



NEWSLETTER N° 2

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and warm MUN greetings from Paris !

COMMITTEES & ISSUES ON THE AGENDA

The responses to our invitation, as well as word of mouth, have contributed to raise significantly the number of participants to our conference (Thank you for the vote of confidence and welcome to all new schools!), and as a result we've had to increase the number of committees in the conference and go once again from eight committees to ten. Our conference is at full capacity and bursting at the seams. We will therefore be unable to respond to requests to expand delegation ... on the other hand any shrinking will be most welcome.

Our updated list of committees and issues appear on our website, and may also be found below:

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

Disarmament Committee:

- The question of limiting access to arms by terrorist organizations

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 1

- Question of corruption in sporting events

UNODC 2

- Promoting effective international cooperation to combat transnational organized crime

SPECIAL Committee

- Question of cyber-interference in the democratic process

UNICEF

- Implementing measures against the exploitation and violence against children

UNESCO

- The question of the risks posed by Artificial Intelligence

You should expect all **Research Reports** to be progressively published on our website in the next two weeks. The reports have either been written from scratch, or updated and adapted from PAMUN and THIMUN reports, which needed to be adjusted to MS level by my Upper School conference mentors, who should be commended for their diligence in completing this task in a timely manner.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

We have slightly modified the conference schedule, inverted the Friday evening kick-start, and slightly streamlined the Sunday GA debate. As it stands now, the schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 22, 2019	16h00-17h00	Registration
	17h00-18h30	Committees: opening speeches & caucusing
	18h30-19h30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, March 23, 2019	09h00-10h30	Committee session (1)
	10h30-11h00	Snack break
	11h00-12h30	Committee session (2)
	12h30-13h30	International 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	09h00-10h00	General Assembly - Extended Caucus (1)
	10h00-10h30	Snack break
	10h30-12h30	General Assembly - Debate (2)
	12h30-13h30	Lunch
	13h30-14h30	Closing Ceremony

I hope it is unnecessary to emphasize that an MUN conference is an event which should be experienced holistically. It is detrimental to the experience if delegations arrive late or leave early, and as a result “cut corners” and do not participate in the conference taken as a whole.

TIPS ON PROCEDURE

As last year, short 30 second speeches will be entertained in the constitutive committee meetings on Friday, before the Opening Ceremony. The best speech in the eyes of the chairs from each committee will be repeated in the Opening Ceremony.

The main difference of procedure in PACMUN is that the debates are clause-based and not resolution-based. In many other conferences, delegates come with a draft resolution and merge their draft resolutions with the draft resolutions of other delegates during the lobbying process, thus producing a revised (merged) version that is debated during the Committee sessions. This is not the case at PACMUN. At PACMUN, delegates come with only a few **draft clauses**, which they merge with the draft clauses of other delegates during caucus. These revised/merged clauses are then debated individually during the Committee sessions. Votes are taken following each clause-debate, and if the clause passes, it is included in the Resolution. At the end of the clause-by-clause debate, a vote is taken on the resolution as a whole. Amendments to each clause are in order during the clause-by-clause debate.

As a rule, debates at PACMUN are Open Debates, except on Amendments, and as the chairs see fit to introduce Closed Debate in the interest of debate.

Caucus is the PACMUN-equivalent of lobbying in other conferences: we use a different term to distinguish between the regular whole-resolution-merging process called Lobbying and specific PACMUN-style clause-by-clause caucusing, which is to merge individual clauses and gain the required amount of signatures in order to submit the clause to the Chair for debate. Caucus-time may be requested by delegates, if they feel the need to have quick and informal contact on a clause or on an amendment, or may be offered by the chairs when they feel the need arises and the flow of debate requires. It is ruled by the chairs and their ruling is final and does not require a vote.

MUN Directors are required to instruct their delegates of the implications for debate of the clause-by-clause system: it is not a valid reproach to criticize a clause by saying it's not doing this or that ... which may be suggested in other clauses! Clauses by definition all deal with specific aspects; it is therefore imperative for the success of the debate that students be mindful of this fact, and display patience in assessing each clause on its own intrinsic value and contribution to tackle the issue as a whole.

Clauses and amendments which are debated are typed and projected on a screen. There is no need at PACMUN for delegates' laptops during debates

Other than these PACMUN-specifics, THIMUN rules prevail.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

MUN Directors are required to access our Google [FORM II](#) online, and to complete their individual registration. This form allows MUN Directors to choose the country/countries which their delegates will represent. The registration process has a few "rounds".

In the first round, you need to choose one of the Security Council countries, and complete the names of your delegates in all committees. It is evident that you will choose to represent one of the P-5 countries only if you actually have a very strong student able to represent it in the SC, and that you have other students who will do a decent job of representing the country's position in the rest of the committees. Otherwise you will choose to represent one of the other ten SC members.

We have a few partner schools coming to PACMUN with a smaller delegation (6-8 delegates). Those schools are advised not to choose a SC country, because they are unable to represent it in all committees, and are required to go directly to round two.

In the second round – for those delegations coming with more than 10 students, you will again be asked to choose a second country from a drop down list, and you will proceed to register additional delegates in their committees.

Delegations from Turkey and from France, please write all names without accents and only first letter of first and last names are capitalized. The information you give on the form will be used to produce badges, placards, and certificates. After you submit your form you will receive an email with a copy of your choices. Please save this email so we can avoid any conflicts when it comes to names as they appear in our database.

Note that once the form is submitted, any changes need to be sent to me by email. For the sake of simplicity, please limit such changes as much as possible, so as not to swamp me with multiple requests.

Bottom line: this system empowers the MUN Director, and heavily relies on his/her sense of responsibility and professional assessment of the capabilities, strengths and weaknesses of his/her delegates.

Click here to be directed to our Google Form Registration, or cut and paste this link into your browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/PACMUN-Form2>

ACCOMMODATION & SHUTTLE SERVICE

Delegations which have ticked the box when completing FORM I – that they plan to stay at one of the two hotels in Suresnes (Campanile or Première Classe) – will be asked again, at the bottom of FORM II, to tick a box confirming they will use the Shuttle.

It is simply impossible to provide a shuttle service to delegations which arrive at different times, some by train and some by plane. If you wish to organize your own transportation and wish to avoid public transportation, your best bet is to contact the bus service used by the American School of Paris – SAVAC, and get a quote for your requirements: contact Solange Deschamps, s.deschamps@savac.fr

On the other hand, it might be possible to organize a shuttle service at the end of the conference on Sunday, to take you either to your train station or to your airport. An email to that effect would be enough, and the fees for this service will be added to your Invoice: **10 €** per person.

SATURDAY EVENING OUT & ABOUT IN PARIS

Delegations staying at the above hotels (Campanile & Première Classe) in Suresnes, and benefiting from the Shuttle service to and from ASP campus (and paying for it), will have a bus taking them to Paris on Saturday after the conference (17:00). The bus will stop at the Pont-Neuf, for those wishing to “roam” a bit and find a place for a delegation dinner, as well as for those wishing to take a boat-ride on the Seine. Other delegations wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity, despite having chosen to be in

another hotel, may send me an email to inform me. In that case, price of the shuttle will be **10 €** per person.

Sorry, the shuttle will only bring you to this one venue, but no shuttle back! You'll have to make your own way back to your respective accommodations by public transportation.

PAYMENTS

The information you leave on FORM II will be used to generate (still manually ... electronic will be next stage for next year) an **Invoice**, which will be sent to you a few days after your registration has been received. Invoices are to be paid promptly upon receipt. Let's make this as easy and painless as possible for all concerned.

All payments to be made to:

American School of Paris
IBAN: FR76 3000 4008 8400 0209 7632 940
Swift/BIC: BNPAFRPPIFO
BNP Paribas
139-141 Grand rue
92380 Garches, France

Please indicate clearly on the Transfer:

"PAMUN Conference"

and the

name* of your school

Please let us know when the institution paying the bill is different from the school! This helps with tracking.

* If you're "American School of ..." or "International School of ..." – please shorten to: "AS of ..." and "IS of ..." so you may be identified!

VISA LETTER

Schools in need of a letter of invitation for Visa purposes – we have a standard letter which is easy to adapt to each school. Once your list of participants is finalized, send me a request for such a letter by email, with the names of the students/adults in need of a visa, and I will send back to you the necessary paperwork.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please note that in the few days running-up to the conference, and during the conference, you may reach me at: **+33 630 29 47 29**

Cordially,

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