

XXIII IBERIAN MODEL UNITED NATIONS IMUNION

The History Of IMUN



Every year around November, CAISL hosts the IMUN conference. All of high school (grades 9-12) can participate in it.

The delegates spend weeks

preparing; they research their countries, write position papers, and participate in practice debates. Finally, they spend 2 and a half days debating their resolutions with students from different schools and countries during the IMUN conference. This tradition was started in 1994. Before IMUN was created, The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) brought CAISL and the American School of Madrid together to prepare for debate in Merida, Spain every year. Just like IMUN, there were preparatory debates for THIMUN for the delegates to practice. IMUN itself originated from those debates, and turned into the event we have now.

For a while, the conferences were held at the

Luso-American Foundation, but now they are held at CAISL and Centro Cultural de Belém. In the beginning, not many schools were involved. However, the number grew every year. At the 14th conference in 2008, there were 12 participating schools, and now, for the 23rd conference, there will be 22 schools (about 300 individuals) involved.

The MUN programs were made to model the United Nations General Assembly, Special Conference, and Security Council. The delegates spend the conference lobbying, merging and debating actual resolutions based on current UN agenda issues. IMUN was created to help place more emphasis on the process of the debates rather than the conclusion. The preparation, the practice debates, and papers, help students develop leadership, negotiation, and diplomatic skills. In addition, IMUN gives them an understanding of the challenges faced in solving global issues, and the importance of countries working together. The conference is a fun way of learning about the world. In this era of globalization, being culturally and politically aware is more important than ever. IMUN is an exercise in research, public speaking, and teamwork. These are skills that you will need throughout your career, and IMUN provides a chance to practice them while still in school.

Thank you for being part of the 23rd IMUN conference. It is the dedication of the delegates and staff that makes it such a success.

Pearl Partridge

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Zimbabwe - The Newcomers

This year, in our 23rd Iberian Model United Nations conference, HIS, Harare International School, will be joining us and participating in debates. This is the first time the school will be attending this conference and, in anticipation of their participation, the IMUN Press Team felt it was important to share a bit about the school's background.



Harare International School (HIS) is an independent, non-profit institution, serving students in Early Childhood 1 (EC 1) to Grade 12. The school started out small, with only 42 students but now has a diverse student body of approximately 450 students representing over 60 nationalities.

Harare International School is located in the capital of Zimbabwe, Harare, and was founded in 1992. The school was founded with help from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, representing the national government, and received help from the US Embassy. The school has IB accreditation and provides a welcoming and supporting environment for members of the expatriate community and returning Zimbabwean diplomats as well as their children.

Their curriculum is focused on shaping their students to be their best selves as well as preparing them for the world around them, as stated in their Mission Statement, "Harare International School, as an IB World School, enables the development of the skills, knowledge, values and attributes for life-long learning, community service and global citizenship."

We reached out to the MUN coordinator from HIS and asked him a few questions about MUN and their attendance at this year's conference.

What is the reason you chose to attend IMUN rather than another conference?

Harare International School MUN is attending IMUN in 2017 for a couple of reasons. First, because of IMUN's reputation as a leading conference, and secondly because it is a size that will allow our delegates to take an active role by participating meaningfully in committees. We also look forward to interacting with students from different backgrounds and perspectives. An added bonus is the opportunity to experience the rich culture of Lisbon.

What are the challenges faced when planning to attend this conference?

Students and the HIS Secretary Generals are experienced and organized when preparing as delegates, so that part is generally smooth from a directors' standpoint. Planning difficulties are the logistics of a trip like this: finding the right flights, booking accommodation and arranging the visas and paperwork necessary for a school group of 19 to travel across Africa to join you all in Portugal.

How does MUN relate to your school's curriculum and ideals?

MUN aligns very well with our goals at HIS: to be globally minded citizens, developing skills and making connections with peers from different backgrounds. Committee topics have a way of linking to content from all over the curriculum,

incorporating elements of the natural sciences, history, the humanities and modern languages. Students work hard and emerge from conferences with added confidence and a feeling of empowerment.

Zimbabwe, like many other African countries, was colonized by a European power, in this case, the British. Before being colonized the country was, and still is, inhabited by Shona people. It was a prosperous society, the only disturbances were disputes with Arab traders regarding the trade of materials such as gold and ivory.

Zimbabwe has a rich cultural heritage; however, the country is currently facing several problems, including the ever-spreading issue of poaching. "Greatly affected by years of government-sponsored poaching, trafficking by foreign diplomats, and lax enforcement of anti-poaching laws, Zimbabwe remains a region with great political and economic strife that fails to effectively utilize or protect its dwindling wildlife populations and natural resources." (poachingfacts.com)

There was once a time when Zimbabwe was the bread basket of Africa, however due to political and social issues, the country is now facing a national crisis. It also suffers from poverty, with an estimated 84% of its citizens unemployed.

While there are several issues, Zimbabwe also has rich cultural elements. The country is currently at a 90% literacy rate, an impressive rate for a developing African nation.

The country is also filled with beautiful environmental landmarks, among which is Victoria Falls, one of the largest



waterfalls in the world. This waterfall is located on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe, part of the Zambezi River.

We are glad a Zimbabwean school represented at the Iberian Model United Nations and look forward to the welcoming the Harare International School to this year's conference.

Carolina Rodrigues

Images taken from the official HIS website - <http://www.harare-international-school.com/>



Introduction to Our Keynote Speaker



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Every year, in the Iberian Model United Nations conference a Keynote speaker is specially selected in the aims of inspiring all those that make the conference possible. The delegates, press and ADMIN team of the 23rd Iberian Model United Nations Conference are fortunate enough to have the current President of Portugal, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, be this year's Keynote Speaker.

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has been involved with politics and law ever since the start of his career. He obtained a degree in Law from the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon and went on to complete a PhD in Legal and Political Sciences. To further his political career, he became Minister of Foreign Affairs and a member of the Council of State for over ten years. In addition to having received numerous awards, amongst them the Commendation of the Order of Saint James of the Sword, awarded by former President Mário Soares, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has also devoted a part of his career to Education, becoming a professor at several universities in Lisbon.

The Iberian Model United Nations Conference is privileged to have such an important member of the Portuguese government be the one to inspire this year's delegates, press and ADMIN staff; as well as remind them of the importance of conferences like IMUN to inform students of their world's problems and how they are currently being addressed.

Leonor Fernandes

António Guterres – Secretary General



“Diversity is a richness. It’s not a problem” – António Guterres

According to the United Nations, the Secretary-General is a “Symbol of the United Nations’ ideals and a spokesman for the interests of the world’s peoples, in particular the poor and vulnerable.”

The Secretary-General is the “chief administrative officer” of the UN and, according to

article 97-101 under Chapter XV of the United Nations Charter, is defined as a “diplomat and advocate, civil servant and CEO”. The Secretary-General must take the concerns of Member States under consideration at all times. He or she must also uphold the United Nations’ morals and values of peace, including freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, respect for nature, and shared responsibility. António Guterres was chosen to represent these moral values as the Secretary General of the United Nations due to his outstanding background and experience.

Born in 1949, António Guterres was elected the ninth Secretary General of the United Nations on the 13th of October 2016. Guterres was the Prime Minister of Portugal twice before becoming the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He is internationally respected for the work he has done at the UN Refugee Agency since joining in 2005. His long, distinguished political career in Portugal and the United Nations has prepared him well for the position of Secretary General of the United Nations.

Like his predecessor Ban Ki-moon, Mr. Guterres is a great supporter of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which outline a universal, integrated and transformative vision for a better world. This ensures that the UN will continue to work towards their international goal of peace.

António Guterres works with the goal of “running his Presidency in the most open and transparent manner possible.” Member States have been working in close contact with the Presidency of the General Assembly in order to strengthen the accountability, transparency and institutional memory of the Office. Resolution 70/305 on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly and its Annexes, adopted on 13 September 2016, has been welcomed as a milestone and breakthrough in this process. This resolution is Guterres’ first step in demonstrating his abilities as Secretary General of the UN.

Andrea Blattler

Places to Eat in Belém

Any traveler will say that among the best ways to immerse oneself in a culture is to eat locally. Despite a short stay in Lisbon, delegates are invited to take advantage of the wonderful culture around them. On Friday and Saturday, while in Portugal's capital of discoveries, Belém, rather than rushing to the nearest McDonald's during the lunch rush, why not try the suggestions below, near CCB, for fast, tasty, diverse lunch options that'll bring you closer to the local dining, people and scenery.

Catarina Santos

BANANACAFÉ

Rating: 4 / 5 Stars (Trip Advisor)

***Menu:** (quick bite/light finger-food)

- Hamburgers
- Toasted Sandwiches
- Salads

Price: 15€ for two

Location: Largo dos Jeronimos, Belém 1300-080, Portugal

Service: Very good

- ✓ Wifi
- ✓ Outdoor seating

Extra: kiosk is a converted traditional Portuguese yellow tram

ESTE OESTE PIZZA SUSHI CAFÉ

Rating: 4 / 5 Stars (Zomato)

***Menu:**

- Sushi
- Pasta
- Oven baked Pizza & Calzones
- Hamburgers

Recommend: Oreo Mousse for dessert

Price: approx. 15 – 25€ per person

Location: inside CCB – Praça Império

Service: Very good

- ✓ Wifi
- ✓ Indoor/outdoor seating

PÃO PÃO QUEIJO QUEIJO

Rating: 4.5 / 5 Stars (Trip Advisor)

***Menu:**

- Sandwiches/Baguettes Pitas
- Kebabs
- Wraps

w/ Fries and drink

Price: 6€ per person

Location: Rua de Belém 126, Lisbon 1300-086, Portugal

Service: Great

- ✓ Wifi
- ✓ Indoor/outdoor seating
- ✓ Takeaway available

BELÉM PIZZA

Rating: 4 / 5 Stars (Trip Advisor)

***Menu:**

- Pizzas

Watch out for Picnic Specials!

Price: approx. 10€ per person

Location: Travessa das Linheiras 8, Belém

Service: Great

- ✓ Wifi
- ✓ Takeaway available
- ✓ Indoor/outdoor seating

MR. WRAP

Rating: 4.5 / 5 Stars (Trip Advisor)

***Menu:**

- Wraps
- Toasts
- Sandwiches
- Salads

Price: approx. 9€ per person

Location: Largo dos Jeronimos, 4, Belém, Lisbon 1400-209, Portugal

Service: Very good

- ✓ Wifi

RUI DOS PREGOS

Rating: 4 / 5 Stars (Trip Advisor)

***Menu:**

- Portuguese casual food "Pregos" (beef with rice, fries and eggs)
- Seafood
- Toasts
- Salads
- Omelets
- Soups

Price: approx. 14€ per person

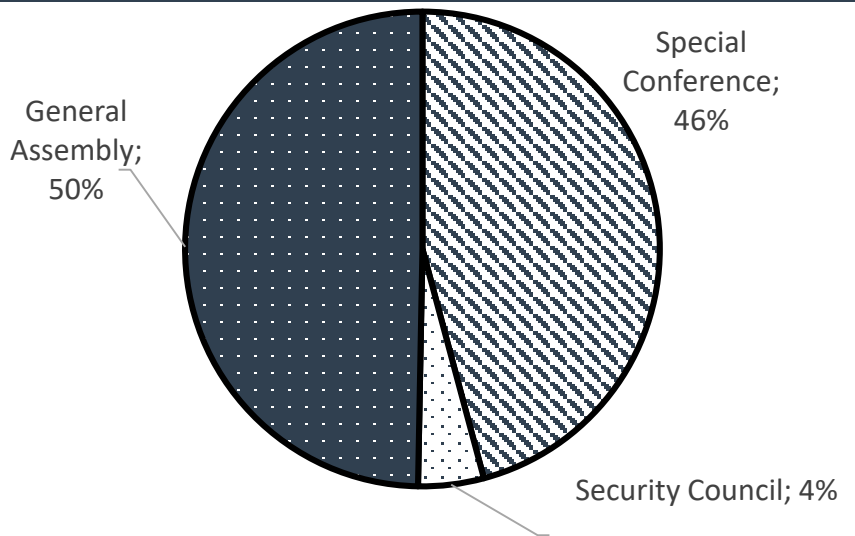
Location: Rua da Junqueira, 506-512, Belém, Lisboa

Demographics, Tips and Tricks

What is your best advice for a first time MUN-er?

"Despite all the parliamentary procedure and formalities, every delegate is human. Keep that in mind and use this opportunity to connect, and learn, from people with different backgrounds and viewpoints."

António Braz, Vice-President of Special Conference

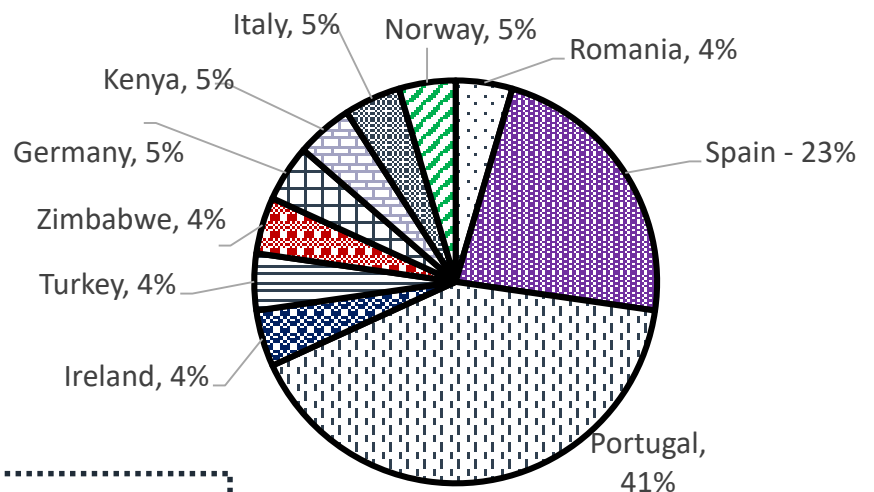


What is the best tip you've ever been given on how to handle public speaking?

"To talk slowly, because where you are nervous you start talking very fast, and it becomes hard for the audience to understand."

Inês Costa, Head of Administration Team

IMUN Participating Schools (by country)



What is your best trick to get over nerves?

"Breathe deeply, and think: I've got this, I've prepared, I believe in what I'm saying."

Matilde Antunes, President of Special Conference

How do you convince delegates to sign your resolutions?

"Explain clause by clause, and make sure you bring out the best of your resolution."

João Pedro Zambardino, Vice-President of Security Council

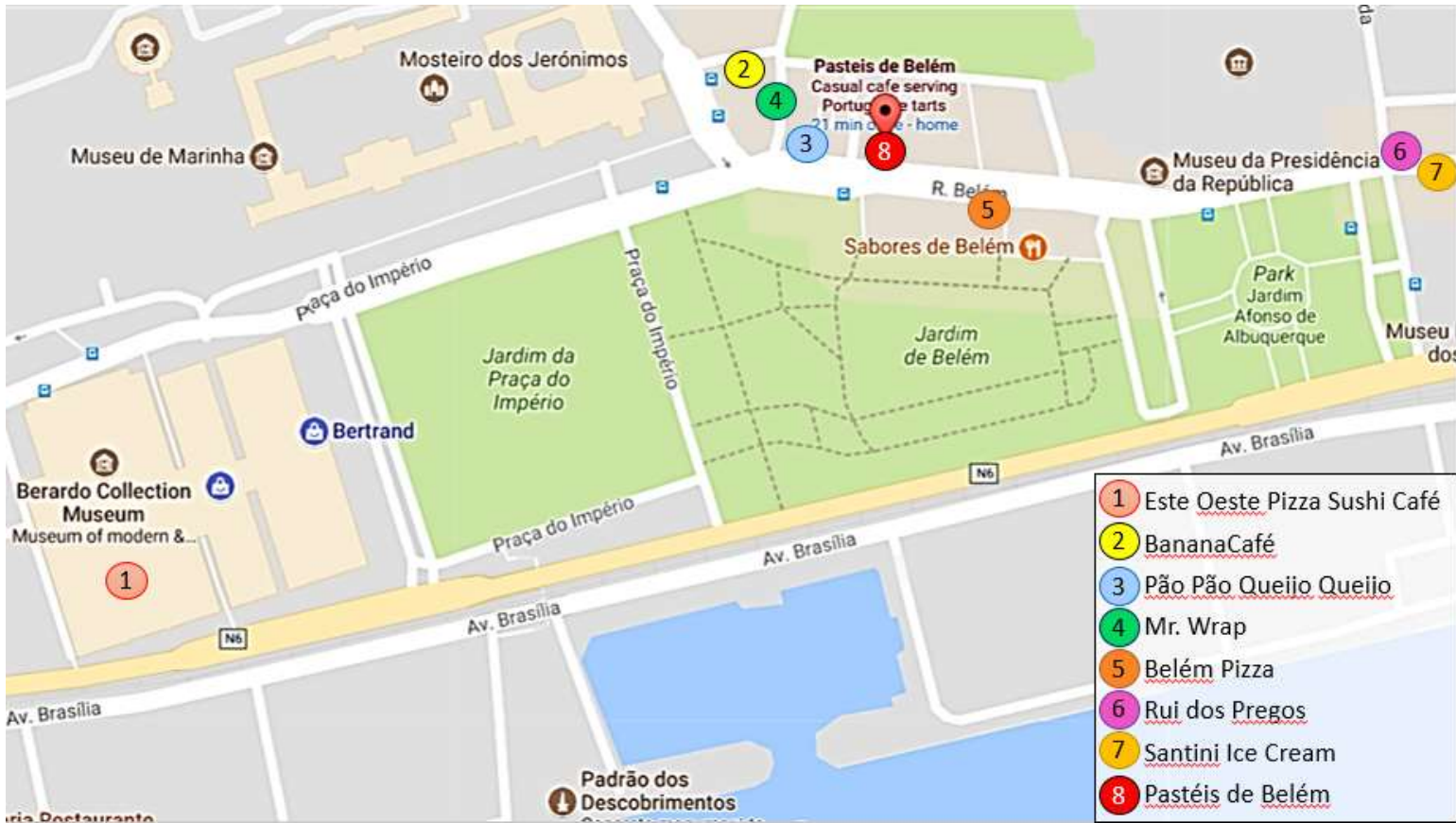
What do you think is the most important trait an MUN delegate can have?

"Confidence. If you don't believe wholeheartedly in what you're saying, neither will the rest of the delegates. However, confidence is key - not arrogance."

Matilde Antunes, President of Special Conference

Carolina Rodrigues and Leonor Fernandes

Games!



IMUN Word Search

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