



NEWSLETTER N° 1

Dear Friends,

This Newsletter will provide you with updates on our conference, and will allow you to plan ahead. The information included here as well as this newsletter will be also available on our website. Please read it carefully, and do not hesitate to inquire should you need clarification.

ISSUES ON THE AGENDA

We decided to have only ONE issue per committee. It seemed to us that in a clause-by-clause debate such as we implement at PACMUN, there may be greater satisfaction in going into some depth on just one issue, instead of rushing to move from one issue to the next.

Depending on numbers, one or two additional committees may be added!

Sharing Responsibility to Implement Accountability

General Assembly

Improving Human Rights of Civilians in Yemen

Security Council

- Question of the Rohingya crisis

Political Committee

- Question of mobilizing the international community to actively combat corruption

Human Rights Committee

- Measures to strengthen the rights of the indigenous people

Environment Committee

- Question of the sustainable use and management of marine resources

UNODC

- Question of corruption in sporting events

SPECIAL

- Question of cyber-interference in the democratic process

UNICEF

- Implementing measures against the exploitation and violence against children

UNESCO

- Question of the risks posed by Artificial Intelligence

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, March 22, 2019	16h00-17h00	Registration
	17h00-18h30	Committees caucusing & opening speeches
	18h30-19h30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, March 23, 2019	09h00-10h30	Committee session (1)
	10h30-11h00	Snack break
	11h00-12h30	Committee session (2)
	12h30-13h30	Lunch (staggered)
	13h30-15h00	Committee session (3)
	15h00-15h30	Snack break
	15h30-17h00	Committee session (4)
	17h00	Visit Paris/Boat ride on Seine
Sunday, March 24, 2019	09h00-10h30	General Assembly (1)
	10h30-11h00	Snack break
	11h00-12h30	General Assembly (2)
	12h30-13h30	Lunch
	13h30-14h30	Closing Ceremony

DELEGATION SIZE

As explained last year, the record attendance of our conference has stretched our capacities. On the one hand our premises make it impossible to have committees with more than 20-22 delegates (except for SC at 15), and on the other hand, providing mentor chairs from the upper school has proved a challenge. We have also received expressions of interest from numerous new partners, and we would like to offer them the possibility to join the PACMUN conference. Such considerations have been carefully weighed, and we have reached an important decision.

As a result, it was decided that, as a first stage, all registrations to PACMUN would be limited to

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delegates (it is of course still possible to come with a smaller delegation). If we see that registration allows an extension of this limitation, you will be informed. On the other hand, we might prefer to increase the number of committees if necessary (without going beyond 9 or 10 – which are the absolute upper limit). Please do not plague us with particular requests, which will not be considered before registration is sufficiently advanced to give us a good view of the situation.

We are simply the victims of our own success, and we try hard to maintain the high quality of our conference while catering for increasing interest in participation.

REGISTRATION

We have streamlined and simplified, as well as professionalized our registration procedure.

Stage 1: Simply access our Google Form on our website, or at this address:

<https://tinyurl.com/PACMUN2019>

complete and submit it! This will give us your contact and approximate number of delegates you plan to bring to the conference (up to 12). We expect within the next two weeks to have a relatively clear view of registration, and as stated above will inform if the limitation can be slightly extended.

Stage 2: will be a second Google Form, which will open on **January 15**, in which you will assign your students to the committees of their choice.

We request that all partners be mindful of budgetary issues, and do not register and commit before they have a reasonable certainty that they can incur the expenses of the conference. Turkish schools should especially be aware of the economic and financial crisis in their country (which caused some partners to cancel their participation in our US PAMUN conference), and check with their parents before committing.

ACCOMMODATION

As last year, all out of town partners are invited to stay at the same two hotels. The two hotels are glued to each other, and they have one common reservation service. We will run a shuttle service to and from the school, and at least once into Paris in Saturday evening. They have given us an excellent deal!

Campanile hotel in Suresnes:

<https://www.campanile.com/fr/hotels/campanile-paris-ouest-pont-de-suresnes>

Twin rooms are **63 €** each room, breakfast included (instead of 148€ regular price !)

Première Classe in Suresnes:

<https://www.premiereclasse.com/fr/hotels/premiere-classe-paris-ouest-pont-de-suresnes>

Triple rooms are **57 €** each room, breakfast included (instead of 86€ regular price !)

Twin rooms are **53 €** each room, breakfast included (instead of 80€ regular price !)

Campanile is a wee-bit more “fancy”, while Première Classe is more basic (as is their breakfast), but still appropriate for students. There is a small Tourist tax to be added per person/day: **1.50€** at Campanile and **0.90€** at Première Classe.

To reserve, contact the reservation (see below) and specify this is for the PACMUN conference organized by the American School of Paris. We have been requested that contacts be established only and exclusively by **email** (NO phone calls)! The number of rooms allotted at this reduced price is limited, and if/once the quota is reached, rooms will be made available at the regular price. The negotiated conference price is only valid on Friday-Sunday, any extension before or after the conference will be charged at the regular price.

Responsable groupes et séminaires

Groups and meetings manager

Campanile et Première Classe Paris Ouest Pont de Suresnes

groupe.suresnes@campanile.fr

Be aware that rooms for PACMUN participants will be held until **February 22nd**, after this date rooms that have not been reserved will revert to the general pool. So you need to contact them before that date.

CONFERENCE FEES

- One-time conference fee per school: **50 €**
- Individual participation fee (Delegates & Directors): **85 €**
- Shuttle service for schools staying in our partner hotels **35 €**

JANUARY 15 DEADLINE

You should expect to receive by this date:

- Your Country assignment. Each school will (hopefully, unless we end up with more than 15 schools!) have one Security Council seat. All SC member states will have a seat in all committees. SC seats will be pre-assigned by us. Other additional countries will be chosen by you on the scroll-down menu on FORM II.
- A link to the FORM II Google Doc, to complete within two weeks, with the names of all participants as assigned in their committees. This will serve as the basis to establish your invoice to be paid at your earliest.

Our aim is also to be able to post most Research Reports on our website by mid-January.

PREPARATION TIPS

Your first visit should be to our conference website, where you will find useful information, as well as guidance on preparation to the conference:

<http://www.pacmuners.com>

You may also find useful:

MUN 101: <http://itun.es/i6Jc6Fz>

THIMUN Training Documents:

http://www.thimun.org/images/downloads/THIMUN_2014_Basic_Guideline.pdf

http://www.thimun.org/images/downloads/final_mun_guide.pdf

Other useful links:

<http://bestdelegate.com/>

<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/modelun/prep.html>

<http://www.unausa.org/global-classrooms-model-un/>

With Hearty MUN Greetings,

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