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LETTER FROM PRESIDENCY

Dear all,

When we began our mandate, we could not have imagined what an incredibly formative and enriching experience serving as President and Vice-President of GIMUN would be. As we hand over the reins to our successors Amelie Vinall and Jonathan Gatti, we look back on a year where we were given the opportunity to bring our vision for GIMUN to life. And dare we say that it was an incredible year.

This year was especially shaped by new collaborations and projects, but also continuing and affirming the strong legacy GIMUN has built over the years:

- We renewed and maintained our successful partnerships with UNOG, IHEID, DFAE, and other entities. This includes hosting events such as the Annual Conference and UN Day at the Palais des Nations and the IHEID. This allowed us to reinforce our position and importance in International Geneva.
- We renewed and maintained our successful partnership with UNIDIR by organising the GIMUN x UNIDIR Event at the Palais des Nations
- We introduced a new collaboration with the ITU in the scope of the WSIS Forum 2026. This includes organising an MUN for the Youth Track of the Forum in July 2026 and being invited as Youth Representatives and stakeholders to various meetings. Thereby, GIMUN was able to use our position to amplify youth voices in international diplomacy.
- We held re-elections for the vacant role of PR Director in March 2026
- We organised GIMUN Birthday for the third year in a row, including a Fun-MUN and a Soirée to celebrate 27 years of youth diplomacy and community
- We renewed the statutes to ensure they remain impactful and applicable to the organisation's needs
- We oversaw the work of the Council of Directors and collaborated closely throughout the year to ensure GIMUN's successful working
- We updated and transmitted the Cahier des Charges of all individual departments to the successors

This mandate has been an extremely rewarding experience, where we learned to lead an entire organisation, ensuring that every member feels valued and has the space to gain experience. This would not have been possible without all members, and more specifically, the Executive Board, the Council of Directors, and the Secretariat of the Annual Conference. We would therefore like to extend our most heartfelt thank you to every single member who contributed to GIMUN this year. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm for GIMUN's mission have made this year so memorable for us all.

We are excited to see how our successors will continue GIMUN's important legacy, and we wish them a mandate full of rewarding and unforgettable moments.

Elina Lampi & Andrea Masciadri

President, Vice-President of GIMUN 2025/26

UN DAY 2025



The 27th of October 2025 GIMUN celebrated the entry into force of the UN Charter in October 1945 by organising a whole day event at the UN Offices of Geneva.

Therefore, we prepared a Model United Nations for around 60 students, many of whom coming from different cantons and countries around the world.

As this year's MUN topic we chose "Ensuring food security in areas affected by climate change". Food security has become a relevant topic lately since many people are at risk due to wars, droughts and climate change. We decided to narrow down the issue on climate change, so that participants could focus on a precise topic to debate in order to find a satisfactory resolution.



During the Opening Ceremony we welcomed Julien Thöni, Deputy Permanent representative of Switzerland to the United Nations and the other international organisations in Geneva and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference of Disarmament.

UN DAY 2025

His insightful speech and his availability to answer our questions really gave a great start to what was expected to be an enriching event.

For the rest of the day the participants debated during the MUN. Having a double-delegation enabled less experienced delegates to get acquainted with the MUN procedures and mechanisms. In general, the debates have been fruitful and the enthusiasm for the event easily spread throughout the atmosphere.

At the closing ceremony we had the honor to be visited by Her Excellency Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, who concluded our day at the UN with inspiring insights and remarks about the importance of the youth being involved in international relations and cooperation.

Lastly, we thank our Events department, whose members organised a soirée at a bar, where the participants could meet in a relaxed environment to discuss what happened during the event.

This year's UN day was a very inspiring event that brought together many students who came to Geneva, built relationships and helped shape the profile of aspiring diplomats, negotiators, and many more.



GIMUN X UNIDIR 2026

In Spring 2026, GIMUN was honoured to collaborate with the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) for the fifth edition of the co-hosted GIMUN x UNIDIR Model United Nations-Conference. This year, the day-long MUN was held on the highly relevant topic of Regulating the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons in Urban



Settings, simulating the work of DISEC. Around 40 students from the University of Geneva and IHEID attended the MUN, paired up in teams of two to represent approximately 20 countries. The day began with an Opening Ceremony, led by Elina Lampi, the President of GIMUN, who delivered a welcome address and guided the participants through the ceremony. The Opening Ceremony was also attended by two high-profile guest speakers. First, His Excellency Robert in den Bosch, Disarmament Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Geneva, who gave invaluable insights into his work. His speech was followed by a speech held by Miss Mélanie Régimbal, Chief of Service of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs Geneva, who shared her experience in her field and insisted on the importance of diplomacy. Their interventions were followed by an interactive Questions-and-Answers session, which allowed the two guest speakers to reiterate the importance of MUN's as a hands-on experience in international diplomacy.

The event was chaired by GIMUN's Secretaries-General, Leen Alnajem and Abril Ortega Andrade, who ensured that the debate remained structured, impactful, and respectful. The MUN itself was divided into three sessions. The first featured a quick summary of the United Nation's (adapted) Rules of Procedure and the opening statements of 60 seconds of each delegation. Towards the end of the third session, two draft resolutions were introduced, with one of them being passed.

GIMUN X UNIDIR 2026

The closing ceremony was moderated by Andrea Masciadri, the Vice-President of GIMUN, who reminded the Assembly of the importance of diplomacy and the skills nurtured during the debate. His remarks were followed by a closing speech held by Dr. Renata Hessmann-Dalaqua, Head of UNIDIR's Integrated Approaches Program, who shared insights into UNIDIR's work and mission.

We would like to warmly thank H.E. in den Bosch and Miss Régimbal for attending the event and their encouraging words. We would also like to thank Dr. Renata Hessmann-Dalaqua whose helpfulness and attention to detail allowed us to conduct an MUN of the highest quality possible. Youth engagement remains the most important diplomatic resource of the future, and it is precisely events like this, where a real UN-institution supports student initiatives, that fuel the passion that draws youth to diplomacy. We would therefore like to also thank the entire UNIDIR team for their continued collaboration, and we hope to see many more common projects between GIMUN and UNIDIR in the future.



DELEGATIONS TO OTHER MUN'S

SGMUN



UABMUN



GIMUN 26TH BIRTHDAY



The GIMUN Birthday is the occasion for our association to celebrate its longevity and long-lasting engagement in spreading UN and cooperation values and our mission in bringing students closer to international relations.

This year we celebrated the 27th anniversary of GIMUN, as it was founded in 1999.

In the morning we organised a brunch at the Bastions Park, right next to the historical Genevan landmark, the Reformers' wall. There, members had the opportunity to have an informal gathering and to meet people from various departments of the association.

During the afternoon, a FunMUN was organised by the Heads of the Delegation. The idea of this debate was to practice debating and negotiation skills, without the need of studying a certain topic, as the participants discovered their role in the MUN upon arrival at the venue. This event was particularly successful as many people who were not used to debate got the occasion of participating in a relaxed setting, where no particular preparation or experience were required.

As it is a ritual for a proper celebration, this day ended with a soirée at a bar. There, many people who have been involved within GIMUN and for our Annual Conference came together, some people even coming from abroad for the occasion. The speech from the Presidency and the cutting of the cake sealed the successful event and reminded us to be proud of our association and its decades-long achievements.



GIMUN X WSIS FORUM 2026

In spring 2026, GIMUN renewed its collaboration with the World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS Forum) after a six-year long pause. The WSIS Forum 2026, co-organized by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD, is a platform which brings together global leaders, governments, organisations, and tech experts to advance digital cooperation and implement WSIS Action Lines. As a part of the Youth Track of the WSIS Forum 2026, which aims to amplify youth voices in the WSIS process, GIMUN was invited to host an MUN on the topic of **Bridging the Global Digital Divide: Ensuring Equitable Access to Digital Technologies**.

In the scope of the collaboration, GIMUN was invited to multiple events: We attended the Open Consultation Process (31.03.2026) of the WSIS Forum, which allows stakeholders to discuss and prepare the WSIS Forum. We were also invited as a panelist to the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2026 Side Event, titled **Effective Youth Participation and Digital Inclusion Action Toward WSIS 2035** (14.04.2026). Both meetings were attended by members of the Executive Board, with Elina Lampi, President of GIMUN, delivering some remarks on youth engagement in diplomacy on behalf of the organisation.

The MUN on July 6th was supposed to be chaired by Elina Lampi (President of GIMUN) and Abril Ortega Andrade (Secretary General of GIMUN). Unfortunately, due to an unexpectedly low number of signups, the event had to be cancelled. Despite this, the relationship between the ITU and GIMUN remains very friendly, keeping the possibility for future collaborations alive.

During the WSIS Forum, GIMUN was personally invited Grey to the UNIGE Trialogue – 2026 ReModelUN Workshop (07.07.2026) by the organiser, Professor François Grey. At the event, GIMUN delivered some remarks on the collaboration between student organisations and international organisations in Geneva, emphasizing how much both parties can benefit from working together. The presentations were followed by an informal networking event, which allowed GIMUN to connect with other organisations such as WFUNA and Learning Planet Institute.

GIMUN would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the WSIS Forum 2026-Team for reaching out to us and collaborating with us on this project, as well as allowing our organisation to amplify youth voices in the WSIS Process. Furthermore, we would like to thank Professor Grey for working with our organisation and encouraging new encounters and projects.

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Annual Conference 2026





LETTERS FROM THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL

We, the Secretaries-General, **Abril Ortega** and **Leen Alnajem**, had the honor of organising the GIMUN 2026 Annual Conference (AC), which took place from February 9th to 13th 2026, with English, French and Spanish as the official languages. This event, renowned in the global Model United Nations (MUN) community, brought together a multicultural and multilingual team of 40 Secretariat members — Undersecretaries-General (USGs) and Organising Members (OMs)—, 24 committee Chairs and approximately 150 delegates. This year's Secretariat was divided across 8 departments: Academics, Awareness & Safety, Communications, Events, Human Resources, Interpreting, Logistics and Translation.

Human Resources and Awareness & Safety were merged into a single Delegate Services department throughout the preparation..

Our first step upon beginning our mandate was defining our vision of the conference, including management strategies, the official languages, possible committees and, of course, the theme. This year's theme was "Giving New Meaning to Multilateralism Amidst an Evolving International System", which sought to inspire all participants to find ways to overcome the challenges of today's weakened trust in the international order and multilateral institutions, such as those found in International Geneva, the ideal setting for that purpose. In the end, nine committees were represented in different languages: the International Organization for Migration (ES), the International Labour Organization (bilingual EN/FR), the World Intellectual Property Organization (EN), the United Nations Security Council (EN), the International Court of Justice (FR), the International Committee of the Red Cross (EN), a historical version of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (EN), and a multilingual International Press Corps.

In contrast to last year's edition, GIMUN 2026 was held exclusively in two venues: the Geneva Graduate Institute/Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement (IHEID) and the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). Both provided 6 rooms, making up for a total of 12. As an NGO in special consultative status with ECOSOC, we were granted the opportunity to book rooms at the latter institution, thanks to the kind assistance of Ms. Sandrine Burel from the NGO Liaison Unit. To book rooms at IHEID, we counted on the collaboration of Ms. Sabrina Imhof, Head of Events. We are incredibly grateful to both representatives, as well as their entire institutions, for all their support.

Both venues' cafeterias kindly provided all participants with lunches under their daily menus. We kindly thank cafeteria representatives Mr. Vincent Fritz (IHEID) and Mr. Mehdi Mazourki (UNOG) for their assistance. Coffee breaks at UNOG were also provided by the building's catering service, Eldora.

The opening ceremony was held at UNOG, a perfect setting for setting the tone of the AC's theme and upcoming debates. We were honored by the presence and speeches of Mr. Vincent Bernard, Executive in Residence at the Geneva Center for Security Policy, H.E. Francisca E. Méndez Escobar, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN, and Mr. Jonas Pasquier, Head of Global Affairs at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN, who provided all attendees with insightful remarks on today's international system.

During the AC, we SGs rotated daily between the two venues, with each supervising each site twice. The closing ceremony was also held at UNOG.

All in all, GIMUN 2026 proved to be a wonderful, inspiring experience, which achieved a 4.1 / 5.00 rating on global MUN signup platform MyMUN. Now, we are looking forward to GIMUN 2027, and we are certain that the conference will build upon the successes and failures of its predecessors.

Finally, we extend our warmest gratitude to everybody who made the AC possible: the GIMUN association members, the Executive Board, Delegates, Chairs, and, of course, USGs and OMs.

Kindly,

Abril Ortega and Leen Alnajem

GIMUN 2026 Secretaries-General

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT ACADEMICS

The Team

The academics team was composed of two Co-USGs (Ilan Einstoss Pato and Paris Patsis) and 3 OMs, Cayetano Ortin Alcaraz, Miha Persyn, and Chiara Cavaletto, who was later let go during the conference due to failure to abide to their secretariat agreement. The tasks of the academics team can be subdivided into 3 key headers: recruitment and committee selection (pre-conference), training and pre-conference preparations (pre-conference up to the day before), and chair/committee management (during the conference).

Recruitment and Committee-Selection

The first step in preparing for this year's Annual Conference was the selection of the committees. Keeping in mind logistical and other constraints, in coordination and considering the SGs' remarks, the Academics team decided upon the following 8+1 committees and the following languages: OIM (Spanish), ILO/OIT (English/French), WIPO (English), UNSC (English), CIJ (French), ICRC (English), OPEC (English), Unicameral Crisis (English) and lastly, an International Press Corps, working with all 3 conference languages. With 2 chairs per committee, and crisis needing 2 in the frontroom, 3 backroomers plus a crisis director, the team was expected to be around 24 chairs/staff.

Chair applications were opened on the GIMUN 2026 mymun page from the 1st of September to the 21st, then being extended to the 28th to allow for more candidates. Of the approximately 70 candidates applying, 52 were invited for an interview to be held between the middle of October and early November. Of those, 6 either cancelled, did not show up and reschedule, or did not reply to the invite.

The interviews followed a semi-flexible set of interview questions that were tailored to the committees they were applying to, and the languages required, being always at least 1 USG and 1 OM present, and usually 1 or both SGs. On average the interviews lasted 35 minutes, with detailed notes being taken by the academics team. At the end of the interview period, after reviewing all interview notes carefully, valuing in particular academic standards, the right attitude, will to learn and create a fun and engaging environment for delegates. We ended up inviting 24 members to be part of the staff, but during the lead up to the conference with staff having to leave due to various reasons and substitutions we increased it to 25 total chairs.

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Supervision and management of the teams was assigned as follows, each USG would supervise 4 committees, and each OM would manage approximately 2, as per the best experience fit and language competencies.

Training and Pre-Conference Preparations

With the team assembled, the next priority on the Academics task list was reviewing the past year's RoPs and deciding which committees needed a specialised annex to the RoPs, or their own set and assigning the relevant chairs the tasks to prep them. ICRC, ILO, UNSC and IPC ended up requiring an annex to the RoPs which the relevant chairs wrote, and the academics team revised and reviewed as necessary. Crisis and ICJ required their own specialised RoPs. For the CIJ, a past version of the ICJ RoPs was translated from English to French, and then the chairs adapted everything as necessary before sending their final version to the Academics team.

Meanwhile, the Academics team took time between November and December to do a full review and restructuring of the RoPs from the year before, changing many clauses, fixing mistakes and inconsistencies and, overall, making them more ready for this year's annual conference, submitting the final version for translation to French and Spanish in late December.

Simultaneously, the team held its first 2 online meetings with the chairs, one in late November with the chairing staff to welcome them to the team, introduce them to secretariat and set deadlines and expectations, and another one in December, to give more information regarding the conference, remind them of deadlines, and begin going over RoPs and getting their feedback for them.

Study guides were all handed in in early to mid-December, with the corrections and review of the academics' before approval by the team taking the last part of December, thereafter being sent to the translation team for translation into the necessary languages, as well as proofreading.

In January, one final online chair meeting was held with chairs to run through the conference schedule again in greater detail, go over the new and improved RoPs in much detail, and answer any possible doubts and questions they had.

Lastly, one in-person training for situational events, what-to-dos and preparation to handle unforeseen problems was held, with only half the chairing staff attending due to delays and the inability to travel earlier. For those who missed very important details, a repeat summarised briefing was held the morning of the conference with all the chairing team present.

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Chair and Committee Management

Due to the way the conference was organised, the academics team was split between 2 venues, 1 USG, 1 OM (with Miha Perseyn being unable to attend in person due to work reasons), with Ilan and Cayetano present at 1 venue, and Paris and Chiara at the other, alternating the venues after 2 days with their set of committees. The academics team ensured the conference schedule was adhered to by all chairs and committees, distributing lunch vouchers, resolving any academic questions as they arose, and assisting the awareness team in maintaining a healthy environment for all participants.

Overall, despite a few minor incidents, the committees ran smoothly with chairs following RoPs well, and more importantly, delegates having an enjoyable experience.

During the conference, The academics team should be more vigilant of problematic delegates the moment they are identified, to avoid future issues, and the printing strategy for the IPC's semi-daily journal should be decided and budgeted beforehand, not ad-hoc.

Ilan Einstoss Pato & Paris Patsis

Co-USG Academics for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT **AWARENESS & SAFETY**

Created in recognition of the critical importance of a safe conference environment, the Safety & Awareness department was established as a brand new team within GIMUN for the 2025/2026 term. As the inaugural Safety & Awareness team, we are pleased to present the groundwork laid in anticipation of the annual GIMUN conference and the responsibilities held during the event.

Pre-Conference Activity

Our main task during the pre-conference period was to build the foundations of this new department. We began by **researching best practices** in event safety management with particular attention to the specific context and risks of Model United Nations conferences. Looking at comparable student-led simulations as well as Swiss national safety and preparedness standards, we covered a broad range of areas such as emergency response, first aid readiness, access management and crisis communication.

From that research, we put together a step-by-step **Safety Protocol** covering the full range of scenarios that could come up during the conference, from medical emergencies and evacuations to conflict de-escalation and conduct-related complaints. Each entry of this protocol lays out who is responsible, what actions to take, which communication channels to use, and how to document each incident afterwards. The protocol went through several rounds of review and served as the main reference for any safety-related decision during the event.

Alongside this, we prepared the necessary **resources** to be on hand throughout the conference, such as a first aid kit, emergency contacts, printed safety instructions, and a conference wide digital incident report form. We have also mapped each event's venue to locate emergency exits, first aid stations, and high-traffic areas. Finally, our preparedness plan consisted of setting up a clear chain of responsibility within the department for each of the conference days and venues.

On the awareness side, we drafted **GIMUN's new Code of Conduct**, which outlines the behavioural standards expected of all participants and explains how violations would be handled. We made sure it was written in a plain and non-ambiguous language so that every participant could engage with it easily. A pre-conference **awareness campaign** has also been prepared to make sure participants are familiar with the Code before they even arrive.

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This campaign mainly consisted of raising awareness around the code of conduct and making our team's presence and purpose known to all participants.

Lastly, the department has had the responsibility of drafting the chairing agreements which formalised the responsibilities of committee Chairs and their commitment to upholding the conference's safety and procedural standards. Our Secretariat's responsibility as a first responders was further developed by preparing and delivering a thorough safety briefing before the conference with the goal of informing all GIMUN staff of the safety standards set up for the event.

Soraya El Mokhtari & Quentin Mayoraz

USG and OM of Awareness & Safety for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Communications Department, led by USG Communications Rheeya Durbarry with María Dolores and Debora as Organising Members, was responsible for maintaining consistent branding, ensuring effective outreach, and providing media coverage for all activities related to the GIMUN Annual Conference.

From August to October, the department focused on developing its communication strategy and visual identity. This included the creation of the portfolio, the definition of the department's overall tone and vision, and the development of templates and visual guidelines to ensure consistency across all platforms in line with GIMUN branding. Between October and January, the department managed GIMUN's social media through regular posts introducing the Secretariat, chairs, committees, deadlines, venues, partners, and sponsors. To maintain engagement, the team also produced monthly reels, including the SG Diaries, alongside interactive content such as Q&A stories and announcements.

Throughout both the preparation and execution of the conference, the department worked closely with other teams. This included collaboration with the Events Department on promotion, with the Academics Department on study guide templates, and with Human Resources on delegate communication. In parallel, the team designed key materials such as study guide templates, the Delegate Handbook, badges, placards, postcards, and also contributed to website content.

To ensure a smooth and efficient working process, the department also held weekly meetings throughout the preparation period. These meetings made it possible to coordinate ongoing tasks, review progress, address challenges, and maintain clear communication within the team.

In February, the department ensured live coverage of the conference. A clear posting schedule and content plan had been prepared in advance, allowing the team to share daily posts and stories throughout the event covering debates, side events, and behind-the-scenes moments.

Following the conference, the department produced recap content such as GIMUN Wrapped, the recap video, awards reels, and highlight videos, while also designing and finalising certificates for participants and staff. Additional platforms, such as LinkedIn, also served to document the conference in retrospect and extend its visibility beyond the event itself.

COMMUNICATIONS

Overall, the work of the Communications Department strengthened GIMUN's visibility, supported the smooth organisation of the conference, and contributed to a more engaging participant experience.

Rheeya Durbarry, Maria Dolores Corral, Debora Mangone

USG-Communications & OM-Communications for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT EVENTS

About us

During the 2025/26 term, the Events Department was composed of three members: Under-Secretary-General of Events Miro Svyrydov, Organising Member (OM) Aria Jupolli, and OM Maude Décrind.

In line with the conference objective to provide students with an opportunity to discover international Geneva and meet like-minded people from across the world, the team spent seven months working on creating memorable social event experiences as part of the Annual Conference for all conference participants (delegates, chairs, faculty advisors, secretariat members, and honourable guests). Under the guidance and supervision of the USG of Events, each member of the team was responsible for an equal amount of workload during the organisation of six social events and five tours of international organisations.

Weekly meetings were held with the aim of reinforcing teamwork efforts, providing the opportunity for creative ideation and group problem-solving, and creating cohesion in event production efforts. Additionally, regular meetings with the Secretaries-General were held to align the Event Department's efforts with the objectives of the Annual Conference. Lastly, occasional meetings with other departments, particularly Awareness & Safety and Logistics, were organised to solve issues of common concern and enforce the overall alignment of our common goals (see "Interdepartmental Collaboration").

Interdepartmental Collaboration

The Events Department closely collaborated with the Executive Board and other AC departments throughout the entire process of event production, from ideation to execution.

Guidance and supervision from the Executive Board - most notably from the Presidency and the Secretaries-General - ensured that the department's work remained compliant with regulations and legislation and consistent with the organisation's statutes and the goals of the Annual Conference. The Events Department also collaborated with the Finance Director to ensure that spending remained in line with the established budget.

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Close cooperation with the Awareness & Safety Department ensured a safe environment for all participants. The Events Department compiled a comprehensive list of recommendations for the “Health & Safety” document, focusing on hazards, risks, emergencies, and guidelines on risk elimination and emergency response. A joint effort between the two departments also resulted in the creation of the Bar Management Protocol.

Furthermore, collaboration with the Logistics Department supported effective budget management for shared needs and accurate schedule planning.

Social Events

The Events Department oversaw various parts of the event production process, from ideation, design, and sponsorship management to execution and on-site event control. This year’s team focused on enhancing guest experience through creative event design, aiming to create impactful experiences and long-lasting human connections through the emotional component of events. Proper guidelines, detailed event plans, elaborate decorations, and strong inter-department and staff cohesion contributed to the success of all the events.

Active feedback was collected through after-event secretariat meetings and anonymous feedback forms sent to all conference participants. These forms enabled the Events Department to identify which aspects of events were most appreciated and which required adjustment before the next day’s social event. Among those:

i. Teambuilding Social

A teambuilding event was organised one day before the conference to foster a positive environment within the Executive Board, Secretariat, and Chairing team. The day included a tour of Geneva, allowing chairs and secretariat members from outside Switzerland to discover the city. After several formal meetings, the social continued with a meticulously organised dinner and a bowling session, bringing different teams together and allowing participants to meet in an informal setting before a week of intensive work.

ii. Global Fair

The first mixer event of the week focused on bringing participants together through multiple activities such as, but not limited to, quizzes, speed meeting, and food stands. The event was organised at the UniMail building of the University of Geneva. The event received generally mixed feedback, with some considering the absence of music and the late beginning time as drawbacks. On the other side, the opportunity to connect with all conference participants and the rest of the organising team in an informal setting was stated as a strong point.

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iii. ***Saints & Sinners Cocktail Reception***

The second event, held at the Le Grand Morillon panoramic terrace, offered participants a Saints-vs-Sinners-themed reception. The department designed an immersive experience with well-crafted beverages to create a festive atmosphere after long conference sessions. The event received highly positive feedback, with the only downside being the early end time.

iv. ***Fondue Night***

A recurring tradition of the Annual Conference, Fondue Night allows attendees to experience Swiss culture. The immersive Swiss restaurant experience, organised at Cave Valaisanne, offered high-level hospitality during a semi-formal fondue dinner. This event received exclusively positive feedback from all participants.

v. ***The Valentine's Gala Ball***

The Gala Ball is the most important event of the week, organised annually to celebrate the approaching end of the conference in a formal black-tie setting. This year's Gala centred on a Valentine's Day theme, for which the Events Department designed and produced immersive decorations that contributed to the overall atmosphere of the event. The Gala Ball was organised in collaboration with Bateau Genève on Lake Geneva. This event received highly positive feedback from attendees, with attendees praising the decorations, the incredible atmosphere, and the beautiful venue.

vi. ***Closing Karaoke Night***

The final social event of the week, organised at Bar de la Plage, allowed participants to celebrate the end of the conference in an informal and festive atmosphere during the closing karaoke night.

Tours of International Organisations

In line with the conference objective to provide students with an opportunity to discover international Geneva, the Events Department organised five tours of international organisations on the third and fourth days of the conference. Participants, divided into five groups according to their committee topics, visited one of the following organisations: the WTO, GCSP, Permanent Mission of the European Union, DCAF, or MSF. Each tour enabled students to learn how these organisations operate internally and to engage in productive conversations with their representatives.

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Acknowledgements

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to the members of the Events Department, as well as the rest of the GIMUN AC's organising team, for their hard work throughout their mandate.

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We equally thank our event venues, among those UNIGE, Le Grand Morillon, Cave Valaisanne, Bateau Genève, and Bar de la Plage, for their support in the organisational process.

Lastly, we want to thank conference sponsors - IHEID, Loterie Romande, UNIGE, FDFA, CGTF, Mono Drink, and El Tony Mate - for their kind support of the conference and our social programme.

Miro Svyrydov

USG Events for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT INTERPRETING

The department recruited seven interpreters who covered all language combinations between the conference's three official languages: English, French, and Spanish. Throughout the preparation period, the objective was to assign interpreters to conference duties, train them together, and make sure every member was familiar with the committees and terminology they would encounter during the Annual Conference.

Starting several months before the conference, the department held weekly one-hour training sessions, each one focusing on giving a different Organising Member the opportunity to interpret and practice public speaking. To this end, one of the main activities was learning about the Conference's committees. Each interpreter researched one of the nine committees and gave a short presentation to the rest of the team, explaining the committee's mandate, topics and terminology. This was done so that, by the conference, every interpreter had at least a basic understanding of all committees rather than only the ones they had researched themselves.

Another important part of the training consisted of practical interpreting exercises. The department worked with recordings from previous MUN opening and closing ceremonies, sessions from UN Web TV, and, once guest speakers confirmed their attendance, speeches delivered by those speakers in previous events. The department also spent time researching terminology relevant to the committee topics and the MUN domain.

Although interpreting was the department's main responsibility, several interpreters also volunteered to support the Translation Department in the weeks leading up to the conference. They helped with translation and proofreading tasks and contributed to the preparation of multilingual glossaries used throughout the conference. This collaboration proved useful for maintaining consistent terminology between both departments.

As for the Conference, the main responsibility of the department was providing simultaneous interpretation for both the opening and closing ceremonies, each lasting approximately two hours. Interpretation was provided between English, French and Spanish, allowing all participants to follow the ceremonies regardless of the language in which the speakers addressed the audience. Overall, the preparation carried out during the weekly training sessions was reflected in the interpreters' confidence during these ceremonies, particularly when interpreting guest speakers whose previous speeches had been used as training material.

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Outside the ceremonies, interpreters remained available to support delegates during committee sessions. In bilingual committees, interpreters provided chuchotage (whispered interpretation) for delegates who were struggling to follow the debate in the committee's working language. While this service was not required continuously, it proved valuable whenever delegates needed linguistic support without interrupting the flow of debate.

Interpreters also covered the interpretation of crisis updates whenever these were delivered to committees to add to the dynamics of the debate.

Overall, the Interpreting department successfully fulfilled all interpreting assignments throughout the conference, from the official ceremonies to committee support. The training sessions held before GIMUN were particularly beneficial, as they gave interpreters the opportunity to become familiar with committee topics, practice with authentic speeches, and work as a team.

Elena Fernández Soto & Georgia Meakins

Co-USG Interpreting for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT LOGISTICS

Pre-Conference Activity

- **Emails sponsorships for accommodation and food**

Throughout the beginning of the organizing of this event, our team dedicated a lot of time to finding contacts in Switzerland for both accommodation (airbnbs, hotels and hostels) and food firms. We contacted over 50 companies which we have tracked in an excel, for which we finally managed to get a discount for accommodation at the IBIS hotel. We ensured visibility and some of them mentioned they would consider it for the following year's annual conference.

In addition, we worked alongside the finance team of GIMUN (Stefaniya), and she informed us of the current sponsorships GIMUN held and were getting for the conference. For which, they successfully got Mono Drinks Ginger shots which were a success during the conference.

- **Organize lunches at UN and graduate**

In contact with the UN and Graduate in order to get the sufficient vouchers specific to the delegates that would be at each venue each day, also considering the possible dietary requirements. Especially for the UN venue, the number of vouchers was important to be precise as these were not refundable. This was different to the graduate which returned the money of the vouchers that had not been used.

As a point of improvement, one should take into account committees like Press or secretariat departments like Translation and Interpreting, which were moving from venue to venue, in order to have a more set idea of what will be most comfortable for them to have lunch without having them go back and forth.

- **Excel budgeting**

Logistics was in charge of drafting several budgets concerning goodies, items needed for the sessions (ex. Gavel), goodies (ex. GIMUN totebags, bottles and notebooks), carnations, accommodation fees, and groceries for the breaks and lunch/breakfasts. Staying within the budget was a difficult task, but possible thanks to the adaptability of the SG's and finance department.

It was especially important for the purchasing of food and items for the breakfast and breaks which were arranged by our department. Calculating the number of each food item was tough, especially before the conference starting. But, generally we calculated the quantities well enough and organized it well, as we went to Aligro two days prior to the beginning of the conference.

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- **Allergies**

With help of the Awareness and Safety team we collected all the allergies of the delegates, chairs and secretariat members to take into account for the breakfast, breaks and lunches. This was important to take into account the difference of menu prices that, for example, gluten free people had.

Regarding this aspect we could have improved that instead of tracking the people with allergies and dietary requirements, we could have had a sticker colour coding added to their lanyards.

- **Tote bags with goodies (Flashbay) and Carnations**

For the tote bags, we worked with flashbay for the different goodies, with a very positive turnout in the bottles and tote bags especially. For the carnations, we were debating on how we could move away from the typical carnations, to not only add a creative touch but make the transportation more feasible considering the conference was set at two venues. With which we reached the idea of postcards, which were designed by the Communications team.

- **Delegate handbook**

We carried out the new delegate handbook taking into account the previous ones and seeing what sections were the essential ones for the delegates to be prepared before the conference. For this to occur, we worked interdepartmentally with Awareness and Safety, Events, Academics, the SGs and the Communications team for different sections. With a final touch of the translation team that translated the document in Spanish and French, as well as the original version, which was English.

This was also the section where we announced the discount we had for the IBIS hotel for the delegates to use before reserving the hotel for their stay.

- **Schedule**

Logistics created a Google calendar for every committee as well as for the secretariat. Because during the conference the venues were shared between the UNOG and the Graduate Institute, each calendar indicated the venue the committee was expected to attend, as well as the social events at night.

In-Conference Feedback

Logistics was in charge of the general orchestration of the Conference throughout the week. This comprised several aspects, including:

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- **Managing breakfasts, as well as lunch and coffee breaks**

During the conference, Logistics ensured the smooth running of 4 breakfasts, 7 coffee breaks and 4 lunch breaks. This was offered for both the delegates at the Graduate Institute and in the UNOG. Such activity demanded big coordination efforts, not only within Logistics but also with other departments.

A strong collaboration was especially crucial to buy the groceries, loading them on the van, transporting them to the venues, and unloading them. This also required a strong sense of adaptability, so as to be ready to buy any last-minute-needed item if needed.

The close communication with the Graduate Institute and UN Cafeteria started before the conference and was continued and strengthened throughout the conference. This helped us ensure that the needs of people with dietary restrictions were respected.

At the graduate, we managed to have breakfasts every day and two breaks a day. There was enough variability of food and quantity for everybody to enjoy.

At the UN, we had two breaks, which were organized with food from the UN's catering (as they do not allow external food to be brought in). This had very positive feedback.

- **Organizing the room distribution and general schedule**

This task was fundamental for the smooth functioning of the conference, ensuring all delegates would know which room and venue were assigned to them every day, which required work before the conference itself and during the conference as well. Despite hosting the conference in two venues at the same time and switching delegates mid-week between those, the schedule worked perfectly, and people were aware of where to go and when to go every time. It also included guiding delegates throughout the premises of the conference.

- **Selling carnations**

During the conference, carnations were sold during coffee and lunch breaks. Then, as carnations piled up, we would take turns to distribute them across both venues. A crucial note and challenge we faced was the fact that no commercial activities can take place within the premises of the UN.

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The innovative, more durable design for carnations (postcards) was well received, and delegates were generally pleased with them.

Ines Aschenbrenner, Marianne Cusi & Marc Palau

USGs and OM of Logistics for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Team played a key role in ensuring the smooth operation of the GIMUN Annual Conference 2026, held from 8 to 13 February 2026. Throughout the preparation and implementation of the conference, our primary objective was to support delegates, facilitate communication, and contribute to an inclusive and well-organized environment for all participants.

Initially, the Human Resources team was composed of an Under Secretary-General and two Organising Members, Maria Azzarone and Tumelo Moono Chilimboyi. Following changes within the team structure, the Human Resources Department continued its work under the coordination of the two Organising Members, ensuring continuity and maintaining the quality of support provided to delegates and staff throughout the conference.

One of our main responsibilities was participating in the Delegate Services team, which acted as the primary point of contact for delegates during the conference. In this capacity, we were responsible for conducting delegate check-in procedures, providing practical information regarding schedules and venues, and assisting participants with any logistical or organizational questions. Ensuring that delegates could easily navigate between the various conference locations was a central aspect of our work, particularly given the multi-venue nature of the conference.

Throughout the week, Delegate Services operated as an information and support hub for participants. Delegates regularly approached us with questions regarding committee locations, conference procedures, transportation between venues, and general administrative matters. We also handled specific requests related to dietary restrictions, food intolerances, and individual needs, ensuring that participants felt supported and that their concerns were addressed promptly and professionally.

Another important responsibility was the preparation and distribution of certificates and letters of participation. These documents required careful attention to detail and coordination with other members of the Secretariat to ensure accuracy and timely delivery. Administrative support of this kind, although often carried out behind the scenes, contributed significantly to the overall delegate experience.

In addition to our operational responsibilities, we actively participated in daily staff meetings held after committee sessions. These meetings provided an opportunity for the organizing team to evaluate the progress of the conference, identify challenges

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encountered during the day, and discuss practical solutions for the following sessions. Through these discussions, we contributed to maintaining effective communication between departments and fostering a collaborative approach to problem-solving.

The conference environment required adaptability and responsiveness. Throughout the week, we encountered a variety of situations that demanded quick decision-making and coordination with different departments. Whether addressing delegates' concerns, clarifying logistical information, or helping resolve unforeseen issues, our role required a proactive and solution-oriented mindset. The ability to remain approachable while managing multiple responsibilities simultaneously was essential to ensuring a positive experience for participants.

Serving within the Human Resources and Delegate Services teams during GIMUN 2026 provided a valuable opportunity for both personal and professional development. The experience strengthened competencies in communication, teamwork, intercultural interaction, problem-solving, conflict management, adaptability, and organizational coordination. Working directly with delegates from diverse academic, cultural, and national backgrounds further reinforced the importance of empathy, professionalism, and effective stakeholder management in an international environment.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Secretariat, the organizing staff, committee chairs, and all volunteers whose dedication contributed to the success of the conference. The collaborative spirit demonstrated throughout the week was instrumental in creating a rewarding experience for delegates and staff alike. We are proud to have contributed to the successful delivery of the GIMUN Annual Conference 2026 and to have supported an event that continues to promote diplomacy, dialogue, and international cooperation among young people.

Maria Azzarone

OM Human Resources for GIMUN 2026

SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENT TRANSLATION

1. Recruitment and Team Composition

At the beginning of our term as Under Secretaries-General of the Translation Department, we undertook the recruitment and selection of a team of translators, carefully considering both language combinations and individual availability.

The department was ultimately composed of the two Co-USGs and eight translators. The Co-USGs were Karen Quishpe (Spanish, English, French) and Isabelle Vicary (En,Sp, Fr). The appointed translators were Deva (Sp,En,Fr), Fanny (En,Fr), Leilany (Sp, En, Fr), Lucía (Sp,En,Fr), Nina (Fr, En), Paula (Sp, En, Fr), Ivana (En,Sp), and Juan (Sp,En). This composition proved highly effective, as it allowed team members to assume multiple roles depending on operational needs. All members were able to contribute both as translators and proofreaders, ensuring flexibility and efficiency across assignments. Throughout the term, the team remained responsive, adaptable, and consistently respectful of established deadlines.

2. Pre-Conference Preparation

In the months preceding the conference, the department focused on several preparatory initiatives aimed at ensuring operational readiness once documentation began to arrive.

First, as part of our internal preparation and training process, we organized training sessions for the team on UN and MUN translation guidelines. These sessions focused on familiarizing translators with the formal style, terminology standards, and drafting conventions. This initiative helped ensure greater consistency, professionalism, and alignment with the institutional tone expected throughout the conference.

Second, we initiated the creation of a translation glossary. A dedicated sheet was prepared for each committee, including references to official publications and relevant United Nations resources. The purpose of this glossary was to establish a preliminary terminological framework and facilitate consistency in committee-specific vocabulary.

Third, we drafted a provisional internal schedule structured by committee, language, and venue grouping (Group A / Group B). Given the uncertainty regarding the exact number and nature of documents to be received, this schedule was explicitly presented as provisional. The main translators assigned to each committee were identified based on their strongest working languages, while clearly indicating that assignments would remain subject to adjustment depending on workload, document type, language requirements, and team availability.

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Additionally, we developed an internal reference guide for translators. This document was designed to address recurring questions related to capitalization, punctuation, and terminology across the three working languages (English, French, and Spanish) thereby providing consistent solutions to the most frequent linguistic and stylistic uncertainties.

3. Interdepartmental Collaboration

Throughout the term, the Translation Department maintained close collaboration with the teams whose work required direct multilingual support and coordination. We worked particularly closely with the Academics team, ensuring effective communication and coordination regarding translation needs related to committee materials and academic documentation. In addition, we collaborated with the IPC (International Press Corps) to facilitate smooth coordination on communication-related content and time-sensitive requests during the conference period.

We also provided support to the Communications team, contributing to multilingual communication materials intended for external visibility, including institutional and promotional content in Spanish and French. A valuable aspect of this term was also the collaboration with the Interpretation volunteers, whose support was especially appreciated during periods of increased workload. Their contribution strengthened the department's capacity and reflected a strong spirit of teamwork across language-related functions.

Overall, this interdepartmental collaboration contributed positively to workflow efficiency and reinforced the role of the Translation Department as an essential support pillar within the broader conference structure.

4. Tasks During the Conference

During the conference week, the Translation Department was entrusted with a diverse range of written materials requiring timely and accurate multilingual support. Our team worked on various types of documents across different committees and departments, including official correspondence, internal policy and conduct documents, communication materials, digital content, and audiovisual support materials.

Among the documents handled were formal letters, committee-related documents, the Code of Conduct, communication texts intended for external visibility, as well as subtitle translation for video content related to the conference. In addition to these

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assignments, the team provided linguistic support for materials intended for institutional communication, ensuring that content remained consistent and accessible across the conference's three working languages.

Throughout the conference, the department maintained a high standard of quality and responsiveness, successfully adapting to evolving requests and short deadlines while ensuring timely delivery of all assigned materials.

5. Departmental Reflection

The experience of leading the Translation Department this year highlighted the essential role that language accessibility plays in the success of a trilingual conference such as GIMUN.

One of the greatest strengths of our department was the adaptability and commitment of the team. Members consistently demonstrated professionalism, flexibility, and a strong willingness to support one another, particularly during periods of increased workload.

A particularly positive aspect of this term was the collaborative spirit developed with other teams, especially Academics, IPC, Comms, and the Interpretation volunteers. These interactions strengthened interdepartmental coordination and contributed to a smoother overall workflow.

We are especially proud of the fact that the department was able to ensure that language never became a barrier to participation or communication. By providing reliable multilingual support, we contributed directly to preserving the inclusive and international nature of the conference.

This term also reinforced the importance of human translation in contexts that require precision, nuance, and diplomatic sensitivity. The quality of the work delivered by the team reflected not only linguistic competence but also a strong understanding of context and institutional tone.

Overall, this year's experience demonstrated the value, reliability, and professionalism of the Translation Department, and we are confident that the foundations established this term will continue to support future editions of GIMUN.

Karen Quishpe & Isabelle Vicary

Co-USG Translation for GIMUN 2026



Departments

DELEGATION

Autumn Semester 2025

I. Recruitment

We had a large number of people interested in joining the GIMUN Delegation department. We conducted an open session during the second week of the semester, with a very simple MUN following the most simplified version of the rules of procedure. It was very highly attended, with 29 people signing up beforehand, and another estimated 20 people joining spontaneously. It was a great way to give potential candidates a first taste of MUNs and a concrete idea of what they're signing up for with most applications received proceeding the open session. We received 67 applications and accepted 33 delegates, with an acceptance rate of 47.76%. 7 delegates from the previous year were re-accepted. We accepted a larger number of delegates than the years before, to ensure a lively debate, take into account that people will miss sessions and due to the high number of applications. The larger size of the delegation ended up being a great decision and we were extremely pleased with our choices. Amongst the semester's delegation were 16 men and 17 women of which 6 were exchange students from various European countries.

II. Topic

For the first semester, we wanted to choose a committee which would be ideal for beginners, and also intermediate delegates, as it became apparent during the open session and interviews that a lot of delegates were experienced in MUNs. We chose the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as the committee and the topic of 'International Action against Narco-terrorism and Drug Cartel Influence in Sovereign Governments'. During the semester however, the first part of the topic was focused on, as the scope of our issue had been a bit too large for only 11 sessions. The choice of topic was ideal, as there were enough controversies and parallel developments to current events that created more content and developing dynamics that delegates integrated into their stances.

III. Collaborations

3.1. PR x HR x Delegation Project

The initiative was brought forth to us by the Heads of PR and HR, to weekly invite HR and PR members as journalists. We welcomed this collaboration and are very happy with its outcome. At the beginning of the year the guests attended every week, however it was quickly noticed that the originality of the content would benefit from scaling the journalists' attendance back to once every other week. This project furthered cohesion and connections between departments

3.2. Collaboration with the UN Beyond Lab

Upon request from Ms. Charline Schweinberger, an intern of the UN Beyond lab, GIMUN Delegation supported her research project throughout the whole semester. Her analysis of the delegate's emotions during debate were used as qualitative data for a study on constructive hope. We were very pleased with this collaboration, and learned a lot about the activities of the UN Beyond lab. Before each session we read the delegates a short prompt, and at the end of the session they each filled out a short questionnaire. For more information, visit www.thebeyondbl.org.

IV. 'No device' policy

We wanted to foster an environment of debate which is not focused on perfection, but practice. We encouraged delegates to use all sorts of laptops less as the semester progressed, and towards the middle of the semester, we had sessions where no devices were allowed. This inspired mixed reactions, with some welcoming it, and others preferring to use their devices. We saw a big difference between speeches that were given with devices versus without. It was not lost on us that many let their speeches be written with the help of AI tools, something which we did not want. So the first aim of this policy was to discourage this, and encourage delegates to rely on their ideas, arguments and structuring abilities. The second aim was to inspire more dynamic speeches with gestures and eye contact maintained between delegates. What makes a good diplomat and speaker, is being able to get people to listen to you and be engaging. The no device policy was to further this.

V. SGMUN: unofficial delegation trip

At the proposal of the Secretaries-General, an unofficial delegation trip was organised to St. Gallen (SGMUN) from November 20th-23rd. Traditionally, the only trip organised by Delegation takes place during the second semester, however this trip was greatly appreciated by delegates, as it further introduced them into the world of MUNs. This was also a great opportunity to invite members from other departments and introduce them to MUN-style debate. We will recommend to the next heads of Delegation that this trip be continued.

VI. Awards and attendance

We were able to start the sessions one week earlier than last year. Over our 11 total sessions, the attendance was 87.88%, with $\frac{1}{3}$ of the delegates never missing a session. We commend our delegate's commitment and are very pleased with overall attendance, setting a high standard for the second semester.

We decided to give awards to all our delegates at the end of the semester. 5 of the awards were traditional MUN awards: Best delegate (1), Outstanding delegates (2), Honorable mentions (2). The atmosphere of this semester was very friendly and open, with delegates that were very eager to learn from one another.

Spring Semester 2026

I. Recruitment

8 members of Delegation left after the first semester, most of them being exchange students that only spent one semester in Geneva or UNIGE students that left for their academic exchange. During a recruitment phase much more brief than in the first semester we recruited 3 new delegates, putting the member count at 27 for the spring semester.

The smaller number of applications can be attributed to the fact that virtually no investments into advertising such as class shoutouts were made and that the interest in joining an association is much lower during the academic year than at the beginning thereof, with many students interested in such activities already participating in the association of their choice.

Our new team consisted of 14 women and 13 men, among which were 2 international exchange students.

II. Vision and what we learned from Semester 1

We were very impressed by the level of debate in the first semester, especially when considering the fact that this was the first MUN experience for many amongst the committee. Countless delegates made huge improvements during the semester, and while many were noticeably nervous and insecure, big improvements were visible across the board. This lead us to enter the second semester with the confidence that our delegates were up for a challenge, which is why we proposed 2 more difficult topics of debate: Increasing Resilience to Climate Disasters & Climate Change in UNDRR on one hand, and a historical crisis committee featuring the United States National Security Council during the Korean War in 1950 on the other hand. A majority of delegates voted in favour of the historical committee.

III. Topic of debate

This committee and topic were inspired by the United States House of Representatives committee at St. Gallen MUN 2025. The Korean War: The US National Security Council was a highly technical and specialised committee. It required not just a study guide, but also completely rewritten Rules of Procedure, committee documents and adjusted modes of debate.

We implemented a „learning-by-doing“ approach to this, as we agreed that it would be nearly impossible to think of all eventualities, meaning it would be easier to adapt the Rules of Procedure during the semester in case we run into limitations of the current version. This was communicated to the delegates at the beginning of the semester. Contrary to our expectations, very few changes had to be made during the semester.

For us as heads, this special committee meant that our responsibilities during and in between debates increased quite significantly.

Next to our usual tasks of overseeing and structuring the debate, giving feedback to delegates and enforcing the rules of procedure, we now also had to act as „back roomers“. This included reading through all the documents that were passed during the session and deciding on the next events that happen in the crisis. This task was not always easy, because many different wishes and points of view had to be taken into account, and while the events that happened naturally didn't follow the true historical timeline, we still wanted to keep things realistic.

At the end of the sessions, we covered around half a year of events (compared to about 3 years of war historically), but still managed to come to a satisfying ending that tied up all loose ends.

IV. UABMUN: official delegation trip

During the first semester, delegates voted for UABMUN in Barcelona as our destination for this year's official delegation trip. The conference took place from March 26th to 29th at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. GIMUN sent a delegation of 15 people, including us Heads of Delegation to the conference. We stayed at a hostel in central Barcelona, with the university campus being in the outskirts of the city, about a one hour train ride from our accommodation. The delegation trip was a great opportunity for all delegates to get to know each other more closely, and we believe that the group has grown much closer during the trip. The conference offered a different academic environment than other conferences such as the GIMUN Annual Conference.

Overall the trip was a great experience and deepened the bond delegates had between each other.

V. Awards and attendance

Attendance was similar to the first semester, standing at 85.35% over the 10 sessions. This puts our total attendance for the entire year at an outstanding average of 86.68%.

Once again, awards were given to all delegates, with 4 traditional MUN awards („Best Delegate“ (1), „Most Improved Delegate“ (1), and „Honorable Mention“ (2)) and 23 custom, committee specific awards.

Amelie Vinall & Jan Demuth

Heads of Delegation of GIMUN 2025 - 2026

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Autumn Semester 2025

In the first semester, the Public Relations Department took shape by recruiting six members with four of them being new additions. The department's main focus was to acquire a new structure for the coming semester with the goal of fostering new projects and creating a more dynamic workforce.

Annual Conference Instagram Page

Already before the semester had started, the Public Relations Department worked with the Secretaries-General to create an official Instagram page solely for our Annual Conference. We have created a new logo that can now be used for the coming years, giving our conference more distinct branding. Although the new Instagram page is primarily under the direction of the Communications Department of the Secretariat, it is still working closely with the PR department through collaborating posts.

Overall Content adaptations

The first semester primarily focused on introducing the Public Relations department to our new members. With emphasis on consistency, the PR department created various formats such as the UN Day 2025 Series, GIMUNxLIMUN Series, and the continuation of the Delegation Trip documentations (SGMUN). We focused on a slow transition from a primarily red to a more dynamic feed, including more color, yet keeping a certain consistency by sticking to guidelines such as font and distinct layouts.

PRxHRxDelegation

One of our first projects was to create a collaboration between the Delegation and Human Resources departments. Every week one HR and one PR member would visit the delegation session with two main tasks. The first more PR-oriented activity was to create content for our Instagram and Tiktok pages to give an insight into our delegation community. The second activity was to publish an article written by the HR department on the topic of the delegation session.

The main idea behind the inter-departmental collaboration was to foster connections between our members and increase the work they have with each other.

TikTok

In the fall semester we also introduced our official TikTok account with the goal of reaching new audiences and giving our members more freedom when it comes to content creation. Shorter and more spontaneous videos that could not be published on our Instagram account could now be produced to show a more authentic side of GIMUN.

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During the second semester, the Public Relations Department focused on strengthening GIMUN's external communication through collaboration, innovation, and consistency. A coherent visual identity and tone were also maintained, particularly when promoting events and collaborations.

Use of different platforms

A key priority was to diversify our communication channels. While Instagram remained our main platform, we became more active on LinkedIn in order to reach a broader and more professional audience. We aimed to publish after every major event, allowing us to highlight GIMUN's activities, collaborations, and achievements in a more institutional format. This helped reinforce the association's credibility and ensured that our events were visible beyond our usual student audience.

In addition, we continued using TikTok as a platform for more informal and accessible content. This allowed us to present GIMUN in a more spontaneous and engaging way, while remaining coherent with our broader goal of reaching as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

Finally, we also contributed to the preparation of the French version of the website from a PR perspective, focusing on the overall presentation, visual consistency, and accessibility of the content. Although the French version has not been published yet, this groundwork will allow for a potential launch at the beginning of summer and further support GIMUN's bilingual identity.

New initiatives

The department also introduced new initiatives to make GIMUN's internal work more visible. The Department Series was created to present the different departments through short video formats, highlighting their tasks, achievements, and team spirit. Another key initiative was the organization of a Canva Workshop. The goal of this workshop was to introduce members, particularly those involved in communication and design-related tasks (entire PR Team as well as some HR members), to more functions and tools on Canva.

By improving the team's understanding of visual composition, branding, and design tools, we hoped to make future publications more efficient, creative, and professional.

In addition, we created participation certificates for all members, recognizing their involvement and contributions throughout the year.

Interdepartmental collaboration

Collaboration with other departments also played an important role in shaping our communication this semester. We worked closely with the Human Resources department on projects such as the newsletter and delegation news, and collaborated with the Translation department to ensure that our bilingual identity was reflected in most external communication. These exchanges helped make our content more inclusive, accurate, and representative of the association as a whole.

Internal structure and work progress

Internally, the PR team continued to rely on regular meetings to coordinate tasks and follow up on ongoing projects. Weekly meetings, often held in coffee shops, helped maintain a friendly and collaborative atmosphere, while shorter online check-ins allowed us to remain efficient when quick coordination was needed.

Overall, the second semester allowed the PR team to build on its previous work and further develop GIMUN's communication. Through new formats and closer cooperation with other departments, the team helped present the association in a more engaging and accessible way.

Yanna Spieser & Debora Mangone

PR Directors 2025-2026

TRANSLATION

Autumn Semester 2025

As Heads of the Translation Department, we started the 2025-2026 term by recruiting a team of 6 members. As selection criteria, we took into account the readiness to perform, translation experience and language combination of the candidates. As a result, the team brought together six students with French, German 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 a good mix of expertise in UN-terminology and with the practical know-how to tackle the problems and difficulties of professional translation.

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 communication, the GIMUN website, social media content, event announcements and newsletter articles. They were responsive and respected the deadlines we set.

These complementing backgrounds were also reflected in the division of work between the Heads of Translation: Alessia Serreli, a translation student herself, assured the quality of all translated content and gave individual feedback, while Roy Federer, student in international relations, took care of coordination and social activities.

Next to the regular tasks mentioned above, three special achievements by the Translation Department marked the term of 2025/2026: The full translation of the GIMUN website into French (from its previous English-only version), the creation of a new GIMUN glossary to ensure uniform translation and the creation of a methodological guide, more needed than ever in the age of AI.

Alessia Serreli & Roy Federer

Heads of Translation of GIMUN 2025-2026

HUMAN RESOURCES

We have seen much change in HR and a lot of things remained the same as last year. We will go over everything chronologically.

Soon after getting the role, Maxime Beckrich and Gabriel Hug decided to split the work roughly as follows: Max as the “journalist” responsible for the newsletter and Delegation News and Gabriel as the “administrator” responsible for applications.

This academic year began in HR - like in much of GIMUN - long before the semester even started. Gabriel took on the task of reforming the sometimes rather slow and tedious applications system. With the help of a lot of digital tools like Google Sheets, Forms, Gemini, the app script function and a lot of testing, we ended up with a fully functional system in autumn. The major changes Gabriel implemented were that now, the system would send an automatic and personalised email to each person that submitted the application forms. This email directly invited the applicant to choose an interview slot. They would then do so and the system stored all relevant information. Furthermore, the system was now capable of sending the personalised emails with the final decision (accepted/rejected) to the candidates just by ticking one cell in the Google Sheets and running a function. The new system saved us a lot of time and made the whole application process much more enjoyable from HR's perspective without losing user friendliness.

Using this system, we recruited a team of 8 (which is exceptionally big for HR) because we had ambitious projects: on top of the monthly newsletter, Max had the idea of bringing MUN journalism to GIMUN, having been inspired by his time in the IPC committee of the CBSMUN. This plan worked rather well and we got a lot of Delegation News articles onto the official GIMUN Instagram channel with the help of PR. Basically, the system was that each week/every two weeks, a HR member would attend the Delegation session on Tuesday, take notes, and then write an article covering what was happening in the discussions. The HR member was free to show up as an independent journalist, or under the aegis of a news outlet (Fox News, New York Times, The Independent etc.). We are very satisfied with the results, as it fostered increased ties amongst departments (i.e., PR and Delegation) and a majority of the team also liked to become a MUN journalist from time to time. We also produced six monthly newsletters. These were covering world news, European affairs, and culture. A section summarizing the delegation news over the course of a month was also included when relevant. A Christmas newsletter was also issued in December, which was quite a success.

We managed to release six newsletters which all were translated promptly by the Translation department and released by PR on Instagram in a shortened version. We changed the design of the newsletters quite a bit, in an effort to receive more engagement and build upon the remarks received during the previous feedback survey conducted by the heads of HR in 2024-2025. This change included switching from a “Canva” based design to a “Apple Pages” one. At the beginning of the year, Max (with a little bit of support by Gabriel) produced a template of what a default newsletter should look like, as well as a code book with the right font, sizes, margins and titles.

After having conducted a feedback survey this year as well (15 respondents), GIMUN members read on average 2.5 newsletter/3 by semester. The key takeaways for the next heads of department to remember is that: the legibility and diversity of the topics are appreciated, although promotion for the newsletter is not our strong suit (53.3% of respondents said so). The design is generally appreciated, although some members answered by saying they would like to see a change into something resembling a “traditional newspaper”. In terms of promotion, Instagram posts to announce the publishing, or a section on the GIMUN website to consult the newsletter has been discussed. Maybe a project for next year ?

To conclude, we strive as heads of the HR department to keep GIMUN the welcoming and supporting environment that it fosters, and are proud of what we have accomplished this year.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Hug & Maxime Beckrich

Heads of Human Resources of GIMUN 2025 - 2026

FINANCE

A year of financial success and growth

I am pleased to announce that the 2025–2026 term has been an exceptionally successful year for GIMUN on the financial front. While our association evolves every year, our core objective remains the same: the effective and strategic allocation of funds to ensure the success of our Annual Conference and a successful collaboration with a majority of the departments for allowing the internal events to happen.

Annual conference 2026

This year's week-long Annual Conference was a great success, bringing together 250 participants from around the world thanks to our work with the Organizing Committee. We are very grateful to our long-lasting sponsors: including the University of Geneva, our private donor and the DFAE, whose support helps this event grow every year. We give a special welcome and thanks to our newest sponsor: Loterie Romande, for providing extra funding, and to Presence Suisse for the high-quality gifts that participants kept as special souvenirs of the event.

Generous partnerships

We were incredibly fortunate to be sponsored by Camille Bloch, who provided world-class Swiss chocolates alongside Peak Drinks, both of these products were distributed during our UN Day at the Palais des Nations, adding a special touch to an already prestigious day.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to have secured a long-lasting partnership with Red Bull, which provided a vital energy boost during the GIMUN x UNIDIR event. During the Annual Conference, our participants also benefited from Mono Drinks ginger shots, which were a huge hit for keeping energy levels high during long days of debate. We also maintained strong ties with our long-standing institutional sponsors. We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all our partners; including the prestigious: Graduate Institute, University of Geneva, your generosity allowed our participants to have an even more amazing experience than we could have provided alone.

Internal events

Beyond our main conference, the Finance Department worked closely with the Events Team to ensure that all internal events and secondary conferences were fully funded. This was made possible through our collaboration with the CGTF (Commission de gestion de la taxe fixe), the UNIGE organ that provides essential funds for student association events. Their support is very valuable, and by working effectively with them, we were able to keep GIMUN's internal community active and engaged throughout both semesters.

Expanding the GIMUN brand and delegations

This year also saw an exciting collaboration with the Public Relations (PR) department, which launched a new branch of GIMUN-branded merchandise. This was a strategic move to diversify our visibility and reinforce a sense of identity among the association.

Finally, our work with the Delegation Department allowed students to participate in two successful trips: one to St. Gallen in the first semester and another to Barcelona in the second. Both trips were a massive success, with around 15 people attending each.

Closing remarks

In closing, I am proud to report that GIMUN is in a position of great strength and stability. I want to thank our members, our sponsors, and our partners for being part of this amazing year with us. Your commitment and generosity have made all these achievements possible.

I step down with gratitude for the opportunity to have served as Director of Finance, and I am confident that the association is well-prepared for successes in 2026–2027.

Sincerely,

Stefaniya Shevtsova

Director of Finance, GIMUN 2025–2026

EVENTS

It is with great pleasure that I look back on this collective adventure, which will always remain a particularly enriching experience for me, both on a personal and organizational level.

The main challenge of this role lay in the very nature of the mission: taking over a department with few established foundations, and an entirely new team. At the beginning of the year, this complexity became fully apparent: starting over from almost nothing requires adaptability, organizational discipline, and team cohesion, which we had to build simultaneously. It is in this challenging context that we have nonetheless succeeded to put together an ambitious and quality program.

The initial recruitment process has, in this regard, laid a solid foundation: we had the privilege of conducting interviews with a high diversity of profiles, all of whom were genuinely motivated, which bodes well for the department's future vitality.

Summary of Organized Events

Throughout the year, we had the opportunity to organize several events, including which:

1. Partnership with LIMUN

We have organized an interactive conference in partnership with LonMUN, which aimed at promoting their Annual Conference in London. This event served to introduce the MUN-format to a wider audience and provide an immersive experience for participants.

2. Mini-debate with the University of Zurich, Preventing Children from Becoming Child Soldiers

In collaboration with students from the University of Zurich, we have organized a one-hour mini-debate on the following topic: "Preventing Children from Becoming Child Soldiers". Each participant was paired with a member of the Zurich team, contributing therefore to an enriching exchange and providing a first simulation experience for most of our members.

3. Conference on International Law with Paola Forgion and Marco Sassoli

This conference, dedicated to the role of International Law during the 21st century, has gathered approximately eighty people. It was moderated by Orlane and Aleidis, two members of our Department, who had the honor of welcoming Paola Forgion and Marco Sassoli, whose interventions sparked insightful exchanges with the audience. The speakers' feedback was particularly positive, underlining the quality of the organization and the audience's commitment. An undeniable success.

4. Christmas dinner night

At the end of the first semester, we wanted to organize a meaningful event for our members to get together. This night brought members together for cooking workshops, a Canadian buffet, and some socializing. Widely appreciated, this event fulfilled its dual aim: strengthening team cohesion and providing a space for relaxation and social connection. I recommend continuing this event next year.

5. Movie Night, No Other Land

The screening of the movie No Other Land drew together nearly sixty people, with a particularly notable diversity in the audience: profiles we don't usually reach came, which reflects the impact of this event beyond our usual circle.

6. Disarmament Conference, Why Does Disarmament Matter in Times of Uncertainty?

Organized around the question "Why Does Disarmament Matter in Times of Uncertainty (21st Century)?", this conference benefited from a panel of major speakers: Mr. Simon Cleobury, Head of Arms Control and Disarmament at the GCSP; Ms. Florence Foster, Senior Project Manager at the Geneva Academy; Ms. Hine-Wai Loose, Director of Control Arms; and Ms. Guillermin-Golet, representative of UNIDIR.

7. RTS Visit

We had the opportunity to visit the RTS premises last March with 20 GIMUN members. This guided tour allowed us to learn more about the Swiss broadcaster and discover the professions connected to this field.

8. WTO Visit

Last March, we had the opportunity to visit the WTO with 45 members for an exchange with a representative of the organization. We were able to ask all our questions in order to better understand their role and how the WTO operates.

Unfinished Projects

It's also worth mentioning the considerable work our members put into projects that, unfortunately, could not come to fruition due to external constraints beyond our control — notably the advanced preparations for the GIMUN Birthday. This effort deserves full recognition, particularly since we ran into participation issues and the events team members never got discouraged despite their disappointment.

Support of the Executive Board

Alongside our own events, the department actively supported the EB in organizing post-conference events (UNDAY and UNIDIR), particularly in organizing the networking events following the day.

Collaboration with the Presidency

Throughout the semester, we maintained a close and fruitful collaboration with the President and Vice-President. Their attentiveness, availability, and involvement greatly facilitated our work, and this synergy was a real asset in carrying out our missions successfully.

The Team

The department started the year with five members in the fall, three of whom continued in the spring, joined by two new members. I want to highlight here the personal qualities and exceptional commitment of every single member. Despite the difficulties we faced, we stayed united, driven by open and honest communication that made working together not only effective but genuinely enjoyable. Working with this team was a true privilege.

Finally, to conclude, this year was one of change for the Events department, with new challenges that we rose to meet. It was great working with such a committed team, and we made a point of pursuing projects we truly believed in.

I wish next year's team all the best going forward — I'm confident you'll put on great events. Next year's department starts off with a solid foundation for organizing quality events. We fulfilled our mission of building connections and establishing recurring events.

Manon Alize Girardeau

Head of Events 2025-2026

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