



CHAPTER THREE

INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS DELEGATION?

The International Press Delegation (IPD) is a unique simulation offered by very few Model UN programs.

In fact, the IPD is not really a simulation at all. An “International Press Delegation” does not exist at the United Nations. However, hundreds of reporters from news agencies around the world cover the work of the United Nations, making information on United Nations events available to people living in every nation on Earth. By doing so, the members of the international press corps assist the United Nations in fulfilling one of its fundamental objectives: the dissemination of information about the United Nations and world events to all people.

AMUN has created the IPD simulation in recognition of the critical role of the press in the workings of the United Nations. Specifically, the IPD has two major goals:

- To provide an opportunity for students with an interest in journalism to work as reporters covering newsworthy events at the AMUN Conference
- To provide all AMUN Representatives with a high-quality newspaper (the AMUN Chronicle) each day of the Conference, both to keep Representatives informed about the news from each individual simulation and to add to Representatives’ understanding of how the United Nations functions as an organization. The AMUN Chronicle also allows Representatives the opportunity to present their country’s position through press releases and press conferences.

AMUN Secretariat Members will serve in the following roles:

- the IPD Director and Deputy Director, who are ultimately responsible for all IPD activities and for the content contained in the published AMUN Chronicle;
- Editors, who are responsible for helping Reporters plan each issue of the AMUN Chronicle and write their articles; and
- The Publisher, who is responsible for taking the articles and laying them out into the template for the AMUN Chronicle.

IPD Reporter meetings will occur in the Colorado Room, and IPD Reporters will have computers and printing facilities at their disposal. The AMUN Secretariat reserves the final editorial rights for all content published in the AMUN Chronicle.

IPD MEMBERSHIP

IPD Reporter positions are open to any interested student. However, it is important to note that *IPD Reporters cannot also be members of their school’s delegation(s)*. In other words, participation on the IPD is an exclusive, duration-of-the-Conference position. One or two students from any school may become IPD Reporters. Also, students from schools that are not sending a delegation to AMUN are welcome to apply to participate as individuals on the IPD.

Due to the resource-intensive and specialized nature of this simulation, *AMUN will accept up to 12 IPD Reporters; positions will go to applicants on a first-come, first-served basis*. Please contact the AMUN Executive Office (mail@amun.org) for more information.

DUTIES OF IPD REPORTERS

Each IPD Reporter will be assigned to at least one beat. A Reporter’s beat usually includes a specific simulation (e.g., Security Council, ICJ,

Third Committee). Additionally, Reporters will be assigned to cover press conferences and other Conference events, such as interviews with guest speakers. All IPD Reporters will be responsible for the submission of articles covering their assigned stories for each issue of the *AMUN Chronicle*, which is published each day during the Conference. Reporters should be prepared to type their own articles and to assist with the production and distribution of the paper. The *IPD Procedures and Style Manual* will be provided to all registered IPD Reporters prior to the Conference to further assist in their preparations.

CONNECTING WITH THE IPD

All AMUN Representatives and delegations are encouraged to explore the news-coverage possibilities offered by the IPD. In particular, Representatives should get to know the Reporter(s) covering their simulations, make themselves available for interviews and provide background information when such is requested or when it is in their State’s interest to seek press coverage. Also, Representatives and delegations are strongly encouraged to call press conferences and to submit press releases, personal ads, and letters to the Editor to the IPD. These opportunities are detailed below:

Press Conferences: Press Conferences are initiated by Representatives and allow Representatives a chance to give an oral statement (that is often-times prepared) and, if they choose, to answer questions from Reporters and other Conference participants. Representatives request press conferences using the IPD Request Form. They are asked to provide three specific pieces of information: (1) a time for the press conference, (2) the States that will participate, and (3) the topic(s) that will be discussed. Representatives have a total of 20 minutes to complete the press conference, including the question-and-answer session.

Press Releases: Press releases are official statements from a Representatives’ country. Typically, these releases detail or explain a state’s stance on one of the topics under debate at AMUN. Press releases are limited to a maximum of 150 words and are included in every edition of the *AMUN Chronicle*, contingent upon available space. Press releases can be submitted in writing (forms are available at the documents table in each simulation) or can be typed in the IPD Office.

Personal Ads: Informal personal ads can be submitted by any individual attending the AMUN Conference. Personal ads can be no longer than 30 words, and are included in *AMUN Chronicles* contingent upon available space. Personal ads can be submitted in writing (forms are available at the documents table in each simulation) or can be e-mailed to personals@amun.org, after the Opening Plenary Session has ended.

Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor can be submitted by any AMUN Representative and can be on any topic germane to the Conference. Letters to the Editor have a maximum word limit of 250 words. At the discretion of the Director of the International Press Delegation, letters to the Editor may include pictures. Letters to the Editor can be submitted in writing (forms are available at the documents table in each simulation) or can be typed in the IPD Office.

The decision to include material submitted to the IPD office in the *AMUN Chronicle* is left at the discretion of the Director of the International Press Delegation and the AMUN Executive Committee. Any material submitted to the IPD that does not remain diplomatically courteous will not be included for publication in the *AMUN Chronicle*.