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Thank You!

A last message from your Chief of Press

Dear participants of OLMUN 2019,
With this last issue of the "Daily Diplomat", my time as Chief of Press at OLMUN 2019 comes to an end. It was a pleasure to coordinate and lead my wonderful press team. I would like to thank all members of the Inner Circle, without whose help, I could not have realised the "Daily Diplomat" day after day.

Particularly, I would like to thank Ruben Eero Semmerling, who created the layout of the newspaper as well as Dominik Ulke and Emma Beelen, who helped bringing the articles to perfection. Working day and night, consuming unspeakable amounts of coffee, we tried to cover every important event of this week.

Further, I would like to thank you for the positive feedback and also the constructive critique! We held ourselves to the highest standards and tried to improve with every issue.

In preparation of this week, my journalists elected their favorite areas of journalism to work in. Some provided you with funny, creative and tough riddles, some interviewed a large and diverse amount of participants and others provided insight in form of articles on different topics. We hope that we provided content to your liking.

We visited all committees and covered the topics debated, their guest speakers and delegates. Covering

these events required us to not only plan ahead, but rather to be spontaneous and to adapt to new challenges as they appeared.

As you might have read in our first issue of this conference, I wrote to you, that being Chief of Press and providing you with the "Daily Diplomat" is a great honor for me. Now, while writing my very last article of this year, I look back on a great week and I am looking forward to the next years and the new challenges we will face!

By Joanna Grave



Stories Behind Faces

"Believe in truth"



New face, new story. Amin Al Magrebi is 21 years old and one of this year's Presidents of the Human Rights Council. He first learned about OLMUN at his school in Berlin three years ago and immediately decided to take part. Acting twice as a delegate, he now decided to participate as a chair, which is not always easy.

Besides the fun parts, like making up and distributing punishments, he sometimes has to stay up until 1am for this stressful job.

Amin has just finished his Abitur and is now looking forward to study history or politics in order to realize his dream of becoming a journalist.

Originally from Syria, he left his home country in September 2015 because of the ongoing civil war which started in 2011. Because he has seen "how bad the world can be and how terrible things happen", Amin wants to bring good to the world and be the change it needs.

To him, the most important values are tolerance, empathy and the be-

lieve in truth. Furthermore he asks for more social justice, inclusion and freedom on a political level.

People should realize what is happening and accept the truth instead of denying it. If there are victims, humans should help humans, show empathy, believe and support each other in need.

Amin himself says his personality has changed a lot since he fled and he now believes in freedom, rebellion, dignity and the right to revolt.

By Femke Behrends, Tiffany Pieske & Gwen Buhl



Interview

An interview with Natalia



Natalia Bestelkova is a teacher from Belarus and a MUN-Director. She has been visiting OLMUN with her students for many years.

Which subjects do you teach?
I teach English in my school. In my country, it is normal to only teach one subject.

Is the school system any different to the school system in Germany?

Of course, a little bit. Firstly, the duration of the education is different. We only have eleven years of school in contrast to your thirteen years. Secondly, your level of English in Germany is great, compared to Belarus.

With how many students are you here and how do you choose them?

We are fourteen students and me. So, all in all we are fifteen. It is very easy to choose them, because they are all students in my own class. This year, I teach only one class of seniors, so they were the only ones I could take with me. They are all very good students.

In how many OLMUN conferences have you participated?

To tell the truth, I am always very confused to count all of them. But I started in 2002, it was the second OLMUN, it was not as big as it is now. The opening ceremony was held in the ceremony hall of the Cäcilienschule. It was hosted by Gero Elerd and he was fantastic. There were only 300 delegates.

Is there a difference between the OLMUN now and the OLMUN in the past?

The OLMUN has advanced greatly. I am so happy to compare the first ones with now. The preparation is very good. You are very well organized; the technical equipment is very impressive. I was also very impressed by the video in the opening ceremony. To be honest I nearly cried as it was a really good choice of spots. Furthermore, I see a development of your newspaper. I collected them to show my students the history of the OLMUN.

What do you think makes OLMUN special?

The level of debates is impressive. And the relevant topics of today are discussed. I really liked the speaker

of this year's ceremony; she presented the structure and ideas of the United Nations clearly. While visiting different committees, I could also experience the creativity of the chairs.

Do you have your own MUN in Belarus?

We used to have, I even conducted five MUNs. I miss it now, although it was a very exhausting and time-consuming activity. Besides, there was another problem: our country is politically isolated and that's why it was very difficult to get partners from all over the world.

Why do you always come back to OLMUN?

That is a very interesting question. I fell in love with your city, it is very picturesque, cosy and friendly. When we visit Oldenburg in the summer, all flowers flourish. Some of my students even found very good friends here and want to study in Germany. That's why I am extremely thankful for your housing program, it opened the doors for my students to Europe and the German language.

Could you imagine a year without OLMUN?

Yes, I had to miss a few conference because sometimes I felt that my students were not ready regarding their level of preparation and their English skills.

By Svenja Wiecking, Sarah Bieberstein & Carla Tolksdorf



- Breaking News -

Emergency during committee session!



Today, there was a special event during the Session of the Security Council. The whole Council with all the 16 delegates, the staff as well as the two Presidents and two Journalists was got evacuated to an old storage hall at the "Fliegerhorst", a small airport. The committee had to move to this secret location due to a threat against the delegate of the United States by Venezuelan military actorsseparatists. The Security Council then had to focus on preventing a war under these special circumstances.

By Nai Alscheikh Almukadam & Mia Kluge



A Crisis Solved by the Security Council

American convoy attacked by Venezuelan military

The Security Council at this year's OLMUN dealt with issues surrounding the humanitarian, economic and political crisis in Venezuela. Therefore, the crisis had to be a more urgent version of the issues our committee dealt with in the sessions beforehand. Consequently, the crisis team started planning possible scenarios early this year.

Our scenario consisted of a three-stage plan, starting with a threat against the delegation of the United States of America, whose government decided to send convoys of emergency relief goods to Venezuela without consulting other countries, especially not Venezuela. Venezuela's government, or at least some high-ranking officers in the military would not accept the help of a foreign power and therefore threatened the delegation of the U.S. in order to

force them to stand back from further deliveries. In the second stage, the military of Venezuela attacked the convoys within the borders of their country, forcing the Security Council to deal with an angry American delegation, a furious Venezuelan delegation and very calm delegations of Belgium and Indonesia, trying to find an acceptable solution for all parties. With the third stage of our plan, the debate immediately became more heated and intense: The military forces of Venezuela invaded Colombia in order to prevent further American convoys from proceeding, which some countries saw as a violation of the integrity of Colombia and its borders.

Our delegates quickly started drafting a Presidential Statement, which will later be uploaded to the OLMUN website, condemning the

actions taken by Maduro's armed forces and urging all parties involved to come to a ceasefire agreement. Lastly, all countries agreed on having bilateral negotiations. The statement was signed by the presidency and put into effect immediately.

On a funny note, one delegate and Inner Circle member decided to be "funny" and told first time delegates in the Security Council that there was going to be an evacuation. This led to him being arrested for treason at the end of the session and thrown out before the final vote on the statement.

The crisis was a total success and all our delegates enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and enact our little drama!

By David Sperling

Rewriting History in the HSC

We took our delegates on a time travel to 1973

Egyptian military trucks cross the Suez Canal on October 7, 1973. © Wikimedia Commons



Not all our committees are set in the present - the HSC delegates have spent the past few days in 1973. Back then, many things were different, but the Security Council already existed in its current form and with its current tasks. So when a crisis erupted in the Middle East in October due to an attack on Israel by a coalition of Arab states, the Council convened to discuss this threat to international security.

The attack was surprising in itself, but the conflict between Israel and the Arab states had existed for several decades already. The Yom Kippur War was one of several outbreaks of this continuous conflict, as Egypt and Syria aimed to regain territories they considered unlawfully occupied by Israel. Fighting took place in the strategic areas of the Suez canal - a major shipping route - and the Sinai region, where Israel and Egypt share a border.

The real-world Security Council managed to negotiate a resolution calling for a ceasefire. The climate for negotiations was especially challenging as the U.S. supported Israel and the Soviet Union helped the Arab coalition, but the ceasefire helped bring about a disengagement agreement between the two sides, and a - as we know now - very fragile peace.

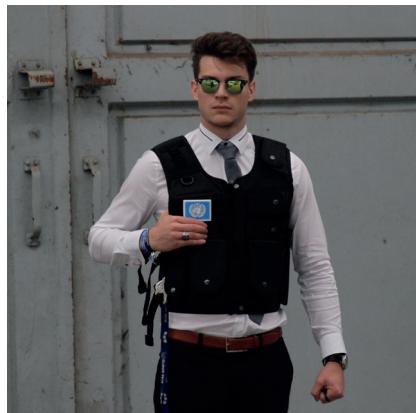
That is what happened in real life - but what about the delegates at OL-MUN?

To change the course of actions the chairs planned a little crisis: the adviser of the king of Jordan for security and defense visited the committee and shared information that changed everything. Apparently the Jordan intelligence agency found out that Egypt received a shipping of weapons and armed their civilians. So there was not only a war over the Sinai but also the possibility of an Egyptian civil war starting. Since this situation could escalate quickly, the delegate had to react with drastic measures on this urgent event. A resolution calling for ceasefire was submitted by the United Kingdom and passed.

By discussing this conflict and its historical roots, we hope to gain a deeper understanding of the current crises in the Middle East, as the conflict is still ongoing.

By Emma Beelen & Nika Andouz

An Interview with the Crisis Manager



How was this year's crisis planned? Was there anything special?

Yes, the police escort was definitely special this year. We had it last year as well, but this time it was in full scope, with blue lights and a wild ride through all of Oldenburg. Additionally, the location was special, since it was a pretty secluded place and we could actually enter the hall with the vehicles, which was new as well.

What was the most difficult task to manage?

The most difficult thing was probably bringing everyone to one place and getting them to cooperate. But as soon as we explained the situation to them, it worked out pretty well. Also the arrangement with the authorities was complicated.

So did everything go as planned? Or were there any problems?

It worked out even better than expected. Luckily, there were no big problems whatsoever.

By Cosima Scherbening



World Health Assembly (WHA)



The World Health Assembly makes decisions for the World Health Organization. Its tasks are the reviewing of policies, determining new ones and shaping the current actions of the organisation. This committee is also responsible for deciding on the WHO's financial matters. This year, the WHA is enhancing the prevention and control of epidemics. The resolution that was discussed today was submitted by Kuwait.

Special Conference (SpC)



The Special Conference is an organ created at OLMUN to deal with urgent issues and is not bound to a certain field of action. This year, it deals with the ensuring of freedom and independence of press and digital media, which is especially relevant in today's debates on fake news and their regulation.

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)



The ECOSOC is in charge of the coordination and the solutions for issues that concern the economy, the environment and social systems. Its mandate encompasses all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. That's why at this year's OLMUN it is responding to the increasing problem of counterfeit medications and foods during this OLMUN. The results of this discussion were submitted by Colombia, Egypt and Germany.

UNESCO



The UNESCO supports the growth of international collaboration through educational, scientific and cultural reforms. It also contributes to the eradication of poverty and supports building peace and ensuring sustainable developments. This year's topic is preserving and reconstructing the cultural heritage in war-torn areas. Morocco submitted the resolution for this debate.

NATO



NATO is a military alliance of North American and European states that was created during the Cold War. During OLMUN, the committee discusses the aggressive behaviour of the Russian federation towards its neighbouring countries. The resolution was submitted by Croatia.

Historical Security Council (HSC)



The Historical Security Council simulates the Security Council, but in a different time in history. This year, the delegates react to the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

United Nations Environment Program Governing Council (UNEP)



The UNEP takes action regarding climate change, natural disasters and resource management. A second important job is the administering of environmental treaties. At this OLMUN, it debates reducing the side effects of oil and gas extractions. Today's resolution was submitted by Russia.

Human Rights Council (HRC)



The Human Rights Council replaced the Commission on Human Rights because in 2006. Now it's responsible for the protection of human rights and the recommendations of problems to the GA. Its member states have the power to send humanitarian observer missions in crisis regions. This year's topic is the protection of civilians from sexual and military violence in combat zones.

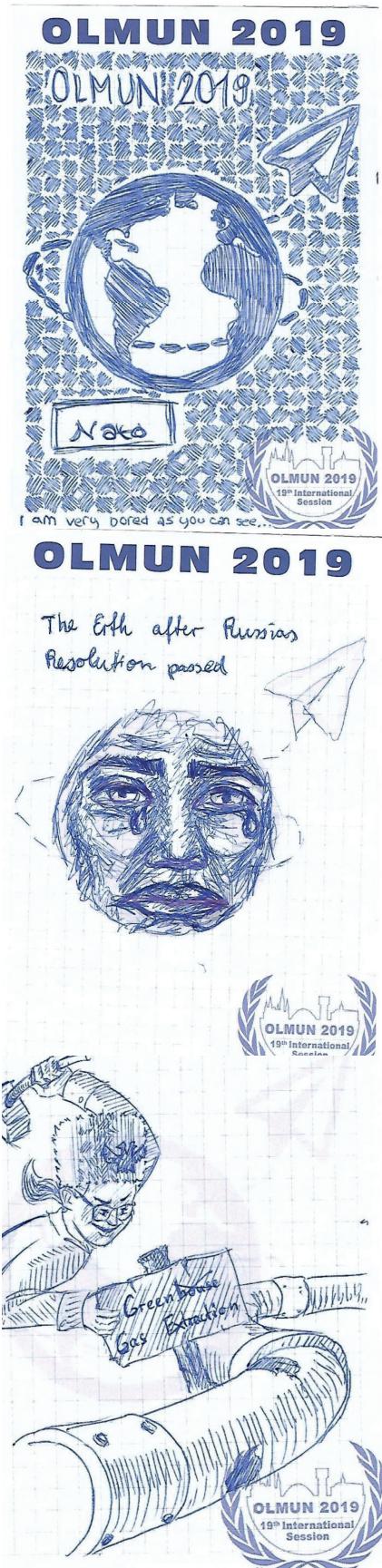
General Assembly's 1st Committee



The General Assembly is one of the six main organs of the United Nations. All 193 Member States of the United Nations are represented in this unique forum to discuss and work together on a wide array of international issues covered by the UN Charter.

Funny Notes

Spilling the Beans

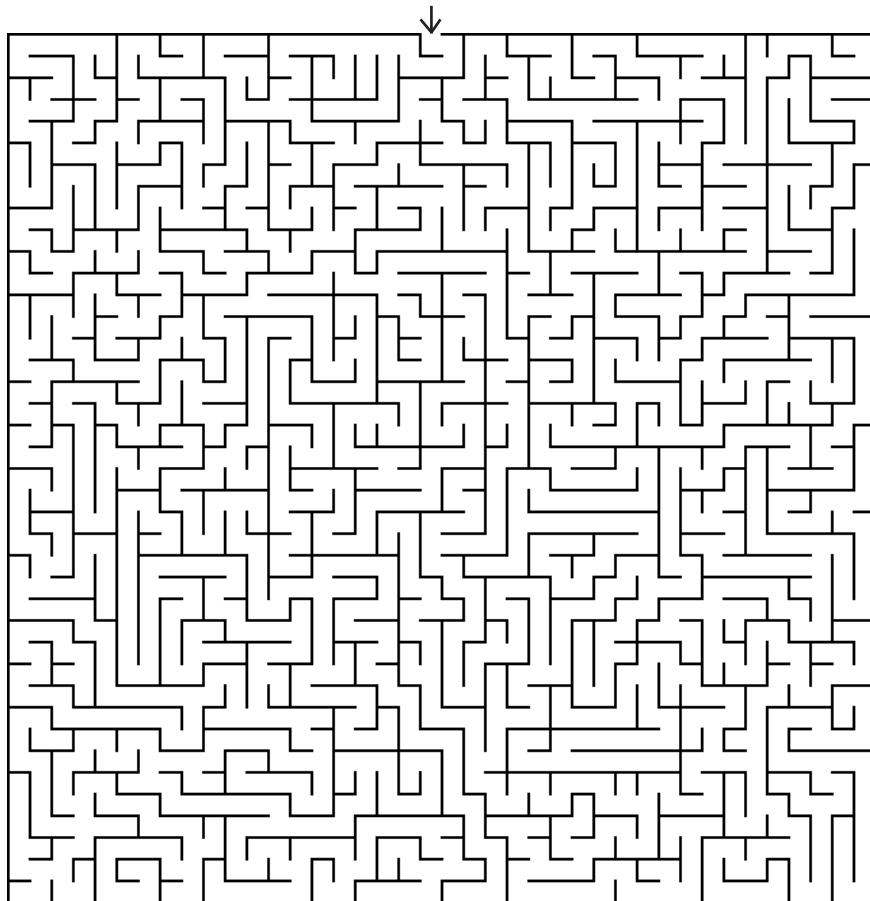


This moment when the chair person tells you to not declare war on smb.



Maze Mastermind

Time to test your general knowledge!



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Punishment

As every day there were some funny punishments!

The first funny action taken by ECOSOC chairs was a marriage proposal between Mexico and Brazil. After this not only the delegates but also the whole staff team had to dance for settling their faults. Since yesterday one delegate sticks out with his new name the I-delegate which he gained due to disregarding the I and You rule during the debates.

In the World Health Assembly happened some interesting punishments as well. Because of one delegate who was wearing sneakers for the 2nd time,

he had to take part in a singing duet to Idina Menzel's single Let It Go.

The chairs of the UNEP also were in a singing mood, that resulted in the delegates, who have been chosen for the punishments, being forced to sing "My heart will go on". And the all-time favourite: a part of the punished ones received the opportunity to dance to "Swish Swish" on Just dance.

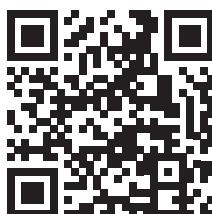
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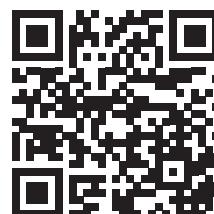
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Weather

Should I stay or should I go?

Friday



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Afternoon

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Evening

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Closing Ceremony

Do not forget to join us tomorrow at 2 pm for the Closing Ceremony at the Weser-Ems-Halle. Our Chairs will look back on a week of hard work in their committees and our Deputy Secretary General, Amelie Schmidt, will conclude this year's conference with her speech.



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