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LETTER FROM PRESIDENCY

Dear all,

As our mandate comes to an end, we can't help but look back on this year with pride and gratitude. Serving as your President and Vice-President has been an incredible experience. Together with the Executive Board, we have continued working hard to build on GIMUN's strong legacy while paving the way for its future.

This year has been one of renewal and change. To name a few things we have accomplished together this year:

We opened the way for passive members to get involved to encourage broader participation across GIMUN.

Our Wikipedia page and website have finally been updated, enhancing GIMUN's digital presence and making information more accessible for all (potential) members and supporters. We look forward to seeing the continuity of this project.

Popaedia was finally incorporated in our statutes, which we also modified in order to bring more clarity and transparency into the inner workings of GIMUN.

The Cahiers des Charges were all individually updated and polished, ensuring better continuity between the mandates.

A detailed timeline for future Presidencies was also incorporated, allowing those who take up these new positions to navigate their roles effectively.

For the first time in GIMUN's history, we even oversaw the election of a new Public Relations Director mid-mandate, after invoking Article 13, proof that our structures are flexible and alive.

GIMUN (Birth)Day was reintroduced, giving us all a chance to gather our community and celebrate both GIMUN's anniversary and our love for debate.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENCY

We launched the very first Swiss Model United Nations on UN Day, an event that stretched GIMUN beyond Geneva and brought together students from across Switzerland at the Palais des Nations.

Alongside these, our continued partnership with UNIDIR and the strengthening of ties with IHEID anchored GIMUN more firmly in the International Geneva.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every member, department, and partner who has contributed their time, energy, and passion to these projects throughout this past year. Your commitment has been the foundation of our success, and it has been a privilege to lead such a dedicated and inspiring community.

As we hand over the reins, we wish Elina and Andrea, the newly elected President and Vice-President, a rewarding and exciting mandate. We look forward to seeing how you will build on this year's achievements and continue to embody the values that make GIMUN such a unique and impactful organisation.

Thank you for an unforgettable year. Here's to the bright future of GIMUN. We hereby yield the floor to our successors.

Warmly,

Shavonne McDonald and Alyssa Hersheson

President and Vice-President of GIMUN 2024-2025



OUR EVENTS



2024/25

SWISS MUN 2024

On October 24th, 2024, GIMUN co-organised the very first national Swiss Model United Nations, held at the Palais des Nations to celebrate UN Day and Switzerland's mandate on the UN Security Council. This unique event, developed in collaboration with the UN Association Switzerland and the UN Youth Association Switzerland, brought together students from across the country to debate and connect in the very heart of International Geneva.

The theme of this inaugural Swiss MUN was "Climate Security," reflecting the urgency of addressing the links between environmental challenges and global stability. Participants were divided between a General Assembly simulation of seventy students and a Security Council simulation of thirty students. Throughout the day, delegates negotiated, drafted, and defended their proposals in a true-to-life diplomatic setting.

The event opened with addresses by Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and H.E. Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN in Geneva. Both highlighted the significance of youth engagement in multilateral diplomacy, underlining Switzerland's contribution as a Security Council member.

Following three debate sessions, the day concluded with a plenary presentation of resolutions. The discussions demonstrated the creativity, rigour, and passion of the participants, while also strengthening cooperation between Swiss MUN associations across linguistic and cultural lines.

To crown the day, participants and organisers gathered for a festive evening on the Bateau Genève. Inspiring speeches by Arlinda Ramqaj and Karel Manrau reflected on the success of this first edition and the importance of building a truly national platform for Swiss students interested in diplomacy. The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate together in a convivial setting, reinforcing the spirit of exchange that lay at the heart of the conference.

Swiss MUN 2024 marked a milestone for GIMUN and its partners: it not only celebrated Switzerland's role on the Security Council, but also established a tradition for future editions where young people from all parts of Switzerland can debate today's global challenges and imagine tomorrow's solutions.

GIMUN x UNIDIR MUN Conference

In Spring 2025, GIMUN was proud to host the fourth edition of its annual collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), held once again at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The 2025 conference marked a significant milestone, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

For this edition, 40 university students from across Switzerland, as well as neighbouring regions of France, took part in a one-day Model United Nations-style simulation of the General Assembly's First Committee (DISEC). Participants represented approximately 20 countries in double delegations, allowing experienced delegates to collaborate with newcomers and ensuring balanced participation and teamwork.

The day began with a formal Opening Ceremony, led by Shavonne McDonald, President of GIMUN, who delivered a welcome address and guided participants through the morning proceedings. The Opening Ceremony featured two distinguished guest speakers: Ambassador H.E. Mr. Song, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, and Dr. Renata Dalaqua, Head of the Gender and Disarmament Programme at UNIDIR. Their remarks addressed key issues such as the role of youth as agents of change, the disproportionate impact of armed conflict on women and girls, and the underrepresentation of women in peace processes. Both speakers provided valuable insights drawn from their diplomatic and academic experience, and their contributions were especially impactful in highlighting emerging security threats in the digital age.

The debate was split into two main sessions, during which each delegation delivered a 60-second opening speech, followed by moderated discussion, informal negotiation and resolution drafting. The quality of the debate reflected the strong preparation of the participants and the engaging nature of the topic. A final resolution was adopted with majority consensus, showcasing collaborative diplomacy in action. At the end of the day both resolutions were sent to UNIDIR to showcase what the participants had achieved.

GIMUN x UNIDIR MUN Conference

Delegates expressed enthusiasm not only for the substance of the discussion but also for the rare opportunity to debate at the Palais des Nations. The event also provided networking opportunities and a free lunch at the UN cafeteria, adding to the overall positive experience. The formal setting and important partnership gave the event a sense of authenticity that participants greatly appreciated.

The event was skilfully chaired by Maralamaa Natsag (Secretary General) and Yanna Spieser (Public Relations Director), who ensured the debate remained structured, inclusive, and engaging through the day.

We extend our deepest thanks to Dr. Renata Dalaqua, Head of the Gender and Disarmament Programme at UNIDIR, whose unwavering support has been instrumental to the success of this collaboration. We also extend our sincere thanks to the entire UNIDIR team for their ongoing partnership, and we look forward to strengthening this relationship in future editions.



GIMUN Birthday

On 26th March 2025, the Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) celebrated its 26th anniversary with a full-day event held at the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The occasion brought together around 30 GIMUN members to participate in a DISEC committee simulation centered on the pressing topic of the Militarisation of the Arctic.

The day commenced with an opening ceremony featuring speeches from GIMUN President Shavonne McDonald, MUN organizer Elina Lampi, and a special guest speaker, Mr Paul Dziatkowiec from the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, who shared expert insights on the event's theme. The MUN itself was chaired by Matteo Dummar and Aurélie Osnim Kota-Mamah, who also prepared an in-depth study guide to equip the delegates for debate.

During the simulation, participants assumed the roles of diplomats representing 20 countries, engaging in productive debates and negotiations while following formal UN procedures. To keep delegates energized throughout the intensive sessions, lunch was generously provided by GIMUN.

In the evening, celebrations continued with a soirée marking the anniversary, thoughtfully organized by Heads of Events Lynn Mantel and Tamara Celeste Florio. Highlights included a stunning birthday cake (organized and designed by PR Director Yanna Spieser), interactive games, and a guestbook where attendees shared personal messages and reflections. The soirée fostered a warm and convivial atmosphere, bringing together both current and past GIMUN members. It was also extended to the boards of other student associations with whom GIMUN had collaborated throughout the year, further strengthening partnerships and demonstrating a commitment to ongoing cooperation within the student community.



GIMUN Birthday

Of course, we must also acknowledge the incredible efforts of those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the event's seamless execution and high level of professionalism. A heartfelt thank you goes to our Heads of Translation, Amanda García-Donas Pacheco and María Canales Corbí, for their dedicated work in translating and proofreading the documents. We are equally grateful to Andrea Masciadri and Naomi Mutschler, Heads of HR, for their invaluable logistical support, which helped keep everything running smoothly. Sincere thanks also go to the Executive Board for their crucial role in putting this project on the map and providing guidance with the overall coordination and vision of the event. Finally, a special thanks to Jan Demuth, whose photography beautifully captured the spirit and highlights of the day, preserving these cherished memories for years to come.

This anniversary event, exclusively open to GIMUN members for the daytime MUN sessions, successfully blended formal diplomacy training with social connection, perfectly embodying GIMUN's mission to nurture dialogue, diplomacy, and international awareness among youth. The success of the day was a testament to the collaborative spirit and strong teamwork across the Council of Directors, whose combined efforts brought this celebration to life.



EXECUTIVE BOARD
2024/25

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Image 1



Image 2

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Image 1

- Tomàs Espinosa Rojas (Secretary General)
- Yanna Spieser (Public Relations Director)
- Alyssa Hersheson (Vice President)
- Shavonne McDonald (President)
- Lorenzo Tredici (Finance Director)

Image 2

- Maralmaa Natsag (Secretary General)

ELECTED BOARD



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

- Abril Ortega Andrade (Secretary General)
- Leen Alnajem (Secretary General)
- Elina Lampi (President)
- Andrea Masciadri (Vice President)
- Yanna Spieser (Public Relations Director)
- Stefaniya Shevtsova (Finance Director)



LETTER FROM THE SGs

Since we, Maralmaa and Tomás, began our mandate as Secretaries-General in May 2024, we worked tirelessly to prepare the 2025 Annual Conference, which took place from February 10 to February 14, 2025. It was an immense honor to take on the responsibility of organizing such a prestigious Model United Nations event.

Immediately after our election, we set to work on planning every detail of the conference with dedication and care. One of the very first steps we took was launching the recruitment process for our Under-Secretaries-General (USGs) and Organizing Members (OMs).

At the same time, we chose this year's theme—Navigating Global Conflicts: Fostering Peace through Multilateral Cooperation—, a topic we believe reflects both the complexity of today's world and the power of collective diplomacy.

To truly bring this theme to life, we knew we had to offer delegates an experience worthy of international Geneva. To achieve this, we held our debates across seven different venues:

The University of Geneva with two of its main buildings, Uni Mail and Uni Dufour, where we held our Opening Ceremony.

The Geneva Graduate Institute, which kindly provided us with three rooms and hosted our lunches. We would especially like to thank Mr. Vincent Fritz, Assistant Manager at Novae Restauration SA, Ms. Sabrina Imhof, Head of Events at the IHEID and Ms. Alexia Lima, Recruitment and Admission Advisor, for their generous support and collaboration.

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), that generously provided access to the iconic Blue Room, with the indispensable support of Ms. Siddiq Singh, Associate Conference Planner, whose assistance was instrumental to the smooth running of our sessions.

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) provided us with a room through the kind coordination of Regina Valiullina and Robin Marclay. We were especially honored to receive a valuable insight into the role of the ITU Secretary-General from Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin herself, as part of the organization's 160th anniversary celebrations.

The World Trade Organization generously provided us with a room, thanks to the support of Yassine Krouk, one of our chairs and a WTO Young Trade Leader, whose involvement made this collaboration possible.

LETTER FROM THE SGs

The United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) generously provided us with four rooms, allowing several committees to hold their debates in a truly multilateral setting. The conference concluded with our Closing Ceremony at UNOG, marked by an inspiring speech delivered by Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Tomàs Espinosa Rojas and Maralmaa Natsag

Secretaries General of GIMUN 2024-2025

SECRETARIAT

Committee Management

The Committee Management team was composed of Abril Ortega Andrade (USG), Santiago Ruiz Pérez (OM), Mariem Ben-Meftah (OM), and Patricia de Guzmán. They were responsible for overseeing the work of the nine different committees and coordinating the recruitment of their respective chairs. The committees for this year's conference were:

United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

Topics:

- Reviewing and strengthening the Vienna Declaration to address human rights violations in the Middle East
- The impact of surveillance policies on human rights: balancing national security and privacy

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Topics:

- Combating labor rights violations in global supply chains
- Achieving gender equality in the workplace: moving from commitments to actions

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Topics:

- Increasing the resilience of cities to disasters and climate change
- Navigating the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Topics:

- Tackling the surge of counterfeiting and piracy in a digital world
- Balancing private ownership and public rights in intellectual property

SECRETARIAT

World Trade Committee

Topics:

- Rebuilding global trade governance: prioritizing inclusivity for Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- SDG 13: leveraging global trade policies for climate action

Cour pénale internationale (CPI)

Sujet :

- L'affaire Saif el Islam Kadhafi : Procès pour crime contre l'humanité — meurtres systématiques et persécutions à caractère politique

Historical International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Topic:

- The 1865 International Telegraph Convention

United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Topics:

- The civil war in Yemen: global security challenges and strategies
- Reviewing peacekeeping operations in conflict zones

Bicameral Crisis: Christian Kingdoms Cabinet & Al-Andalus Cabinet

Topic:

- The Spanish Reconquista

Thanks to their careful coordination and dedication, the team once again provided the committees with very strong academics continuing GIMUN's reputation.

SECRETARIAT

Events

The Events team, composed of Alejandra de Lassaletta (USG), Leandra Schmid (OM), and Myroslav Svyrydov (OM), ensured that all participants enjoyed unforgettable experiences beyond the formal debates. This year, delegates and Chairs had the opportunity to explore a variety of institutions and enjoy a rich social program. Among the highlights were visits to the European Broadcasting Union, the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, and the World Trade Organization. Participants also attended a conference delivered by a representative of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. The week was further enriched by a dynamic scavenger hunt and three vibrant social events, including a spectacular Gala Night that brought the entire conference's community together.

Logistics

The Logistics team, composed of Paola González (USG) and Emily Piqué (USG), played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of the conference. From transporting materials across venues to managing supplies and setting up each location, they made sure that all participants had everything they needed throughout the week to fully enjoy the GIMUN's Annual Conference experience.

Public Relations and Press

The Press and Public Relations team, composed of Zeynep Elbek (USG of Press), Chanel Grouiller (USG of Public Relations), Rheeya Durbarry (OM of Public Relations), and Ibrahim Bechara (OM of Public Relations), was responsible for shaping the visual and communicative identity of the conference. Their work included designing the study guides, creating the placards, and ensuring active coverage of the event across social media. They also produced a conference journal featuring insightful articles on each committee, capturing the highlights of the week.

SECRETARIAT

Human Resources:

The Human Resources team, composed of Matteo Dummar (USG and former Secretary-General) and Miyako Takase (Organizing Member), was responsible for the smooth allocation of over 200 delegates across the various committees. Besides that, they also served as safe and trusted points of contact throughout the week, ensuring that all participants felt supported and cared for during the entire conference.

Translation Team

The Translation team, led by Noa Varela Fernández (USG) and composed of nine highly skilled translators, played a vital role in preserving the bilingual spirit that defines GIMUN. They ensured that every document—from official communications to study guides—was carefully translated between English and French, upholding GIMUN's longstanding bilingual tradition

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

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HEADS' REPORTS

DELEGATION

Welcome Days

The year began well before the official start of the Delegation. To prepare properly, it was important to promote the association during the university's Welcome Days. This included participating in the Rallye des Associations, where we handed out stickers, drinks, and snacks to visiting students, along with flyers promoting upcoming events. Additionally, during the Journée des Associations, we had a lot of people stop by our stand, showing interest and asking questions about the different departments of GIMUN.

First Semester

Recruitment

This year's September recruitment was intense, although not as intense as the previous year, with a total of 41 applications. Like the previous year, the Heads noticed a lot of interest from exchange students. 20 new applicants were accepted, and 7 delegates from the previous year decided to continue in our department. Hence, the semester started with a total of 27 delegates. Nevertheless, as months went by, a few of them had to step down due to scheduling conflicts.

Weekly Delegation

The weekly debates were held on Tuesdays, from 18:15 to 20:00, in M5020 (Uni Mail). The delegates were given the chance to collectively choose between two committees: UNODA, "Tackling the Weaponization of Biology and Chemistry" and UNCCD, "Tackling the Societal Effects of Desertification." They ultimately opted for the UNODA committee. We assume the topic was chosen most likely due to its highly relevant nature in 2024, as controversial countries were included in the committee to allow for a more divisive debate.

Precisely due to its characteristic highly sensitive nature, the Heads emphasized from the very start of the semester that respect, even during heated MUN debates, was non-negotiable. Furthermore, the Heads made themselves available and encouraged delegates to reach out to them in case they were feeling uncomfortable for reasons such as the nature of the debate or public speaking in general. Some delegates reached out to us, who provided them with some tips on how to improve their public speaking and researching skills. Overall, the ambiance in the committee was positive and respectful.

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The majority of the delegates were deeply involved and showcased a high commitment to the Delegation. Two working papers were introduced, one of them being oversought by rather new delegates, which particularly impressed the Heads. It was this well-formulated draft resolution that was finally passed. Overall, the new delegates improved immensely, and the more experienced delegates could carry the debates.

Integration of Delegation into GIMUN

This year's Heads wanted to continue the bar-socials introduced in the previous year. However, they wanted to further improve the integration of the delegates into the wider GIMUN-structure. Therefore, after a few weeks of getting to know each other within the Delegation, the bar-socials were opened for the rest of GIMUN. This was overall very successful, as it allowed delegates to meet members from other departments whom they would not have met otherwise. Many new friendships were formed, and it was observed that other members also developed a growing interest in debates.

Second Semester

Recruitment

The second semester proved equally challenging, notably due to the organization of a new round of recruitment following the return of several exchange students to their home universities. Most of the interviews had to be conducted via Zoom, given the time of year (inter-semester break). This time, the focus was more on recruiting local university students rather than exchange students, with the idea that they could continue next year. Overall, out of 22 applications, we ended up accepting 13 new members who joined the Delegation. The semester began with 25 delegates, though some left midway, notably with the implementation of GIMUN's engagement agreement.

DELEGATION

Weekly Delegation

For the sessions, the delegates were once again invited to choose between several topics: “Tackling the Societal Effects of Desertification” (from the previous semester), the Treaty of Sèvres, the restitution of colonial cultural property, and the rights of sex workers. They chose the Treaty of Sèvres, which is related to the fall of the Ottoman Empire. As this was a Crisis Committee, the delegates displayed remarkable creativity in determining different courses of action. During the first cycle, which focused on the Middle East, two draft resolutions were submitted, and the same occurred in the second cycle, centered on North Africa and Europe. It was during the latter that many of the delegates from the first semester truly came out of their shells. Several of the new members also showed strong commitment by actively participating in the discussions.

Annual Conference

The majority of the Delegation members took part in the Annual Conference organized by GIMUN, with six members participating in the Expert Committee. This was a great opportunity for the delegates to attend their first conference while remaining in a familiar environment. It also provided a valuable opportunity to meet other members of the association, as well as participants from other MUN clubs. The week ended on a high note, with Chair Elina winning Best Delegate of the Expert Committee, setting a strong example for the rest of the Delegation.

Delegation trip

The destination for the trip was voted on during the first semester, meaning only the students who were staying for the full year had the opportunity to participate initially. Later on, spots were opened up to all members outside of the Delegation who were interested in attending. Delegates had the choice between six destinations, and ultimately chose CBSMUN in Copenhagen. A total of 15 participants were accepted in the conference, despite its highly selective nature, as the Heads had emphasized the importance of submitting high-quality applications.

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The group travelled together on the first day and settled into the hostel smoothly. The conference itself was of excellent quality and served as a great introduction to MUN conferences for the new delegates. They had the chance to network and showcase their skills in various committees. The trip also included group activities such as sightseeing, which added a great touch to the overall experience.

At the end of the conference, two delegates received awards in the Press Corps for their articles.

Elina Lampi and Aurélie Osnim Kota-Mamah

Heads of Delegation of GIMUN 2024-2025

EVENTS

About us

During the Autumn semester of 2024, the Events Team was composed of seven members and two Heads, Tamara C. Florio and Ruben da Costa. During the Spring semester of 2025, the team was composed of four members under the guidance of Lynn Mantel and Tamara C. Florio.

The large number of applicants made the recruitment process very demanding. In October, the interviews lasted nearly three weeks, supported by flexible scheduling. In spring, the process was unfortunately slowed down due to non-responsive candidates.

The procedures of the Events team remained similar to last year. Weekly meetings were aimed to reinforce teamwork efforts, adaptations and to share updates of the ongoing projects. Each member was in charge of preparing two events during the first semester. There were three events that couldn't be completed during the first semester, and were therefore included into the second semester. During the latter, this time, each member was in charge of one event, and participation in at least two teamwork projects was required. During both semesters, the Heads of Department were responsible for supervising the organization process, aiding and supporting the members and coordinating interdepartmental activities as well as collaborations with other associations.

Internal cohesion

Recognizing the importance of interdepartmental collaboration, particularly with the Public Relations, Human Resources and Translation departments. We organized a total of three interdepartmental team-work evenings. The events sought to strengthen internal communication, an essential element in effectively promoting GIMUN's initiatives and activities.

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Challenges

As noted in last year's report, participation remained a challenge throughout the year. Although it improved during the second semester, several other factors made this year particularly dynamic. On the organizational side, we experienced limited communication from international organizations and guest speakers. Unfortunately, last-minute changes and cancellations meant that some planned activities could not take place. Additionally, uncertainties regarding event details led to the postponement of certain events.

Acknowledgments

We would like to extend our gratitude to our team members for their patience, work and participation throughout the year. In line with our mandate to strengthen, renew, and cultivate relationships with other associations and UN Agencies, we were specially grateful to the permanent missions and international organizations who welcomed us into their premises and honored our events with their presence in panels and debates. We would also like to show our gratitude to Terre des Hommes, SDSA, Junior Enterprises, Club de Débat and all the other partners that enriched our events through their collaboration and assistance. We are looking forward to future collaborations in the next GIMUN year.

Professional Events

This year's professional events focused on offering direct insight into international organizations, multilateral cooperation and legal developments on humanitarian aid and contemporary controversies. These professional programmes complemented our social outreach, providing meaningful educational opportunities and possibilities to collaborate with not only our student body but also with important missions in Geneva.

In the 2024-2025 academic year, we wanted to make International Geneva more accessible to our student organization by offering visits, conferences, and networking evenings. As priorly mentioned, the organizational challenge of unresponsiveness and last minute cancellations hindered us from hosting more professional events. Other obstacles were interdepartmental misunderstandings, delaying the contacting procedure and shortening the promotion exposure for events. This is why the workshop on cyber diplomacy, the workshop with GCSP and the visit to the ILO and UNDP did not take place.

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Social Events

As a student association, social events are equally important as conferences in order to strengthen our collaboration with other departments, with other student bodies, and to expand our network through new collaboration within the university, thereby increasing our visibility. This year, a key priority was to position GIMUN as a welcoming and extroverted association, engaged actively within the wider student community, promoting dialogue, and creating lasting ties with other associations. We observed that these events received a higher attendance and visibility, therefore aligning with our goal to build stronger, more interconnected presence within and beyond the university.

Autumn Semester

Conference on Voting Age — Youth in Parliament:

The conference hosted a diverse panel of guest speakers consisting of Arlinda Ramqai, former UN Youth Delegate for Switzerland, Thomas Handschin, author promoting children's rights, and Joël Oguey, president of a youth political party, to gain insight on the discussions considering the youth's implication in politics. With the proposed Swiss voting initiative on reducing the voting age to sixteen, our conference encouraged young people to develop interest in the political agendas and brought together different perspectives on its translation.

FORAUS x GIMUN — The carbon market:

A paradoxical system?: Within the framework of our collaboration with FORAUS Geneva, we organized a conference exploring the paradox of the international carbon market and the role of emission quotas in reducing emissions to combat climate change. Our panel of guest speakers consisted of Mr Alain Savary, the founder and CEO of CARBONEX, Madame Kari de Pryck, assistant professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences, and Swiss economist Philippe Thalmann.

Charity Clothing Donation in December

In collaboration with Terre des Hommes, ADEFEP, and AECIDE, we organized a clothing and toy collection at the University of Geneva's Uni Mail. Over the course of three days, together with our members, we set up a stand to gather warm winter clothing for refugees and local people in need, as well as toys for children ahead of the Christmas season. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed through their presence at the stand and their generous donations.

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Autumn Semester - Social Events

GIMUN's first Social Event

In honor of the start of the 2024-2025 GIMUN year, we organized a social event with the objective of bringing the different departments together and for our members to get to know each other. In collaboration with the Heads of HR, we organized and moderated a team-building and strengthening game night with different activities.

Art Workshop

To offer our members a relaxing evening with a creative outlet amidst the increasing workload of the semester, we organized an art workshop evening where canvases were painted with acrylic colours. Sadly, this event did not receive as many participants as we had initially hoped for.

Winter Social

Since the semester was nearing its end, we embraced local December tradition and organized a winter themed apéro with snacks and warming beverages.

Cookie Baking Workshop

To end the semester on a high note, we organized a Christmas cookie baking workshop where different stations provided our members with insights on the baking process of a variety of biscuits types, thereby uniting our members in the spirit of Winter festivities and to inaugurate the winter break. We were delighted to witness high participation and eagerness from our members.

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Spring Semester

WTO Visit

After facing logistical challenges in the previous semester, we prioritized the arrangement of a visit to the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the beginning of this academic semester. In collaboration with SDSA, we successfully organized the visit, honoring our annual theme on the importance of multilateralism. This visit enabled our members to deepen their understanding of international trade mechanisms and the role of the WTO within the broader context of International Geneva. We would like to hereby extend a special thank you to our guide, Dr. Müslüm Yilmaz, Counselor in the Legal Affairs Division.

Conference on The grey zones of international adoption

In partnership with Aespri and Terre des Hommes, GIMUN hosted a timely roundtable discussion on the controversial issue of international adoption. This event followed the Swiss Federal Council's decision on January 29, 2025, to prohibit international adoptions in Switzerland. Distinguished speakers included Hervé Bochéat, a judicial expert who advised the Swiss government and played a key role in incorporating the Hague Convention on the Protection of Children into Swiss law, and Cécile Maurin Jeannin, a lawyer specializing in advising and supporting families through international adoption processes. Their combined expertise provided profound legal, ethical, and humanitarian perspectives on this complex topic.

Conference on Humanitarian Demining

To mark the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action, GIMUN organized a professional conference on humanitarian demining efforts. The event featured speakers from prominent organizations: Hansjörg Eberle, founder of the Fondation Suisse de Déminage (FSD), Tamar Gabelnick, the Director of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines - Cluster Munition Coalition Organization (ICBL-CMC), and Sergeant Jean-Franco Pfister, Commander for the Swiss Armed Forces Demining Practitioners (KAMIR). Through their firsthand accounts, participants gained deep insights into current challenges in multilateral humanitarian cooperation, the implementation of international conventions and treaties, and the practical realities of demining work in post-conflict zones. The discussion highlighted the critical importance of mobilizing resources, building local capacity, and fostering collaboration among states, NGOs, and international bodies.

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Visit to the permanent mission of Norway to the UN

Such visits are always highly appreciated by our members, as they provide valuable insight into the work of international organizations and multilateralism in Geneva. This experience offered members a unique opportunity to understand the diplomatic dimensions of multilateralism, Norway's engagement in the UN system, and the dynamics of international negotiations. Visits of this kind bring continued value to our activities, connecting students directly with practitioners in international relations. We would like to thank his Excellency Mr Tormod Cappelen Endresen for personally guiding the visit and discussion.

Spring Semester - Social Events

SDSA Pub Quiz

We organized, in collaboration with SDSA, a Pub Quiz all about geography, multilateralism and international politics. Scheduling conflicts led us to postpone the event to the second semester. It proved to be a valuable opportunity to strengthen ties with SDSA members, many of whom later took part in our GIMUN Birthday celebration and networking event, demonstrating the effectiveness of such partnerships in fostering an engaged community.

GIMUN Birthday Soirée

Celebrating GIMUN's 26th Anniversary, the Events Department was in charge of organizing the soirée. By inviting members from partner associations such as SDSA, Aespri and Terre des Hommes, we strengthened inter-association ties. The theme of the evening was Internationally Active. We organized a quiz on geography, politics and different Model United Nations rules embodying GIMUNs international spirit. Initially, we planned to offer different national dishes, honoring our theme. Unfortunately, due to restaurant policies, we were unable to do so. The celebration was marked by the high attendance of our guests and members.

EVENTS

Networking Event with Alumni and Student Associations

A major highlight of our social calendar was the Networking Event featuring our distinguished alumni Yoshinobu Nagamine and Anthoine Gothuey, alongside representatives from associations including Geneva Junior Enterprise, ESN, Terre des Hommes, Club de Débat and SDSA. Participants shared insights on navigating early professional experiences, emphasizing the importance of engagement in the student community. The event not only enriched our members' understanding of International Geneva, but also fostered potential future collaborations with various student associations and our Alumni. We were already approached by many of them with ideas on potential events for the upcoming year.

Study Night — Motion to become an academic weapon

At this point, the semester and academic year were unfortunately already coming to their end. Understanding the academic pressure towards this time of the year, we organized a Study Night to support our members' productivity. Combining collective study sessions with relaxing activities such as paint-by-numbers and mandala coloring, the event aimed to strengthen our community spirit and provide a supportive environment during this stressful period.

Potluck Picnic

To conclude the 2024–2025 GIMUN year, we organized a final event in the form of a picnic, as we were unable to fully pursue the theme Internationally Active during the GIMUN Birthday. Each participant brought a dish from their own culture, highlighting the diversity and inclusivity of our members. Following the General Assembly, the potluck picnic was held at Parc des Bastions, both to close the academic year with our members and to welcome the new Executive Board that will guide the organization in the year ahead.

Tamara Florio and Lynn Mantel

Heads of Events of GIMUN 2024-2025

PUBLIC RELATIONS

GIMUN's Public Relations Department has been responsible for shaping and maintaining the organization's external image throughout the 2024/2025 term, primarily through social media, our website, and university outreach initiatives. As the PR Director for the second semester (Spring 2025), I am pleased to report significant growth in both our online presence and engagement within the GIMUN community.

The term began under the leadership of our former PR Director, who served from September until early February. During this period, I served as Vice Director, gaining valuable insights that I later carried into my own term as Director. Among our key achievements was the successful promotion of UN Day (also known as the Swiss MUN), for which we led the advertising. We also collaborated with Terre des Hommes and AESPRI to organize a Christmas charity initiative, which proved to be a resounding success.

Following my election as PR Director in the second semester, the Department underwent several organizational improvements. Our team grew by two members, and we established mandatory weekly meetings to strengthen collaboration. We also diversified our content strategy, enhancing both the quality and consistency of our output. To foster stronger ties within our association, we introduced an exclusive communication platform using Instagram's Close Friends feature, which allowed us to promote internal events directly to active members. Additionally, we boosted our social media presence by creating more reels, providing daily updates during the Delegation Trip, and posting event recaps to highlight key moments.

These efforts yielded measurable results: our Instagram following grew by over 200 since March, surpassing 4,000 total followers by the end of June.

In conclusion, the PR Department implemented structural changes and new initiatives that strengthened both our external reach and internal cohesion. These developments provide GIMUN with a solid foundation for attracting new students and ensuring that our image remains dynamic, engaging, and adaptive.

Yanna Spieser

Public Relations Director of GIMUN 2024-2025

TRANSLATION

As Heads of the Translation Department, we started the 2024-2025 term by recruiting a team of 5 members. In order to do so, we took into account the academic background, experience and language combination of the candidates. Therefore, the team brought together five students with French, English or Spanish as their native languages, along with the two of us as Co-Heads. They all came from two faculties within the University of Geneva: Translation & Interpreting and the Global Studies Institute. Their background provided them with the knowledge to properly understand the contents of the assignments and with the practical know-how to tackle the problems and difficulties encountered.

This arrangement proved highly useful to ensure each member could take on different roles depending on the needs of each assignment or task. They could all review original texts, translate and proofread. They worked on a variety of documents: internal and external communications, social media content, event announcements and newsletter articles. They were responsive and respected the deadlines we set. All assignments were given a final round of proofreading by us Heads before delivery.

Throughout our term, we collaborated mostly with the Human Resources, Public Relations and Events departments. Occasionally, we also received assignments from the Executive Board, and more rarely from the Finance Department.

This year, we also started working on a new project hand in hand with the Public Relations Department: the revision and translation of the GIMUN official website. In addition to proofreading, updating, and harmonizing the English and French versions, we also began creating the website's first Spanish version. Although we were fully aware that completing it within our term would be highly challenging, we approached the project with great enthusiasm. We sincerely hope that the next Translation Team will continue this work. To date, the About and Home pages, the department descriptions, the Ethical Charter, the Frequently Asked Questions and the Statutes are already proofread in French and English and fully translated into Spanish.

TRANSLATION

To conclude, we would like to emphasize how pleased we are with our members, which have always shown interest and engagement in participating. Not only have they proven to be skilled translators and revisers, but also kind individuals.

María Canales Corbí & Amanda García-Donas Pacheco

Heads of Translation of GIMUN 2024-2025

FINANCE

As Director of Finance, I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Report for the 2024-2025 term of the GIMUN Association. Our primary objective for the year was to allocate funds effectively for the Annual Conference, which brought together approximately 250 participants with staff. Additionally, we aimed to continue the growth trajectory of the previous term, to ensure continuity and build on our past successes.

One of the significant achievements of the year was the successful expansion of our financial operations and institutional visibility. We were also able to offer GIMUN-branded merchandise, which was distributed to members and guests during our major events such as SwissMUN, GIMUN Birthday, UNIDIR x GIMUN and the Annual Conference.

We allocated a budget for the Events Team and for Popædia, our sister department, to support their major event on climate change, a theme we consider central to GIMUN's long-term development strategy. This allocation allowed us to enhance our outreach and visibility.

Additionally, we sent 12 delegates to the Copenhagen Business School MUN Conference for five days, which was a major success for the GIMUN Association. We were able to achieve this due to the hard work and dedication of our members, as well as effective financial planning.

Our new policy for managing conference costs helped us to reduce expenses significantly. We also established five important partnerships, which generously supported us with drinks and beverage products (El Tony Mate, Redbull, Fizzy and Mono Juice). We are also proud to have established a new partnership with Services Industriels de Genève (SIG), which offered us jugs of water during the conference and let us distribute them to distinguished participants afterwards. This year, we were honored to receive support from Presence Switzerland for the eighth consecutive year. This federal agency, responsible for promoting Switzerland's image abroad, enabled us to offer high quality Swiss branded gifts to participants during our major events.

FINANCE

In terms of logistical support, we received valuable backing from major institutions, including the WTO, UNOG, WIPO, ITU, University of Geneva and The Geneva Graduate Institute, who provided us with rooms for our Annual Conference. Thanks to the introduction of a group discount, we attracted a higher number of delegates, increasing participation by 100 people compared to the previous year.

Our Finance Team was also a great success. We built a dynamic and responsive department and excellent internal coordination within the GIMUN family. I am especially pleased to share that one of our team members, Stefaniya, will be taking over my role as Director of Finance for the upcoming year.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors. The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies also played a major role in this year's success. Beyond the vital financial contribution, being associated with such a prestigious institution is a real source of pride for us. The University of Geneva, along with its Fixed Fees Management Commission, once again proved to be a precious ally, providing not only generous funding but also access to its facilities. Finally, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs once again honored us with its support. The fact that GIMUN's work is recognized at the highest levels of the Swiss Confederation is truly a privilege.

We deeply value our collaboration with each of these institutions and hope to see it continue long into the future. GIMUN is sincerely grateful to them.

In conclusion, the 2024–2025 financial year leaves the organization well-prepared to face the future and the challenges it may bring. I would like to thank all our members, sponsors, and partners whose commitment has contributed to GIMUN's achievements this year. I wish the 2025–2026 committee every success and step down with both gratitude and confidence in the future of the organization.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Tredici

Finance Director of GIMUN 2024-2025

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department played an essential role in ensuring the internal cohesion and organizational support of GIMUN throughout the 2024/2025 academic year. Our responsibilities included recruiting members, facilitating internal communication, organizing events and proposing well-being initiatives contributing to a strong and united GIMUN.

The year began with the recruitment of the Human Resources (HR) team and other team members. HR coordinated recruitment and interview logistics in collaboration with the other departments. This included creating forms, organizing interviews, and responding to any application issues raised. We successfully built a motivated and reliable HR team of five members and two Co-Heads. In spring, we also coordinated the recruitment of the new Heads of Events and Public Relations, as well as new members in several departments.

Throughout the mandate, we maintained and updated the members' list, ensured that all members signed the engagement agreement, and oversaw administrative transitions. It was our mission to ensure transparent recruitment practices and to improve the administrative processes involved in organising them.

As a part of our ongoing commitment to a safe and inclusive environment, the "safe person" initiative remained active this year, with alternating responsibilities between our two Co-Heads, Andrea and Naomi. In the Spring semester Polina took over Naomi's role, as Naomi wasn't present physically in Geneva. In addition we launched an anonymous complaint and feedback form allowing members to raise any concern in case of conflict or grievances. We documented relevant interactions and ensured confidentiality and accountability where necessary.

We also co-organized an internal event to encourage cohesion among members: a game-night co-hosted with the Events Team at the beginning of the academic year to foster social interaction between GIMUN new members. We also supported the Events Department in the logistics and the promotion of internal gatherings. To make this coordination as effective as possible we introduced a tandem system between the two teams, which ensured smooth communication, a clear work distribution and the inclusivity of the members of the two departments.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The monthly GIMUN newsletters remained a core activity of our Department. This year, we redesigned the format to better align with GIMUN's identity and make it more engaging. We also collected content from other departments and contributors, we introduced interactive elements such as spotify-style recaps and we released more special editions. The special editions included the yearly Christmas Edition, one giving a closer insight to the US election, a New Years special one and the GIMUN Birthday edition. We closely coordinated the publications with the Translation Department. The newsletter received positive engagement and will continue to be a valuable communication tool.

We worked closely with the Executive Board throughout the year, especially on recruitment processes. We stepped in when needed to make sure all application and interview procedures were fair and transparent. We documented decisions, wrote meeting summaries, and tracked processes to support continuity across teams.

For next year, the HR Department will focus on improving onboarding and handover materials to help new members integrate more smoothly. We are proud of everything we accomplished this year and remain committed to keeping GIMUN a supportive and efficient environment for all its members.

Andrea Masciadri and Naomi Mutschler

Heads of Human Resources of GIMUN 2024-2025

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