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K. NANDINI SINGLA: “YOU ARE THE FUTURE”



The 24th Iberian Model United Nations conference was fortunate to have this year’s keynote speaker, Ms. K. Nandini Singla, share some of the first-hand knowledge she has gained about the workings and achievements of the UN.

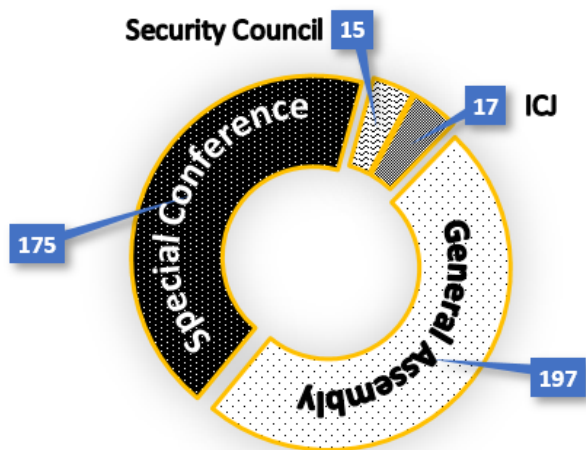
After expressing her delight at the privilege of addressing over 400 students participating in this year’s conference, Ambassador Singla stressed the importance of the UN in today’s ever-changing world. It may be the only place where all countries, regardless of size, can stand as equals.

She also touched on some of the difficulties that the UN faces. It can outline declarations and resolutions to solve world crises, but does not have the authority to dictate what each nation should and should not adopt into their constitutions.

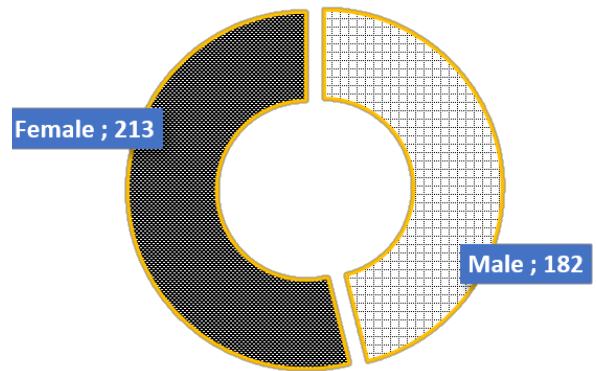
The Ambassador stressed the need for reform in the UN, “Our world is forever evolving and the UN must evolve along with it.” Future generations are faced with many global challenges that no single country can fix. The UN enables new powers to challenge established authorities in a peaceful manner. New mindsets are essential to face the adversities of the 21st century, and that, according to Ms. Singla, is where the youth come in.

Ambassador Singla reminded students of the importance of staying true to themselves and finding their passion as a successful personal life makes for a more peaceful society. “I have tremendous hope and faith in your generation,” Ambassador Singla concluded.

Mónica N.



Number of Delegates per Forum



Male vs Female Delegates and Directors

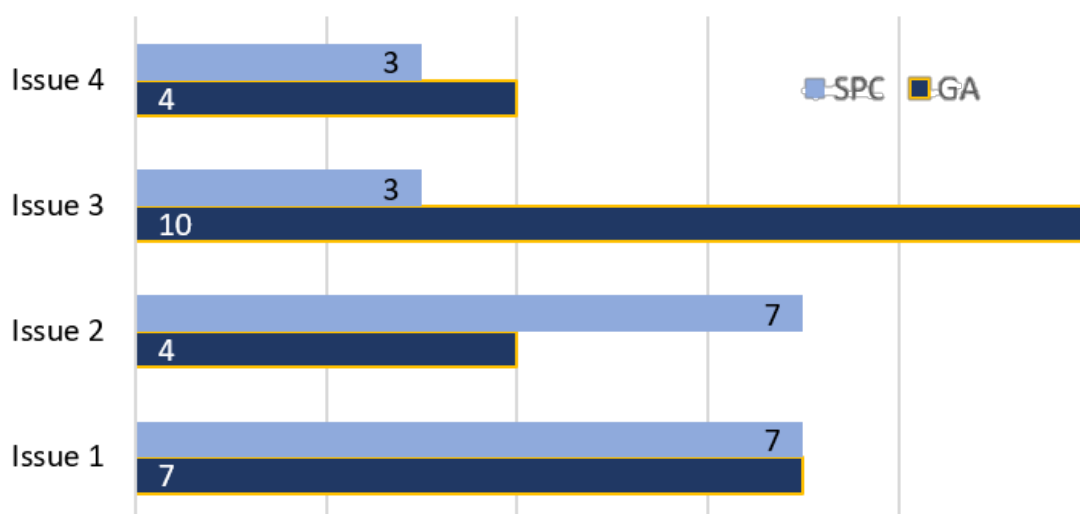
General Assembly Agenda Issues

1. Examining the question of human population planning and ensuring basic human rights to a growing world;
2. Ensuring the promotion and protection of the right for identity and belief self-determination for the youth in less economically developed countries;
3. Addressing the management of conflict zones and border control to alleviate the responsibility of refugees on the developing world;
4. Endorsing youth participation in national decision-making through the electoral cycle.

Special Conference Agenda Issues

1. The question of the rise of authoritarian nationalism;
2. The question of the use of enhanced interrogation as a means to protect national security;
3. Measures to increase cooperation between States and Non-Governmental Organizations;
4. The role of the media in building democracy.

AGENDA ISSUES POPULARITY
Number of Resolutions submitted by Issue



Where do IMUN's participating schools come from?



A Few Words from The NEW Schools' Delegates

Metu DF High School - Turkey

"This is our first time in IMUN, and we've been really enjoying it so far. We decided to come because it's a THIMUN related conference and everyone that came to this conference before says great stuff about it. We loved the keynote speaker!"

Green Valley School - Egypt

"On the first day I was very nervous, and I didn't know what was going on, but then I got the hang of it. It was really fun, I learned a lot, and hopefully it's going to go well today."

International School of Dakar - Senegal

"Initially, my goal was to get out of my comfort zone and just be a good public speaker. We did lobbying yesterday, and I felt comfortable with the people; I think I'm improving."

Addressing the Management of Conflict Zones and Border Control to Alleviate the Responsibility of Refugees on the Developing World

Today, close to 25.4 million people have been forced to leave their home country to escape war, violence and persecution. Most of these refugees come from Less Economically Developed Countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, and South Sudan. An additional 40 million people have been internally displaced, meaning they have been forced to leave their home but have not crossed an international border. These Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) remain under the legal protection of their own country and are consequently ineligible to receive international assistance. The growing



number of refugees and IDPs calls for a new solution to this issue and is on this year's agenda for the UN General Assembly.

Nicole C.



...WHERE DO THE DELEGATIONS STAND?



"The DPRK believes that it is the prerogative and the right of every single member state to enforce their borders, but also acknowledges the need for an inclusion of measures to protect the human rights of refugees."

- Delegation of DPRK (GA)

"The United States of America agrees with stricter border control and taking military action against countries where violence causes a large number of refugees."

- Delegation of USA (GA)



"The Russian Federation wants to strengthen its borders because we have had a lot of problems with refugees recently, especially with falsified information. We have had to kick out 1.3 million refugees from our country. (...) We're going to be keeping track of refugees who provide false IDs to enter the country."

- Delegation of Russia (GA)

"China's stance on refugees is that we don't take many in, but we fund organizations that provide resources such as food, shelters, etc."

- Delegation of China (GA)



"Venezuela believes that in order to decrease the number of stateless people around the world, the children of refugees should be granted citizenship if they're born within the country. This will give them access to their human rights, and encourage adult refugees to register so that the host country has a better idea of how many refugees it has. Venezuela wants to make sure that the militarized troops at the borders of the country do not harm refugees."

- Delegation of Venezuela (GA)

THE ICJ

Founded in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the judicial branch of the UN. Its goal is to settle disputes between Member States and to give advisory opinions based on international law. Out of the 6 organs of the UN, it is the only one based in The Hague (Netherlands).

A regular event at THIMUN, this is the first time that the ICJ has been held at IMUN. Mr. Robert Stern, the THIMUN ICJ coordinator who has run 66 ICJ conferences, including this one, provided some valuable insight on how an ICJ should be run. IMUNION had the opportunity to ask Mr. Stern a few questions on how the model ICJ differs from the real ICJ, and other organs of the UN.

The ICJ has fewer people than other organs, explained Mr. Stern, with up to 23 people. At IMUN there are only 17 participants, leaving students with “no place





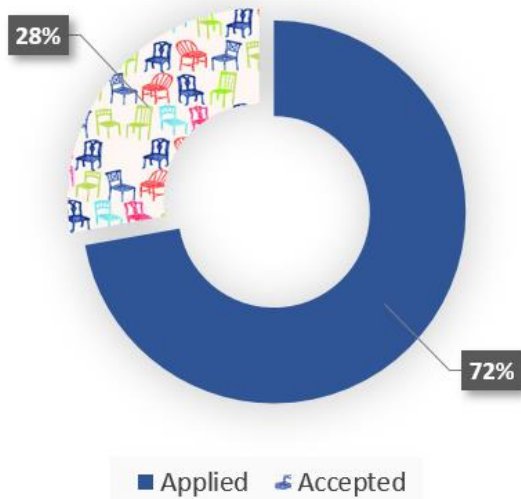
to hide". Mr. Stern added, "You're honing every skill that you've learned in school. Reading for comprehension, debating, speaking, analyzing, and critical thinking. And you're using them consistently."

Mr. Stern tries to make the model ICJ as similar to the official ICJ as possible. The main challenge, Mr. Stern says, lies in the conference's time constraints, "The real cases take years; we have two days. The [IMUN] judges have three hours to deliberate the case; the real judges have nine months."

This year, the topic of discussion is the ongoing dispute between Nauru and Australia. The judges are trying to come to a consensus on whether Australia broke international law when taking phosphate resources from Nauru land. All the students involved have worked arduously on researching the topic and analyzing all aspects of the conflict. They are undoubtedly setting a high standard for future IMUN ICJs.

Pearl P.

Applied and Accepted Chair or Co-Chair Positions



Most Repeated Words during Opening Speeches (SPC)

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 DEMOCRACY IIII
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 FRUITFUL IIII

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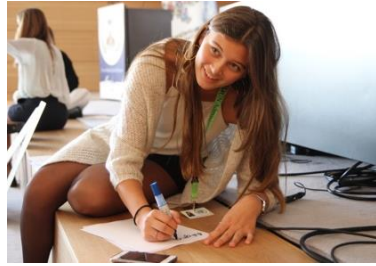
Leonor F.

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Nicole C.

Pearl P.



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