



A Welcome from the AMUN Secretary-General

AMUN '01 Conference expects record participation, SG eagerly anticipates Representatives' deliberations

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to American Model United Nations International (AMUN). The issues and challenges facing the delegations at this twelfth AMUN conference are as crucial as they have ever been.

The importance of peace and global security has been highlighted in the last few months: the spectre of the

attacks on the United States has not left our global consciousness; the rising death toll in continuing regional and ethnic conflicts from the Middle East to Kashmir haunts us; massive droughts across Central America threaten widespread famine. By addressing these and other challenges, the United Nations has slowly increased its profile as a resource for the international community, both with respect to humanitarian aid and to brokering the resolution of

conflicts through diplomatic avenues or, when required, coordinated action supported by Member States. The recent award of the 100th Nobel Peace prize to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and to the UN itself highlighted this achievement.

After months of preparations, you have arrived to tackle the issues facing the world today such as debt crises, refugee populations, human rights for women and boundary disputes. How to craft policies

and solutions which will have a positive effect on the global community - that is, the human population - and will be acceptable by a consensus of the Member States is a daunting task. The challenge of diplomacy is one of the greatest placed before each Member State of the United Nations.

I know that each of you is up to the task which lies before you and I hope that you find the process, not just the end result, rewarding.

Where do I go?

AMUN is open for business

Visit Delegate Services in the New Orleans Room:

- Type and print resolutions
- Get copies of documents

Visit Home Government in the San Francisco Room:

- Topic information
- Country information
- Role playing assistance
- Request a role player

Visit the Conference Services Desk in the Regency Foyer:

- AMUN collectibles
- AMUN Staff applications
- Copies of AMUN materials
- Information about Chicago

Visit the Finance/Registration Desk in the Atlanta Room:

- 2002 Country Lottery sign-up
- Credential assistance

Visit the International Press Delegation in the Atlanta Room:

- Submit press releases
- Submit personal ads
- Schedule a press conference

Secretary-General recognized

Annan, UN honored with Nobel Peace Prize

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On 12 October 2001, the United Nations and Secretary-General Kofi Annan were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize by the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

The award "challenges us to do more and to do better, not to rest on our laurels," stated Annan in response to the announcement. Annan has since continued to reiterate the importance of a continued, strong role for the UN in the global community.

Following the announcement, the leaders of many UN organs and agencies were quick to commend the SG and to express their hopes for a strong UN in the future. President of the 56th General Assembly Han Seung-soo of the Republic of Korea expects this award to not only highlight past achievements of the UN but also to serve as "a beacon illuminating the way forward for the United

Nations as it rises to confront new challenges."

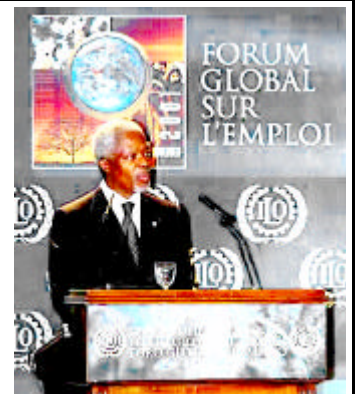
Current international attention has been primarily focused on the anti-terror coalition led by the United States and endorsed by the UN. "My sense is that [terrorism] is a threat to all Member States, and they realize the need to come together to fight it," noted Annan.

Just one day prior to publicly receiving the Nobel honor, SG Annan held a groundbreaking satellite teleconference with internationally-concerned citizens of the United States in ten US cities.

The "town hall meeting" was geared toward establishing the role and commitment of the UN in the elimination of global terrorism.

Annan made clear his own understanding of the threats of terrorist activities: "Any act aimed at senseless killing of civilians, regardless of cause, cannot be justified."

While explaining the UN's stance on terrorism, Annan was



quick to point out that other UN endeavors will not be upstaged by recent terrorist acts. The global focus on the world refugee and HIV/AIDS crises will be maintained. Annan further noted that several humanitarian efforts of UN agencies are ultimately aimed at eliminating the root causes of terrorism and are thus equally important as the military efforts.

The recent announcement of the Nobel Prize heralds the sixth time that the UN or its agencies have received the award. Annan is the second Secretary-General to be recognized by the Nobel Committee following SG Dag Hammarskjöld's posthumous honor in 1961.

UN Practice and AMUN Procedure Affect Draft Resolutions

When considering a draft resolution in committee or council, Representatives are encouraged to engage in negotiation and compromise before the draft resolution reaches the floor.

In the AMUN GA and ECOSOC, draft resolutions require sponsorship of 25% of the registered delegations. Please recall that a delegation should only sponsor a draft resolution on which it can vote "yes." At the UN a Member State would never sponsor a

draft resolution on which it intended to vote "no."

While amendments may be used to alter draft resolutions from the floor, keep in mind that it is easier, and a better simulation of UN practice, for Representatives to make their desired changes to draft resolutions during informal debates and caucus sessions.

At the UN, a draft resolution does not reach the floor for formal discussion until every Member State has seen and comment-

ed on the text of the draft resolution. By the time it reaches the floor, the draft resolution is ready for a final vote, and almost always passes by consensus or by a wide margin.

AMUN Representatives are urged to keep these aspects of UN practice in mind and to attempt to emulate them through the effective use of caucusing and negotiation during informal debate to come to agreement on appropriate solutions to the problems they face.

Blue Badge: Yet Another Way to Experience AMUN

What does the AMUN Secretariat do? Read on!

RYAN DONOVAN

USG for Administration

It is never too early to think about next year. Believe it or not, planning for next year's Conference begins shortly after opening plenary ends. One of the first steps AMUN takes in preparation for the 2002 Conference is selecting the all-volunteer Secretariat.

Whether you are a graduating senior or a first-time participant at AMUN, if you enjoy your experience here, we would like to encourage you to consider applying for the Secretariat.

The AMUN Secretariat is comprised of 40-50 people from a variety of backgrounds. Undergraduate, graduate and law students, lawyers and other professionals all serve on Staff, and most trace their history with AMUN back to their days as Representatives. In many respects, serving on the AMUN Secretariat is a valuable way to

experience Model UN - it can also be a lot of fun!

How do I know if joining the Secretariat is right for me?

If you enjoy Model UN and you think you might want to join Staff - either as dais personnel, as a member of Home Government or Delegate Services, you should talk to anyone wearing a blue badge. Ask them about their experience on Staff - you'll find us a very friendly bunch and always willing to talk about joining Staff.

After you hear about what draws us to the AMUN Secretariat, think about whether it is right for you. As a member of the Secretariat, you cannot be a Representative at the AMUN Conference, but you can still help your school prepare for the Conference. For graduating seniors, this can be an excellent opportunity to extend a Model UN career.

If I am selected for the Secretariat, what will be required of me?



AMUN Secretariat members discuss aspects of professionalism during the 2001 Labor Day Staff Training Weekend.

Blood, sweat and tears. No, just kidding. Producing a well-run, professional Model UN Conference takes a lot of work - there is no question about that. But, it can also be a lot of fun too.

If you are selected for the Secretariat, you will be given a pre-Conference assignment and an at-Conference assignment. Pre-Conference assignments primarily involve conducting research for use in the *Issues at AMUN* handbook; other pre-Conference assignments involve publicity and outreach. At-Conference assignments are divided into the different Conference departments: Committee / Council, ICJ, IPD, Home Government, Simulation Staff, Delegate Services, and Conference Services.

AMUN Secretariat members are required to attend a training session over Labor Day weekend held in the suburbs of Chicago. At the training session, new and returning Staffers go through the same training involving the philosophy of AMUN, the operation of the Conference and something we like to call "SimAMUN." SimAMUN provides us an

opportunity to practice our at-Conference assignments - in fact, as the name suggests, it is a simulation of AMUN! As important as the work we do at Labor Day is, the Secretariat also takes plenty of time to get to know each other socially.

Finally, you will be asked to arrive at least one day early for the Conference. Prior to the Conference's beginning, the AMUN Secretariat does more training and more SimAMUN. We want to make sure that we know our jobs and that we know how to do them well.

What do I do if I am interested in joining Staff?

If you think you might be ready to apply for the Secretariat, approach any member of the Secretariat. They can give you a Staff application - or tell you where you can find one. Staff applications can also be found at Conference Services - where you will find blue-badged Secretariat members who will be happy to answer any questions you have.

We hope you will apply if you are interested and I look forward to working with you next year!

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All submissions must be legible to be accepted. The Secretariat reserves the right to accept, edit or reject all submissions.

2002 Country Lottery

The lottery for AMUN 2002 will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 11:00 a.m. Take the first step toward getting the country of your choice and sign up now. There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit per country required at the time of application, and it will be applied toward your school's 2002 fees.

As an added incentive to all lottery participants, any school which registers through the lottery will receive a **\$5 PER DELEGATE DISCOUNT** on all delegate fees for the 2002 AMUN Conference. The AMUN 2002 Conference dates are 23-26 November 2002. At the conclusion of the lottery, all future delegation assignments will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please direct any questions about this lottery process to the Secretary-General, who can be reached through the Conference Services Desk in the ballroom lobby.

Lottery applications are available from the Conference Services Desk and are due to the Registration/Finance Office (Atlanta Room) by Monday at 11:00 am.

AMUN COLLECTIBLES

On sale at the Conference Services Desk

SHIRTS:

Short Sleeve	\$12
Long Sleeve	\$15

LIQUID CONTAINERS:

Logo Cups	\$2 or 3 for \$5
Thermal Cups	\$4 or 2 for \$7
AMUN Glassware	\$5

AMUN HANDBOOKS:

<i>Issues at AMUN</i>	\$1
<i>AMUN Rules and Procedures</i>	\$1
<i>AMUN Simulation Guide</i>	\$24.95

(Conference discount - normally \$29.95)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

M&Ms	\$1
Mouse Pads	\$6
Squishy Globes	\$4 or 2 for \$7
Pens	\$1

FROM THE UNITED NATIONS:

Posters:	\$1
Flags With Bases	\$5 or 3 for \$12
Key Chains	\$7
Postcards	\$0.50 or 5 for \$2

The AMUN Trivia Contest

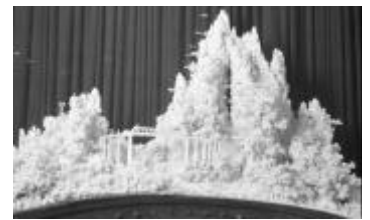
Win AMUN Collectibles from Conference Services!

Rules:

- Answer each of the following questions of UN trivia to the best of your knowledge.
- Submissions are due in the International Press Delegation Office (located in the Atlanta Room) no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday, 19 November (before the free afternoon).
- Winners will be announced in the *AMUN Daily Chronicle* on Tuesday morning. In the event of a tie, a random drawing will be conducted to determine winners.
- AMUN Staff are excluded from participating.
- The Staff in Home Government have been instructed not to provide assistance in answering these questions.

- The UN Charter was signed on 26 June 1945. Fifty original Member States were present at the signing, but history has recorded that there were **fifty-one** original Member States. Which country was not represented at the signing but is still recognized as an original Member State?

- The ivory carving shown at the right, on display at UN Headquarters, depicts the Chengtu-Kunming Railway in China. It is one of the coolest pieces of artwork at the UN. How many elephant tusks were used to produce this sculpture?
a. 1 b. 2 c. 4 d. 8



- Which Permanent Member of the Security Council has cast the **fewest** substantive "no" votes (vetoes) since 1945?
- The Trusteeship System was originally designed to administer eleven Trust Territories, former colonies from the world wars. All eleven have since gained independence. The first of these became a UN Member State in 1957. What is this former Trust Territory called now?
- Member States of the UN typically pay the upkeep costs of any artwork they donate to UN buildings. Which is the only Member State which refuses to pay the upkeep costs of the artwork it has donated?
- Which UN Secretary-General referred to his position as "the most impossible job on this earth?"
- Where was the first meeting of the UN General Assembly held?
- Who was the first American working at the United Nations to receive the Nobel Peace Prize?
- Which Article of the UN Charter uses the word "peacekeeping" to describe military action taken in preservation of international peace and security?

Tiebreaker Question: What were the first names of Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's two brothers?

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Expanding Horizons

Additional sessions broaden UN and MUN perspectives

Moving Beyond the Model - Working at the World Bank

During the Sunday evening dinner break, long-time AMUN Secretariat member Eileen Heffern will conduct an open forum to discuss what it is like to work at the World Bank. While AMUN simulates the UN, Eileen is a Staff member who also works at one of the UN's Specialized Agencies. She will discuss the work she does in the knowledge/education section at the Bank, provide a look at the everyday role of the World Bank, and take questions from participants.

This session is scheduled from 5:00 - 5:30 pm on Sunday, thus still allowing time for participants to have dinner after the session.

Model UN and the United Nations Association - How the UNA can help groups who run High School MUN Conferences

The United Nations Association (UNA) of the USA provides an Education and Model UN Department which focuses on assisting Model UN participants and conferences. At the beginning of the free afternoon on Monday, Dr. Lucia Rodriguez and Ms. Glenda Tesselona of UNA will hold a forum on how UNA can help your program. Many schools participating in AMUN hold their own conferences for high schools around their college/university, and this forum will focus on resources UNA can provide to high school conferences.

The session is scheduled from 1:00 - 2:00 pm on Monday and will include a light lunch.

Attention: Permanent Representatives, Faculty Advisors

AMUN strongly believes that the best way to improve the Conference is to listen to the people who matter the most, the Representatives. We are always open to new ideas on ways to improve the Conference, and are interested in getting your opinion at every opportunity.

This is the driving philosophy behind our two Permanent Representative meetings. All Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors are welcome to come to these meetings. AMUN always welcomes suggestions and comments, and this is the best opportunity for schools to interact with senior AMUN Staff in a relaxed setting conducive to sharing and brainstorming new concepts.

We look forward to seeing all Permanent Representatives and Faculty Advisors at the meetings, to be held in the Toronto Room:

- The first meeting, held on Sunday from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., is intended to discuss any matters relating to AMUN rules and procedures throughout the simulations. Please bring all questions and comments regarding rules to this meeting.
- The second meeting, held on Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., will address any other logistical or preparatory issues.

As always, feel free to see a member of the AMUN Executive Committee or Secretariat at any time to share your feedback.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Remember that you must wear your credentials at all times while in the hotel. However, it is very important to take off your credentials before you leave the hotel. Wearing your credentials outside the Hotel brands you as a tourist, and could cause some problems.
- The smoking area during Conference is on the Concourse Level outside of the Wrigley Room. To get there, take the escalators up one level from the Regency Ballroom/Main Conference Level. Please respect those Representatives who choose not to smoke by observing these instructions.
- For your enjoyment, and in the spirit of diplomatic courtesy to other guests of the hotel, the Hong Kong Room is available for you to caucus and socialize after hours. The Hong Kong Room is open for informal caucusing and socializing after 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Hong Kong Room is on the Regency Ballroom Level. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ROOM LISTED IN YOUR CONFERENCE PROGRAM.**
- Please observe diplomatic courtesy during conference hours: turn all pagers and wireless phones to the silent setting and mute your laptop computer volume.
- For information on "What there is to do" in Chicago, please see Conference Services.