several days, the interpreters participate in workshops organised by interpreters who already have a proven track record. These workshops include stress management and professional attitudes, as well as practical simulation exercises of committee sessions.

Because of the seminar, interpreters provide higher quality interpretation and are not over-

whelmed by the speed and technicality of the debates the first time they work in the booth.

The interpreters appreciate the pedagogical framework around GIMUN. Because of this, they progressed significantly during their time at GIMUN, both in interpreting skills and in professional attitude. This experience gives them more confidence in their abilities and expands their network considerably.

In short, all the interpreters loved the experience, as did their USG.

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Anne-Christelle Remue
Annick Damman
Antoine Van Gompel
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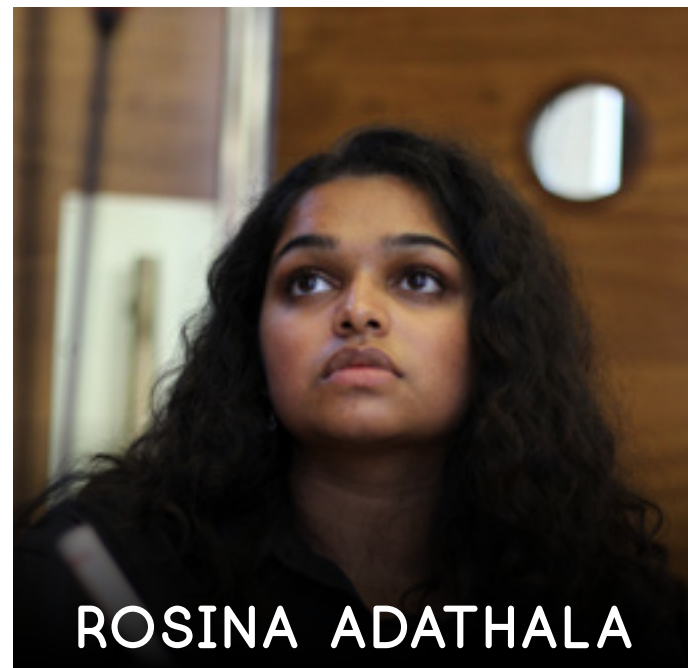
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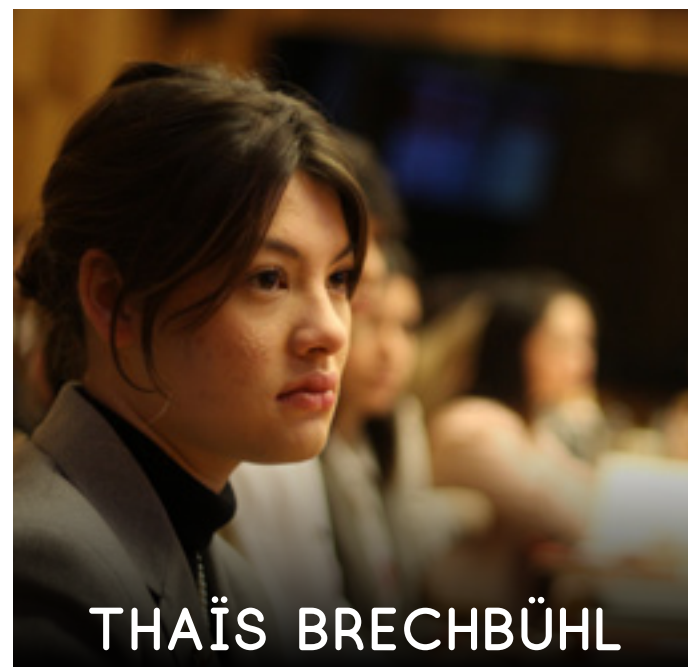
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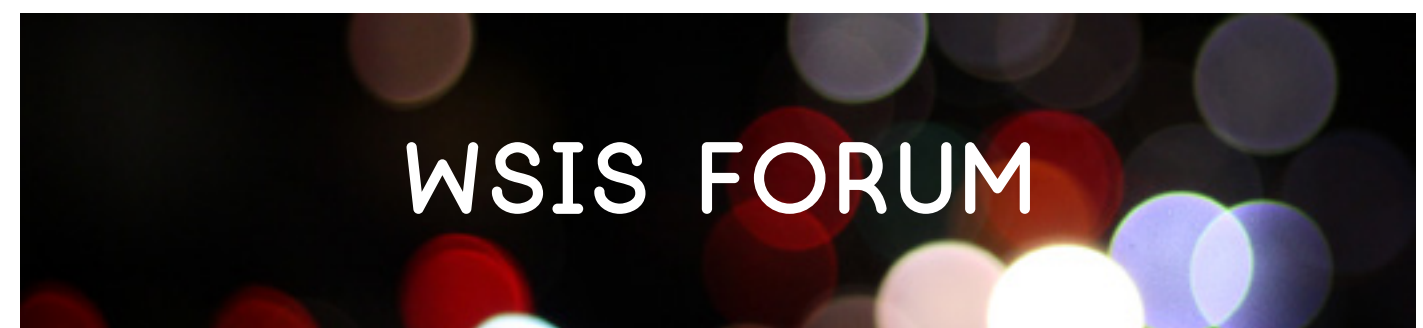
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UN DAY 2020



STUDY TRIP



WSIS FORUM



EVENT DEPARTMENT

The GIMUN event department was newly created at the beginning of the 2019/2020 Academic year as part of the Executive Departments. The events team, consisting of the Event Director and five members work closely with the President and Vice-President of GIMUN to organise the various events of the NGO such as the UN Day, the study trip, the MUN delegation, workshops, as well as social and cultural events. Our aim was to not only focus on the major yearly events, but to equally organise a number of smaller events exclusively for the GIMUN members, in order to strengthen the associative side of the organisation. Due to the high workload of the recruitment of new GIMUN members and the UN Day taking place shortly after the beginning of the fall semester 2019, the recruitment of the five team members took only place in October 2019. Therefore, while organising several small events for the GIMUN members throughout the semester (more details can be found in the reports of the respective event cat-

egory), the UN Day remained the only public event being co-organized by the event team in the first semester. However, regular event team meetings took place in order to prepare the various events of the 2020 spring semester. Each event team member oversaw one of the five following event categories, UN Day, study trip, workshops and collaborations, social and cultural events, MUN advanced delegation, as well as assisting the person in charge of a different event category. The Event Director coordinated the various events with the event team members in charge, the different Executive Departments, such as the Finance department, the Human Resource department, the Translation department, the Legal department and the Public Relations department, as well as with the President and the Vice-President. Besides organising various events during the year for the members of GIMUN, the Event team also worked on the objective of this term of reinforcing GIMUN's collaborations with other partners. The events team

approached other student associations from the University of Geneva, such as the Junior Enterprises Geneva and ALMA (Asociación Latino Americana) in order to organise joint workshops and social events. Unfortunately, neither event organised in collaboration with the above mentioned associations could take place, due to the COVID-19 situation. During the organisation of the 2019 UN Day, GIMUN was approached by two members from the MANTEL Research Consortium, Jorrit Mesman and Julio Alberto Alegre Stelzer, currently working on their PhD at the University of Geneva, with the proposal of organising a similar event on a water-related topic. Corresponding well to GIMUN's goals for the 2019/2020 Academic year of becoming more inclusive for members from all the UNIGE faculties and to emphasizing the importance of the interconnectedness of sciences and social sciences, we decided to organise a second UN Day jointly with the MANTEL Research Consortium through their beneficiary the UNIGE Science

Faculty (more details can be found in the UN Day 2020 report). Despite the cancellation of all the GIMUN events in the 2020 Spring semester due to COVID-19, the 2019/2020 Academic year was a great success for the GIMUN events team. The accomplished events generated a highly positive feedback and strongly contributed to strengthening the GIMUN community, as well as encouraging the interchange and debate of topical subjects among its participants.

The Event Director would like to sincerely thank all the Event team members for their incredible work, their passionate dedication and long hours to guarantee the success of all the events organised throughout the year, as well as the Executive Board for its constant support every step of the way and their incredible work all year long.

Céline Dardel
Event director

SOCIAL EVENTS

Socialising is an important part of GIMUN's associative life. Therefore, one of the goals for the academic year of 2019/2020 was to organise more social and cultural events for our members. The first social of the fall semester was for the Executive Board as well as the Executive Departments and the people involved in the organisation of the Annual Conference, in order to gather all the people actively involved in GIMUN.

Several socials jointly with the MUN delegation participants followed, among others a pot luck with food and beverages originating from the countries represented in the MUN delegation, as well as a Christmas social shortly before the end of the first semester. Due to the large workload for the newly created events team, no cultural events took place during the fall semester. We planned to start the second semester with an integration social aiming at integrating the new GIMUN members as quickly as possible.

The integration social would have been accompanied by a godmother/godfather program with the established GIMUN members taking under their wings one of the new members. For the rest of the semester the respective person would be there for questions concerning GIMUN and encouraging the new members to participate at as many GIMUN events as possible. Furthermore, regular after-MUN debate session socials were planned as well as a game night and a scavenger hunt in the warmer months.

A series of cultural events throughout the second semester had equally been planned. The first one being a visit to the 43rd Human Rights Session. Furthermore, according to the GIMUN members' preferences, visits to one of the various international organisations and/or to one of the non-governmental organisations in Geneva. All the events planned for the spring semester 2020 had to be cancelled reluctantly due to the evolving COVID-19 situation and the prohibition of any events during the semester.

WORKSHOPS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

While most of the GIMUN events are organised in order to give young people a platform to discuss current international affairs as well as the role of the United Nations and its values or to strengthen the GIMUN community, the aim of the workshops was to provide our members with useful skills and information for their professional life. The Panel Discussions on the other hand, would allow participants to discuss specific issues of current international affairs with each other and with the input of an expert of the concerned field.

The first workshop took place at the end of the 2019 autumn semester on "How to write the perfect CV and motivation letter". The workshop was given by Taner Toraman, the GIMUN 2019/2020 HR Director and enjoyed great success with all its participants. For the second semester a workshop on journalism and how to write a good article was planned with Marzia Marastoni, Editor-in-Chief of GIMUN's Blog. A second workshop was planned on the topic of how to navigate a networking event and how to build a professional network.

A third workshop was to be organised in collaboration with ALMA. The workshop given by a member of the Mission of Colombia to the World Trade Organisation, was aimed at giving the participants a detailed insight of the daily work and necessary skills of a country's diplomats. In addition, the participants would learn more about the Latin American countries within the institutions of the World Trade Organizations.

While no panel discussion organised by the Events team took place during the first semester of the 2019/2020 academic year, three were planned for the second semester, whereof two in the context of the topics discussed within the MUN debate sessions. The third panel discussion was planned in collaboration with Junior Enterprise Geneva (JEG) on the topic of responsible consumption taking into account both the interest of private enterprises and the public sector. The panel discussion would have been followed by a small networking event for the participants of both GIMUN and JEG.

Unfortunately, all the above mentioned workshops and panel discussions had to be cancelled due to the development of the COVID-19 virus.

UN DAY 2019

This year's UN Day took place on October 25th at the Palais des Nations with the aim to celebrate the anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter. With the topic "Gender Equality in the 21st century: understanding barriers and finding solutions" we had the chance to address several issues of this ongoingly debated subject, both in the discussion with guest speakers in the morning and the panels in the afternoon. The organisation of the event started in August with the most challenging part of finding speakers and moderators available on a Friday during the public school holidays in Geneva. Furthermore, we prepared preparatory documents both about the logistics and the topic of the event and the panels and provided these to the participants in order to give them some preliminary information.

More than 100 participants took part in the event that began with an opening ceremony and the speech of GIMUN's Vice President Cindy Bischofberger. Moderated by the President, Bartosz Gdaniec, the invited speakers Mr. Oliver Hoehne (Federal Department of Foreign Affairs), Mr. Ferdinando Miranda (Université de Genève) and Ms. Christine Löw (UN Women) captivated the room with their interesting contributions, encouraging a high number of relevant points and questions raised by the participants in the following Q&R session.

In the afternoon, the participants were allocated to four different panels according to their preferences and language requirements, treating more specific aspects of Gender Equality. We had the pleasure to welcome the five panellists and four moderators (right page).

The purpose of the UN Day is to actively involve students in the discussion around an important topic and make them conscious of different aspects around it. We were delighted to have received primarily highly positive feedback after the event, both regarding its organisation and its realisation. Over half of the participants rated the event as excellent and its organisation as extremely well. Something that we were also pleased to hear was that GIMUN's stuff was perceived as extremely friendly by almost 90% and extremely helpful by over 70% of the people.

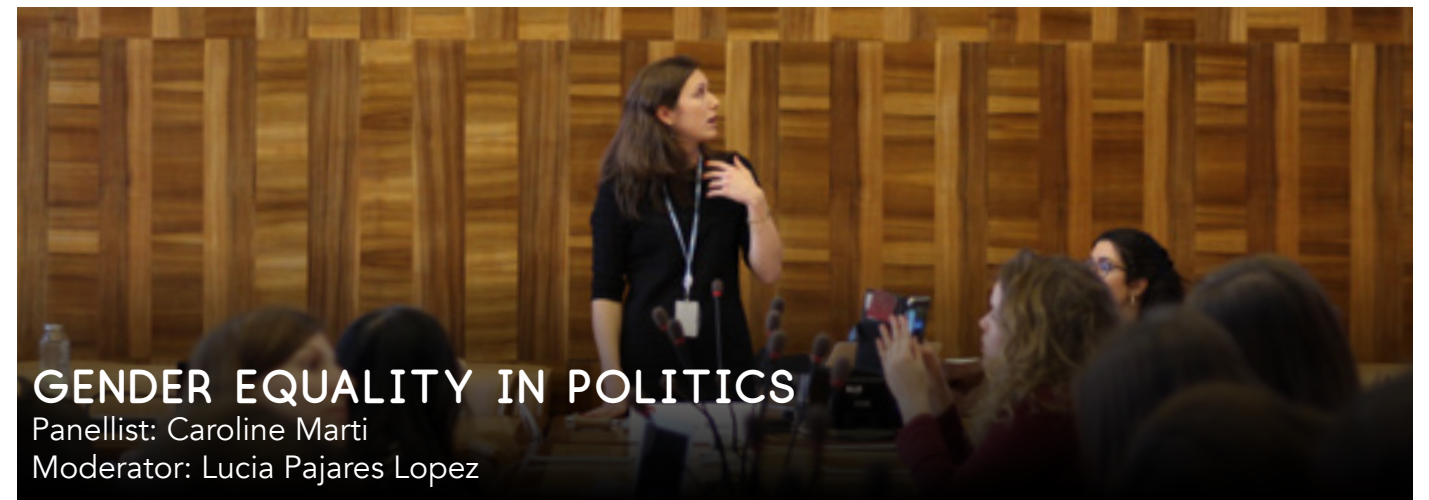
Many participants furthermore would recommend this event to a friend and participate in a future similar event, which assures us that we are on the right way increasing our community and leaving a resting impression in people's minds and spreading GIMUN's ideas. Points that have to be improved for the next UN Day concern the interpretation of the Opening Ceremony assuring our NGO's bilingualism scheduling more time for the lunch break.

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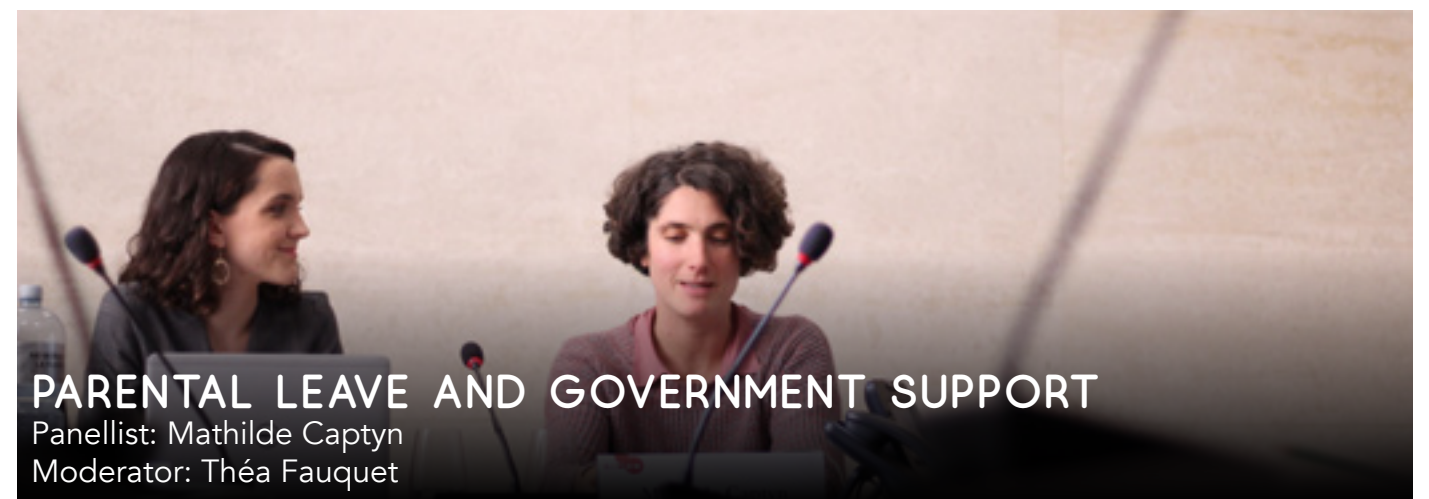
GENDER EQUALITY IN POLITICS

Panellist: Caroline Marti
Moderator: Lucia Pajares Lopez



WOMEN IN THE WORKFORCE

Panellist: Jane Aeberhard-Hodges
Moderator: Eleanor Khonje



PARENTAL LEAVE AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Panellist: Mathilde Captyn
Moderator: Théa Fauquet



GENDER EQUALITY IN POLITICS

Panellist: Mariana Groba Gomes (and Eugénie Deriaz)
Moderator: Lara de Salis

HACKATHON

This year GIMUN was determined to encourage other faculties of UNIGE to take part in its activities. Currently, most GIMUN participants study International Relations but we were able to promote our association to other faculties with the Hackathon. This is why we decided to help Open Geneva organise a hackathon – a portmanteau of “Hacking” and “Marathon”, “hackathon” designs any type of innovation/programming contest – about sustainable finance and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Our rationale was to organise a new event that encourages more students with a background in IT, economics and finance to be involved in the association. The project was initiated by Thomas Maillart, professor at the Geneva School of Economics and Management and president of Open Geneva.

The hackathon took place on the 11th and 12th of October 2019, over the week-end. The goal

was to get people interested in IT and finance to work together on the Sustainable Development Goals and code algorithms that could help make finance more sustainable. For example, they would code programs for sustainable investments that would search financial data online and grade companies according to sustainability criteria.

For the event, GIMUN partnered with JPMorgan, the University of Geneva, République et Canton de Genève, Open Geneva, Hidora, the Geneva Fintech Community, Crypto Valley and Fusion. The event opened with speeches by Pierre Maudet and Peter Gabriele, the CEO for JPMorgan Switzerland. The bank was very present during the hackathon. Besides contributing financially to the event, between 10 and 20 of its software engineers volunteered to come and code during the week-end. We were lucky to have such high-quality developers to work with. This was particularly beneficial for students from

the faculty of Economics, who were able to learn from the engineers in a practical context. One student was offered an internship at JPMorgan after the hackathon. The presence of the bank also motivated students from other schools to join in. For example, a master student from HEC Lausanne came to the event and was able to combine his specialised knowledge (sustainable accounting) with the coding skills of software engineers and expand his network during the week-end.

The event was split in several challenges (one team per challenge). The participants were free to choose which challenge to join. Then, they were to provide solutions and explain their work at the end of the event, in a timed presentation. There were no prizes since the event was meant to be friendly and non-competitive. At the end of the hackathon, all groups presented their projects in a limited time frame. Over the week-end, the teams were allowed a few breaks

to share ideas, food and drinks. The event was described as a success by the students, hackers and engineers. The CEO of JPMorgan said the bank would most likely want to support the Sustainable Finance Hackathon next year as well. It was also very exciting for some students to discover the “hackathon spirit” for the first time. GIMUN was very glad to take part in this hackathon and is already planning the next one with Professor Thomas Maillart from Open Geneva. Next time, the event will probably get support from the faculty of economics and the Career Center of UNIGE.

We hope this will also motivate the next board to continue the project and to break new grounds for Sustainable Finance and practical SDG solutions with new challenges.

Matthis Pasche
Finance Director 2019-2020

CHALLENGES

SDG RATING

For the “SDG Rating” Challenge, the participants created a program that searched the internet for keywords about companies and give them an SDG rating. These keywords, such as “carbon emissions” or “gender inequality” were linked to SDGs. The program helps investors to get a better idea of a company’s sustainability by generating an indicator. This challenge is closely linked to the “SDG Advisor” challenge. had to be linked to SDGs, “carbon emissions”, “gender inequality” and would help investors get a better idea of the company’s sustainability. (Another challenge, “SDG Advisor”, had a similar vision.)

SDG LIBRA

The goal of the “SDG Libra” challenge was to use the cryptocurrency Libra to promote the SDGs. The developers managed to link the cryptocurrency Libra to WhatsApp to help people donate money to charity faster and more easily. In the case of a natural catastrophe, it would for example be possible to donate money to NGOs conveniently through WhatsApp. The secure transfer through WhatsApp is similar to the functionality of the Chinese App “WeChat” and much quicker than a conventional bank transfert. The team managed to make a real Libra payment using WhatsApp by the end of the challenge, which was very exciting for everybody.

SDG PORTFOLIO

In this challenge, the participants also sought new ways of rating investment portfolio in their entirety, instead of only a single company. The team analysed data of the different companies within an investment portfolio and illustrated the portfolio’s SDG performance with a diagram illustrating the importance of each SDG within a company and a portfolio. This is an interesting alternative to diagrams representing which percentage of a portfolio is invested in stocks, bonds or commodities.

INCLUSIVE FINANCE TO ALLEVIATE WEALTH INEQUALITY

This project’s mission was to create a mobile app making finance more accessible to low income people. The application offered free financial education and saving plans for minimal fees.

E-PAYMENTS FOR TRADING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES (SMES)

This challenge required developers to create new e-payment technologies that are more accessible to SMEs than the This challenge encouraged developers to offer new e-payment technologies, at lower costs and more accessible to SMEs which might currently be having trouble with expensive financial paperwork and payment methods in international trade.



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GREYCELLS INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE 2019

The Intergenerational Dialogue is a bi-annual event organised by Greycells, an association for former international civil servants for development. GIMUN has collaborated with Greycells for the Intergenerational Dialogue on the Sustainable Development Goals in November 2018, for the Intergenerational Dialogue on Gender in March 2019 and now the Intergenerational Dialogue on International Civil Service under the umbrella of the 100 year anniversary of the League of Nations and the 75 year anniversary of the United Nations.

The preparations for the event started in Summer 2019 with multiple lunch meetings where the topic of the panel discussion was defined by the different associations and organisations involved. The overarching theme of the dialogue was "100 Years of the International Civil Service" and was accompanied by the recently released book *"Eric Drummond and His Legacies. The League of Nations and the Beginnings of Glob-*

al Governance", by David Macfadyen, Michael D.V.Davies, Marylin Norah Carr and John Burley. Additionally, a survey was carried out amongst people of all ages on their experiences as international civil servants and their impressions of international civil servants.

The event was divided into two panels with each four panelists that represented both young students and young professionals as well as experienced professionals from the "older generation".

GIMUN contributed to the event as a part of the organising committee and provided one of the panelists, Taner Toraman, the HR director of 2019-2020. We furthermore provided the graphic design for the event and designed flyers, posters as well as images for social media posts.



Natalie Joray
Secretary General 2019-2020

UN DAY 2020

In response to the high interest and positive feedback after the UN Day 2019 on “Gender Equality in the 21st century: understanding barriers and finding solutions”, GIMUN was delighted to organize a second UN Day in the academic year of 2019/20.

This UN Day’s specific aim consisted of emphasizing the importance of the interconnectedness of sciences and social sciences of issues currently being discussed at the United Nations.

The theme being “Challenges to Water Security in a Changing World”, GIMUN was honoured to organise this event in collaboration with the MANTEL Research Consortium through their beneficiary, the science faculty of UNIGE. The idea hereby was to provide a more distinctive perspective on this important subject by connecting the scientific with the political, economic and social point of view. This included a more general introduction to this subject in the morning while having more specific panels in the afternoon, encouraging more profound debates. The topics of the panel discussions in the afternoon were: “Geopolitical aspects of transboundary water governance”, “Implications of a changing climate for Food Security in Lakes”, “Hygiene and Sanitation as Global Health threats (SDG #6)” and “Challenges to Sustainable Water Management”. Furthermore, due to the success

of past UN Days, we planned to open this event to a higher number of participants as usual, thus 150 participants.

After thoughtful discussions, we had chosen the 31st March at the Palais des Nations, as the date for the event. The organization hereby started shortly after the last UN Day, thus the beginning of October. Unfortunately, we had to constantly acclimatize the organization of the event to the always evolving status of the COVID-19. We hereby had to face many challenges in finalizing decisions and had to deal with the uncertainties that came with this exceptional situation. Prioritizing the health of all the participants, guest speakers, moderators and the organisation committee, we heavy-heartedly decided to take the decision to postpone the UN-Day 2020 to a safer point of time, three weeks before the event would have taken place.

Hence, we have put the project on hold, while remaining in contact with our co-organizers, as well as the guest speakers, panellists, moderators, and interpreters contacted so far, and the participants having signed up for the event. As a replacement date we provisionally planned for October 2020 and we are optimistic about continuing to put in place the final touches of the event in the following semester.



GEOPOLITICAL ASPECTS OF TRANSBOUNDARY
WATER GOVERNANCE



IMPLICATIONS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE
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CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABLE
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WSIS FORUM 2020

In the middle of the 2019 autumn semester the International Telecommunication Union approached GIMUN with an invitation to participate in their annual World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS Forum). The WSIS Forum, co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD represents the world's largest annual meeting on information and communication technology (ICT) for the advancement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This annual event provides an opportunity for the coordination of multi-stakeholder implementation activities, information exchange, creation of knowledge, sharing of best practices and helps the development of multi-stakeholder and public/private partnerships to advance development goals.

An important part of the annual event is the WSIS Youth Track, designed to increase youth engagement and participation in the WSIS process and coordinated by the International Telecommunication Union. In order to strengthen the Youth Track, the ITU created a Youth Group. During a meeting at the ITU, Gitanjali Sah, Coordinator of the WSIS Process, presented us the newly created Youth Group and invited GIMUN to be a part of it along other youth associations, such as AIESEC Switzerland.

The Youth Group has the objective of linking like-minded youth organizations and aligning their work and efforts in making social, economic and environmental impact around the world,

using ICTs while understanding the challenges of our communities.

During the WSIS Forum 2020, which was planned to take place from the 6th - 9th of April 2020, the Youth Group would officially be launched with a work plan, an agenda and a joint statement created by the different youth organisations, including GIMUN, involved. The Youth Group would then be led by a president appointed on a yearly basis. In addition to the Youth track panels, a Youth Café would be organised at this year's WSIS forum in order to strengthen the mixing of High-level track participants and the youth participants, in which all members of GIMUN were invited to participate. Besides participating in the event, GIMUN was also asked to organise a panel discussion or workshop during the event. However, due to several other important GIMUN events taking place around the same time, the decision was made to focus on the Youth Group in this year's event and postpone the organisation of a GIMUN panel for future Forums. However, GIMUN participated in the Open Consultation Process which built the Agenda and Program of the Forum, which unfortunately had to be postponed to the end of August due to the COVID-19 virus.

Céline Dardel
Event director

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STUDY TRIP

The goal of the GIMUN 2020 Study Trip, was to give the GIMUN members the possibility to discover a European City, its historical, cultural and political characteristics, under an overarching theme, while at the same time strengthening the GIMUN cohesion. In order to facilitate the participation of the GIMUN members, we planned the Study Trip as a four-days short trip during the study break. The trip was planned to take place from the 16th-19th of April 2020 with 15 participants.

The Study Trip team started by establishing a potential program for the three following European cities, Barcelona, Brussels and Budapest. After a careful evaluation of possible activities, cost and logistical aspects in collaboration with the Executive Board, it was finally decided to organise the Study Trip to Brussels under the overarching topic "Supranationalism, European politics and EU-Swiss relations".

In order to dive into the transnational phenomena and the history that shaped the European memory and continues to influence the European perspective today, a visit to the House of European History was planned. In the interest of familiarising ourselves with the functioning of the European Union and negotiations at a supranational level, we scheduled a visit to the European Parliament. The visit would have consisted of a briefing by a staff member on the role and powers of the European Parliament, the following of the plenary session, as well as a simulation of the Parliament was scheduled.

Furthermore, a meeting at the Swiss Embassy in Brussels was foreseen for the purpose of learning more about the EU-Switzerland relations and the diplomatic work at the EU.

Aside from academics, we also had planned on visiting several historic landmarks such as the Atomium, the Grand Palace and many more. For the evenings, different social options were being elaborated for the participants to choose from. In addition, we were planning on organising a joint social with the MUN Club ULB, whom GIMUN has had close ties to over the last years.

The participation costs for this trip summed up to 250.- CHF per person, excluding any potential sponsoring from CGTF. The participants fees covered the accommodation, transportation from and to Geneva as well as on-site, visits and meetings.

Unfortunately, due to the increasing uncertainties resulting from COVID-19, the GIMUN Study Trip 2020 had to be cancelled shortly after opening up the application process.

Céline Dardel
Event director

Sandra Chellakudam
Event team



MUN DELEGATION

The 2019/2020 MUN Delegation was a success. In the autumn semester we continued the tradition of having a beginner's Delegation where we expected to receive around 25-30 applicants but instead we welcomed close to 40 participants. The Delegation was split into seven weekly sessions, each session was two hours long where the head delegates used this time to help the delegates with public-speaking exercises and introduce a new part of the rules of procedure.

The goal of the beginner's delegation was to familiarise the delegates with the world of MUN by following the HamMUN Rules of Procedure. The head delegates also prepared PowerPoints for every session and example documents for the delegates to base their work off of in order to facilitate their work and development. The first session was used as an introduction to the delegation with the head delegates explaining how the delegation works, the objectives and getting to know each other. Once the agenda set and the countries assigned the debate was able to begin. We debated on the topic: "Mitigating the effects of climate change on access to water."

Given the fact that we followed the HamMUN Rules of Procedure, we decided to give the chance to six delegates to be able to go to their conference in Hamburg, Germany. This gave the delegates the opportunity to put into practice the skills they had learned over the semester to use in a proper international MUN conference. Furthermore, the GIMUN annual conference took place at the start of the spring semester which most of the delegates took part of and thoroughly enjoyed.

To round off the delegation, a survey was prepared by the head delegates for the delegates to tell us what they enjoyed and what needed to be improved; the responses were very positive. It was a great success and a huge pleasure for all parties involved to watch the delegates grow and develop their skills and become potential future diplomats.

ADVANCED DELEGATION

The GIMUN advanced debate is a great initiative, seeking to bring together people who have had some MUN or debating experience and want to grow their skills of public speaking, presentation and diplomacy. For me it's not only about the debates but also the opportunity it presents for network, community building and exposure to diverse subject matters.

63 The core of the GIMUN's society remains in its weekly debates. Their goal is to train and promote the diplomatic values as well as the ideals and principles of the United Nations. Through interactive debates members are able to acquire public speaking and mediating skills. It is also a great tool to create a cohesion between members in order to build a delegation that is able to represent the organization abroad.

GIMUN already had a beginner debates delegation that was perfectly handled by Ethan Catanzariti and Zoe Newton. However, our wish in the events department was to create an advanced debates delegation so that more experienced delegates could continue practicing without having to review the rules during each session therefore having more dynamic debates.

It was also a way to offer support after GIMUN's Annual Conference to our delegates and allow them to continue debating. Few things had to be organized in order for the advanced debates to happen; first we had to find a co-chair, a topic, a committee and motivates of our delegates in order to be as many as possible every Tuesdays during session.

A plan was established in order for everything to run smoothly during the semester. We would hold an introductory session where we could present the debates at the beginning of March after sending an email to all our members.

The debates would be separated in 2- four weeks session interrupted by workshops where we would have had a guest teacher come and talk about the topic focus. During the February break, the first topic needed to be chosen and presented to the co-chair so a decision could be made, and e-mails would be sent to advertise the debates. As the advanced debate delegations' chairs, myself and Richael Addo have agreed on the topic "Violence Against Women in Strictly Religious Environments" within the UN WOMEN committee.

From there, we started the recruitment process. E-mails were sent to all members of GIMUN as well as to delegates who took part in the GIMUN annual conference and might have been interested to continue their experience within the society. During the first week after the February break, we wrote the study guide to be sent to the students whom showed interest and motivation in taking part in the weekly sessions. Just before the current sanitary crisis, the study g

uide along with the GIMUN's rules of procedure were sent to a group of approximately twenty students. This individual email stated that they had to write a position paper from the country previously allocated to them. The debate was bound to start the following week, but due to the COVID-19 situation, we had to cancel the program. We truly hope that this project will be maintained in the proximate term and remain available for any questions from the proximate chairs.

Sarah Luna Mongin
Richael Addo
Head Delegates 2019-2020



BLOG UN YOU KNOW!?

The GIMUN blog aims to create an open space for those who are willing to express their opinions and to practice their writing skills. It is a place where everyone can give a voice to their thoughts and set their minds free with no locks or gates. Therefore, no prior experience was needed – just the desire to get involved and the interest in international politics! With the new GIMUN website, the Blog was directly included on there for people to find it more easily compared to having had an own domain before.

Also the structure of the Blog was rethought a little by publishing different kinds of entries every month: one news-paper-style article; one opinion article; and one story/ interview. Furthermore, each month has had a theme that works as a file-rouge between the three entries. The topics have been chosen for their relevance in international affairs, and because they are dealt by different agencies of the UN.

The topics presented each month have been the following:

- Terrorism;
- Armed Conflicts;
- Gender Equality;
- Human Rights;
- Migration
- Environmental Issues; Global Health,

whereas some of the titles published under these topics are the following:

- Human Rights vs Security: Democracies' difficult fork in a road
- Is there a double standard on terrorism?
- Afghanistan: The Civilians are still paying the price of an endless war
- Do social media help the feminist cause?
- Has the EU failed?
- Achieving Human Security through Human Rights

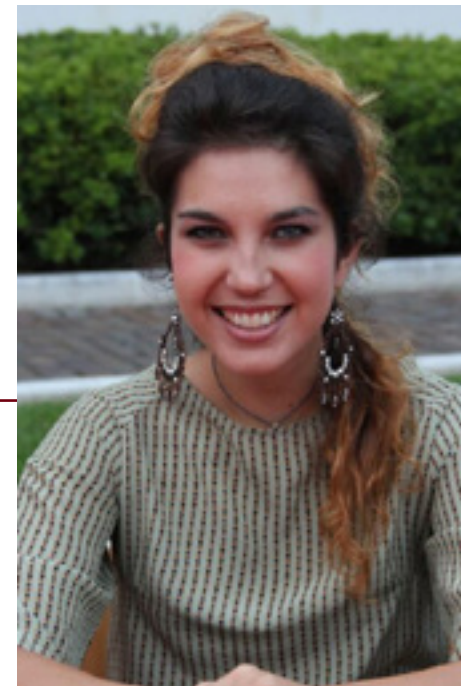
- Inferno Earth: Welcome to The New Normal
- Climate Change and Small Island Developing States
- A Battle We Can't Afford to Lose
- What Happened to Ebola?
- Double Trouble: The Link Between Pandemics and Climate Change

It was the aim to also create synergies with other GIMUN projects including these subjects, such as the UN Day treating Gender Equality in the 21st Century in October. Furthermore, some workshops on journalism were planned to encourage more people to write for the Blog, but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. Some other topics for the future might be: Economic and Social Development; Global Poverty; Discrimination.

We have recruited several journalists from different parts of the world, with different backgrounds and different interests. This has been the most difficult part: not so many people were keen to be on board. I suggest the next Editor to work together with the HR department, organize workshops, or social activities to recruit more journalists. Here I provide a list of the journalists who contributed: Tahir Pardhan, Adam Said, Chiara Zannelli, Ope Adetayo, Giada Tirocinio, Karina Matvienko, Sabrina Mouelhi, Jake Sanders, Tara Osler.

From my participation first as a member of the press team for the Venice Model UN, then as a delegate for the Bern Model UN and now as Editor-in Chief of the blog for GIMUN, I was able to take away lovely memories, inputs, friendships and impressions.

Marzia Marastoni
Editor in Chief 2019-2020



RELATIONS PUBLIQUES

L'équipe du département des relations publiques de GIMUN est satisfaite d'annoncer que la période de 2019-2020 a été particulièrement fructueuse et marquée par de nombreuses évolutions.

Les premières innovations à noter sont de nature administrative. Le début du semestre a été caractérisé par la création et le développement d'un nouveau site web pour GIMUN, qui constitue la plateforme principale de GIMUN en matière de communication officielle.

Une deuxième innovation est à noter dans le changement du système de gestion de la messagerie de GIMUN qui est désormais administré à l'aide de G Suite, ainsi que dans le changement du système de communication interne, qui s'effectue désormais via la plateforme Slack.

Ces innovations conduites par la précédente directrice des relations publiques de GIMUN, Natalie Joray, ont eu pour effet l'amélioration et la professionnalisation du travail de l'organisation.

D'autres améliorations sont à noter au niveau de l'interaction des membres de GIMUN avec l'extérieur. L'engagement, la persévérance, ainsi que le travail constant mené par le comité exécutif, le département des événements, le département des relations publiques, ainsi que l'ensemble des membres de GIMUN ont contribué à l'élargissement de la portée de GIMUN sur la population étudiante.

Ce résultat est visible par l'observation du nombre de participants à nos divers activités et événements, qui a augmenté depuis l'année dernière. Nous pouvons citer la journée des associations, les séances et stands d'informations, ainsi que nos événements sociaux qui ont rencontré un franc succès. La participation étudiante s'est également accrue pour nos activités

et événements principaux : la délégation MUN, le UN Day, ainsi que l'Assemblée Générale, tandis que le dialogue intergénérationnel de Greycells, ainsi que la Conférence Annuelle de GIMUN ont connu un impact similaire aux années précédentes.

Par ailleurs, grâce à l'engagement et au travail du directeur des finances de GIMUN, Matthias Pasche, un nouveau projet, le Hackathon, a vu le jour et permis de diversifier nos activités afin d'atteindre une communauté plus large d'étudiants.

Alors que la présence hors ligne de GIMUN s'est développée, nous constatons également un développement et une amélioration de la présence en ligne de GIMUN. Une première avancée en la matière a été la reprise des activités de GIMUN sur LinkedIn. Alors que Facebook demeure le réseau social où la présence de GIMUN est la plus marquée en termes d'interactions avec l'extérieur, nous pouvons néanmoins observer un développement relativement homogène de la présence de GIMUN sur les autres réseaux sociaux. En effet, en 2019, GIMUN a dépassé les 10'000 abonnés sur Facebook, et 1'000 abonnés sur Instagram, ainsi que Twitter, alors qu'elle compte un peu moins de 900 abonnés sur LinkedIn. Une augmentation de plus de 600 abonnés sur Facebook, ainsi que plus de 500 abonnés sur Instagram a été réalisée en l'espace de moins d'un an.

Depuis 2011, GIMUN est également présent sur Youtube. Bien que le potentiel de cette plateforme n'ait pas pu être entièrement mobilisé ces dernières années pour diverses raisons techniques, l'adoption d'une nouvelle stratégie en la matière est nécessaire et prometteuse. Il en va de même pour la plateforme Twitter, dont le fonctionnement est sensiblement différent à

celui de Facebook et Instagram.

Finalement, la dernière innovation en matière de présence en ligne de GIMUN est son apparition sur la plateforme Agora de l'Université de Genève : il s'agit du site principal des associations étudiantes actives à l'université.

Tandis que la promotion de GIMUN auprès de la communauté estudiantine passe par notre présence en ligne et hors ligne, celle-ci s'effectue également à travers nos partenariats avec d'autres sociétés MUN. Considérant les nombreux avantages et bénéfices que ces partenariats offrent à chacune des parties, nous encourageons le prochain comité exécutif à établir de nouveaux accords.

Afin d'assister le prochain Comité Exécutif dans le choix et l'établissement de nouveaux accords, une liste de partenaires potentiels a été établie et les accords de partenariats de GIMUN révisés. Les partenariats réalisés avec BiMun, CologneMUN, HamMUN, PoLMUN pour la période de 2019 à 2020 se sont dans l'ensemble révélés fructueux. En outre, GIMUN maintient de bonnes relations avec UNYA - l'association faîtière des sociétés MUN suisses - ainsi que l'ensemble des associations MUN suisses.

Ylljeta Lufaj
PR Director 2019-2020

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RAPPORT FINANCIER

Cette année encore, le GIMUN souhaite remercier vivement ses généreux sponsors et partenaires. L'année a débuté avec un hackathon de finance durable, organisé conjointement avec Open Geneva et sponsorisé par JP Morgan. Si cette banque ne subventionnait pas directement le GIMUN, du moins nous étions ravis qu'elle s'implique dans un événement avec notre organisation. Nous espérons que notre collaboration avec cette institution ainsi qu'avec Open Geneva se poursuivront par la suite.

Nous remercions aussi BnB Switzerland et la Fondation Mercator, qui nous ont soutenus pour la première fois. Quant à nos autres sponsors, nous les remercions pour leur fidélité, en particulier l'IHEID, le DFAE et le Canton de Genève, qui nous ont montré leur soutien depuis de nombreuses années.

Notre mandant était marqué par une politique moins conservatrice que l'an dernier. En effet, même si nos actifs restent positifs en fin de période fiscale (35'535 CHF au 30 avril 2020, cf. bilan), c'est en partie dû au versement obtenu par notre précédent comité. En effet nos flux sont quant à eux négatifs cette année, avec -7'322 CHF au compte de résultat. Par ailleurs, sur les actifs de 35'535 CHF demeurant en fin avril, 15'440CHF ont depuis été payés à la cafétéria de l'ONU. Aussi, une partie du montant reste remboursable au Canton de Genève. En effet, nous avons eu la chance de recevoir de 20'000CHF du Canton de Genève via le Service de la Solidarité Internationale (SSI) pour financer les voyages d'étudiants venus de pays en voie de développement. Malheureusement, sur les huit candidats inscrits, seul un d'entre eux a pu obtenir un visa pour la Suisse. L'argent qui n'a pas pu être dépensé pour financer l'expérience des autres participants devra donc être remboursé au sponsor en question.

Notons également que cette année, notre conférence a eu lieu plus tôt dans le semestre que d'habitude. Une conséquence imprévue de ce changement de date était la diminution du nombre de participants à l'événement. Nous pensons que cela est dû au fait que les étudiants allemands, qui à l'ordinaire viennent nombreux à notre conférence, étaient encore en session d'examens. Par ailleurs, certains étudiants de l'UNIGE n'ont probablement pas voulu manquer leur première semaine de cours d'automne pour la conférence annuelle de GIMUN. Nous veillerons donc l'année prochaine à ne pas répéter cette erreur qui, diminuant le nombre de participants à la conférence, a aussi diminué nos revenus, généralement prélevés en grande partie des frais de participations à la conférence. Hormis cela, nous nous estimons heureux d'avoir pu réaliser la majeure partie des événements prévus en début d'année. En effet, avant le confinement lié COVID-19 et ses conséquences sur la vie associative le l'UNIGE, notre comité a su être très actif cette année et faire vivre la Genève internationale parmi nos étudiants.

Du côté de la CGTF, nous avons pu clarifier des rapports concernant certains mandats précédents. En effet, deux voyages de GIMUN (remontant jusqu'à 2014), n'avaient pas été suivis d'une comptabilité appropriée. Les rapports et les factures avaient bel et bien été envoyés à la CGTF, nous permettant de retracer toutes les dépenses effectuées. Toutefois le format de reddition des documents n'était pas celui demandé sur le site de la commission. Nous avons donc constitué les rapports demandés et sommes heureux d'avoir pu clore ces anciens points auprès de la CGTF, avec laquelle nous espérons reconstruire une bonne relation.

Enfin, mentionnons la création cette année d'une équipe de finance, chargée de maintenir

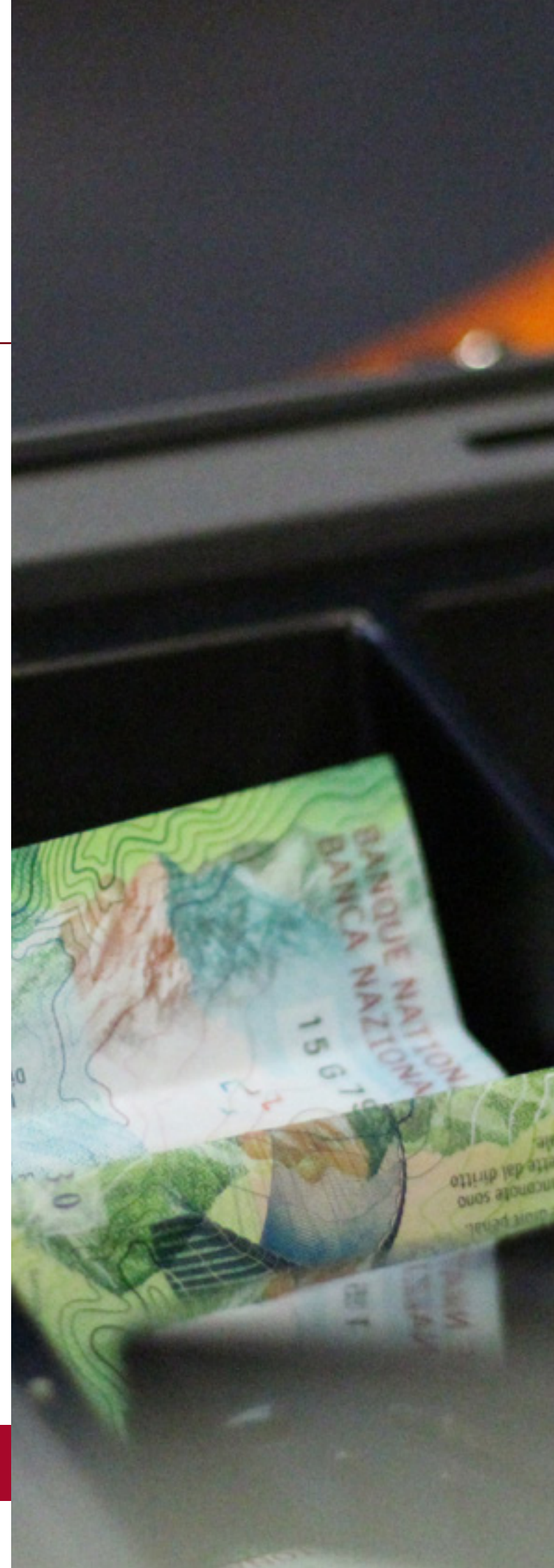
la bonne santé financière de notre association. En effet, le GIMUN avait pour objectif d'être plus inclusif vis-à-vis des autres facultés de l'UNIGE.

La plupart des membres du GIMUN étant étudiants en relations internationales, nous avons essayé de diversifier les possibilités d'apprentissage au sein de notre association. C'est pour cela que nous avons ouvert de nouvelles fonctions dans notre association, liées par exemple à la gestion de nos ressources financières. Certains étudiants étaient motivés à aider l'équipe de finance à partir à la recherche de nouveaux sponsors, tandis que d'autres, plus intéressés par la comptabilité, ont pu aider à organiser les factures pour garder le contrôle des comptes.

Deux auditeurs ont par ailleurs été élus à l'assemblée générale d'automne, comme le veulent nos statuts, pour permettre une plus grande confiance avec nos partenaires. Pour un meilleur contrôle des finances, nous avons aussi mis en place une adresse «finance@gimun.org», à laquelle toutes nos factures étaient envoyées. Cela permettait d'avoir toutes nos pièces comptables enregistrées dans un système centralisé. Aussi, cela permettait à tous ceux qui avaient accès à cette adresse de garder un aperçu des factures à payer au fur et à mesure que se déroulaient nos événements, permettant à la fois transparence et efficacité.

Je remercie une dernière fois nos partenaires et souhaite tout le meilleur à notre prochain comité pour cette nouvelle année qui, je l'espère, sera aussi vivante que celle-ci.

Matthis Pasche
Directeur des Finances 2019-2020



			GIMUN Budget 2019-2020		
	Debit			Credit	
Prospective Expenses	Budget	Realized	Prospective Contributions	Budget	Realised
ANNUAL CONFERENCE	88800	77230	General Sponsors	13500	10000
Logistics	40100	32258	IHEID	5000	5000
Material and Equipment at the UN	8000	6400	UNIGE	2500	0
Lunches	15000	13200	Ville de Genève	3000	0
Coffee Breaks	2000	2185	New sponsors (Mercator Stifung + Bnb)	3000	5000
Preparatory Sessions (buffet)	3000	2186			
Printing and Publications	5000	4618			
Merchandising (Goodies)	4000	3192			
Additional non expected costs (Bastions + badges)	500	320	Sponsors Annual Conference	36200	32835
Security (Bastions)	2300	0	DFAE	9200	7835
Guest Speaker Gifts	300	157	CGTF (Expected)	1000	2000
			Fondation Hans Wilsdorf	6000	6000
			Etat de Genève Solidarity Fund	20000	17000
Cultural Events	25500	25887			
Geneva Tour	500	0			
Fondue Night	6000	6156			
Club Night	2000	1500	Participation fees Annual Conference	53500	28943
Gala Night	15000	15956	Early birds: 50*190CHF	9500	9500
Additional event	1000	1194	« Later birds »: 200*210CHF	42000	18193
Secretariat Dinner	1000	1081	Journalists: 12*100CHF	1200	1100
			Editors: 2*100CHF	200	100
			Graphic Designers: 3*100CHF	300	0
			Photo/videographers: 6*50CHF	300	50
Social and Educative Expenses	23200	19085	Pastry sale & Participation Fees	0	218
Solidarity Fund	20000	17000			
Interpreters	3000	2085	Transfer Previous Board	12417	12417
Additional Expenses Related to SSI	200	0			
			Grand Total: Inflows (Expected)	115617	84413
NGO ACTIVITIES	5190	1470			
Greycells Event	0	0	GIMUN Balancesheet 2020		

UN Day 1	1140	1141	Date: 30.04.2020			
UN DAY 2	1200	0	Assets		Liabilities	
International Geneva	300	0	Current Assets		Transfert old board	12417
MUN Delegation	700	329	- W Account	30109		
MUN Delegation Printemps	500	0	- Z Account	5003	Earnings result	
Information Session (UNIGE, IHEID)	100	0	- Cash	423	Cash Earnings	29161
ST replacement	1000	0			- Spending	-46878
Blog You know, UNO?	50	0			Total Earnings	-17717
Apéro	100	0				
Workshops	100	0			Sponsors Contribution	40835
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	2240	618				
Transport	300	208	Total Assets	35535	Total Liabilities	35535
General Assembly	150	0				
Communication, Printing, Postage	800	217				
Annual Report	250	0				
Office Supplies	80	0				
Team Building and Alumni	400	0				
Website and Webspace	110	110				
Bank Fees	150	83				
Transfer previous board	12417	12417				
Grand Total: Outflows (Expected)	108647	91735				
(Inflows - Outflows)	6970	-7322				

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