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INTRODUCTION

StetiMUN is a very important event for both teachers and all students in our school. Every year the current class of 2nd D, Chairs with Secretary General on top and we, journalists and photographers of Press Team leading by the Heads of Press and our teachers, Ms Edyta Ostapkowicz, Ms Karolina Brzezińska, and Ms Martyna Klinowska work together to prepare everything as perfectly as possible. The first preparations for StetiMUN 2017 started 2 weeks after the last year's edition ended.

"At that time I have already known I would be Secretary General." – said Martyna Bobala.

Over the year the crew of Chairs was completed and the topics of discussion were chosen.

The most intense workload, except weeks before the beginning of MUN, was May and June just before the opening of registration when probably most of the Delegates didn't even know what committee they would be in.

The class of 2nd D consist of 28 students, every single one of whom contributes to the preparations from the beginning of a school year. They take care of such things as finance, housing, catering, sponsoring, printing EIMUNdo and preparing rooms for the debates.

Emilia Smólska and Sandra Dąbrowska from 2nd D are The Conference Managers of StetiMUN 2017.

"We have a lot of important tasks which are essential for organising perfect conference. I specialize in sponsorship and, in my opinion and my experiences, exemplary work must be based on cooperation." – said Sandra.

Both of them are very dedicated and feel honored to hold that position. *"It's a lot of stress because we want it to be very professional, but I personally love organizing such events."* – said Emilia.

Of course they wouldn't be able to do all of this if not for Ms E. Ostapkowicz and Ms K. Brzezińska who are always here to help.

The event would never even exist in our city if not for Ms E. Ostapkowicz, a very creative history teacher, and her students back in 2009 when they participated in WawMUN and came up with the idea of having a similar conference in our school.

The year later, in 2010, the first edition of StetiMUN occured! *"We are proud to make a conference like this"* – said Ms. K. Brzezińska, English teacher that from 2012 – the third edition- has been working side by side with

Ms E. Ostapkowicz. It's amazing how much passion both of them put in this event each and every year. Since the 2016 edition

Ms M. Klinowska, an economy teacher, is helping with the sponsoring and other economic aspects of the event which is very helpful. She has taken over all the responsibilities from

Ms Magdalena Janikowska-Gabryel, who is currently absent and enjoying her maternity leave.

Also, Press Team is certainly unique as it doesn't exist on other MUNs in Poland. We are a huge part of StetiMUN family as well as Chairs or the 2D class. And we love what we can do. This year the 2nd D and our teachers came up with a photo booth which is a completely new thing so everyone hopes it will turn out great. So we encourage everyone to take a photo and take it home on Saturday as a souvenir. What is more, it's completely free!

Sara Jawad

Once upon a StetiMUN :)



Photo: Paulina Wyróślak

Sara Jawad & Weronika Skoneczna

We are more than excited to welcome you to the 8th edition of StetiMUN, the event that we have been personally waiting for the whole year!

We are looking forward to seeing you doing your best as the Delegates, discussing global problems in your committees,

making new friendships and having a lot of fun during those three, intense, upcoming days.

It's an honor for us to hold the positions of Heads of Press. We hope what you will enjoy every single page of EIMUNdo.

It is prepared by our very dedicated Press Team which consists of 30 members including us, journalists,

photographers, graphic designers and last but definitely not least Ms Kwiatkowska.

Our English teacher who gives the students a possibility of forming Press Team every year.

The first product of our work this year is right here in your hands. Read it carefully and remember that Press is watching you!

Have the best time!

Sara Jawad & Weronika Skoneczna,
Heads of Press 2017

A WORD WITH THE ORGANIZATORS

Model United Nations from behind the scenes

In this interview, we ask Ms Edyta Ostapkowicz and Ms Karolina Brzezińska, the organizers of StetiMUN, about their experience, motivation and plans for this year Model United Nation. We will try to find out how an event, as big as StetiMUN, came to life and who the people thanks to whom we are able to take part in it are.

Have you ever been to other MUNs?

Ms Ostapkowicz: Yes, I have been to several MUNs. The first time in 2009 - it was WawMUN. I went there with a group of students from our school and that was the moment when we thought "Why don't we have such a great event in Szczecin?". And we decided to give it a go and... here we are - preparing the 8th edition of StetiMUN! Except WawMUN, we have visited BalMUN in Rostock a few times.

What are the differences between the one held here in Szczecin and the others you've been on?

Ms Ostapkowicz: Each MUN is different. It's all up to the people, different committees, different issues discussed. Also the pricing all over the world varies a lot.

What are the reasons for which you got involved with StetiMUN?

Ms Brzezińska: There are many of them. We are proud to make conference like this, because it's a unique experience. First and foremost, we want to spread the idea of international dialogue, understanding numerous perspectives each country holds showing students how hard and challenging it is to find a solution in the world where opposing points of view meet.

Ms Ostapkowicz: It's a simulation of Model United Nations. UN is the biggest international organization dealing with almost every aspect of human life. During these three days, they [students] are delegates and represent different countries, different problems and they are trying to find solutions working together, meeting new people from different schools and countries. For example, this year we got students from Poland, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Lithuania, Germany. The whole conference is in English, so it's also some kind of challenge for students and a great opportunity to burnish linguistic skills.

Ms Brzezińska: Spreading the awareness of the global issues such as human rights, cultural and scientific heritage of mankind or sustainability and just showing people that they can make a difference by standing up, expressing their point of view and finding solution against all odds is absolutely crucial to us in the whole process of preparing and leading the conference.

Ms Ostapkowicz: Yes, we want to make students believe that their opinion, their voice is important, because everyone, every individual can change the world. We want to encourage them to examine the problem and after hours of research be able to speak with courage about the issues which are truly significant for them.

How can students benefit from participating in StetiMUN?

Ms Brzezińska: First of all, I always try to encourage my students to take part in it, because it's something unique. For those three days they can really step into somebody's else shoes and just feel what it means to have both power and responsibility over life of thousands of people. Due to the decision they make, the resolutions they come up to the reality of ordinary citizens all over the world can look totally different. For better or for worse.

Ms Ostapkowicz: I have the feeling that during these three days, they are not students from one school. They are delegates from all over the world. They got really involved and the topic of politics and global concerns cause heated debates long after the conference is finished. Very often participation in our local event is an inspiration for future professional development. Plenty of our graduates not only take part in MUNs all over the world but also successfully hold the positions of Chairs or Directors.



Photo: Paulina Wyróślak

Ms. Ostapkowicz with other teachers

A WORD WITH THE ORGANIZATORS

Ms Brzezińska: The level of formality of the conference might be a bit intimidating for some students – they are afraid that the level of their language is maybe not sufficient to contribute to the fruitful discussion. But once they dive into it I can see how they flourish! It's really great to push your boundaries even if it means stepping out of your comfort zone. It will pay off. Having said that we cannot mention the fact that MUN is also a great fun! Getting to know people, performing silly activities that the Chairs prepare for latecomers (watch the videos from last years!), working hard long hours that in the end of the day you don't know your name; parties, small talks at our lavish buffet – all of it creates a wonderful atmosphere you will never

Do you have any dreams or wishes about future MUNs?

Ms Ostapkowicz: There are a few, actually. Each year we are trying to improve our conference and do our best to conduct it up to high standards. Our dream is to collect money to buy a professional voting system – a specialistic (and unfortunately expensive) tool to count all the votes in a fast and reliable way.

Ms Brzezińska: There's also another project in our mind - trying to collect money and together with a group of the most dedicated students go some really far and take part in one of most accurate and realistic MUN such as the one in New York or Bangkok. That would be just amazing.

By Paulina Sobiesińska & Nicola Mazurkiewicz



Photo: Agata Marzec

Ms. Brzezińska and Ms. Ostapkowicz

INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL

WHEN PASSION MEETS PURPOSE

In the atmosphere of the upcoming StetiMUN 2017 we grab a few minutes to talk with this year's Secretary General, Martyna Bobala, about her experience with MUNs, preparations and to learn a bit about what happens on the backstage. Dive in if you want to know more about the one that runs the show!

Hello! So, first of all, how would you describe yourself?

MB: The first thing that comes to my mind is that I'm very organised or at least I try to be most of the time. I'm in the last year of the IB Diploma Programme. Also, I'm the president of Interact Szczecin International, it's a part of Rotary, one of the biggest charity organisations in the world. That's what I really concentrate on during most of my free time.

How many MUNs have you attended?

MB: This year's MUN is going to be my 9th one in overall. I started my adventure with MUNs here in Szczecin in the International Criminal Court and then I went to Katowice Model United Nations. There I was a delegate in one of the committees because someone convinced me to try something else from ICC. And I didn't like it! So, I told them "No, no, no, I'm going back to ICC!". I'm really committed to it.

Then a friend I met during my first StetiMUN asked me to be the head of ICC in KrakMUN. After that I attended several other MUNs. I've got two awards for the best delegate, one in a regular committee and one in ICC. And now in my 9th MUN, I'm the Secretary General.

How is it different to be the Secretary General from being a Chair or a delegate?

MB: At first, I thought it's MUN, it's always exciting and fun, how can it be different. But every single person characterises MUN in a unique way and the experiences you gain are different for everyone.

As a Secretary General, I see it in a completely new way than I have ever before. I guess that for the Chairs and delegates the most fun and significant time is during the MUN but as the Secretary General I do most of my work before the conference starts. And when it finally comes I think I will just sit back, listen to all the discussions, making sure that everything is going all right and that everyone is having a great time.



Martyna Bobala

Photo: Diana Opiela

Of course, there are plenty of people working for the conference before it starts and they are the main reason why it takes place every year and resolves to be a huge success. And it consists of a lot of small and bigger tasks, for example, writing to sponsors, organising registration, housing. That's what we do on the backstage. And I love doing it. Of course, it's nice when someone comes at the end and thank us for our work but it's not the main reason why we all do it. We do not do it for the thank you at the end (though we love it too) but for everyone to have fun, to see the results of everyone's hard work, what they manage to achieve and the new friendships they make.

What do you like the most about MUNs?

MB: When I think about MUN I instantly get happy. Just the atmosphere surrounding is so vibrant and special. For me, the best part is to be a member of this community, of this amazing event, of everything that's connected to it. When I was asked to be the Secretary General this year I was more than happy, I was glad to be given this chance. But a small part of me regretted that I'm not going to be in ICC, because I love it so much that I guess that I'll spend most of my time there, listening to the case!

And lastly, what is your message to the delegates?

MB: Have fun, engage in discussions and we're really glad that all of you are here to talk about today's world problems. We're more than happy that you came to share this fun and amazing adventure with us!

THANK YOU SO MUCH AND GOOD LUCK!

Aleksandra Stankiewicz

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

Achieving international peace and stability amid chaos and disorder.

Photo: Diana Opiela



Maya Turostowska and Julia Mancewicz

"The most important, demanding and influential one" - these three adjectives perfectly sum up the Security Council.

In the conversation below, the Chairs, Julia Mancewicz and Maya Turostowska talk duties, pleasures and aims of not only the committee, but also the whole StetiMUN Conference. What is the most challenging and stressful for both the Chairs and Delegates? What do participants of the MUN conference need to know and why is one of the Chairs jealous of Delegates? We answer all of these questions in this interview.

What does being a Chair during the StetiMUN mean to you and briefly, what are your responsibilities?

MT: Chairs play a crucial role in the organisation of a MUN conference. They have to prepare debate topics and guides for the delegates and help with the logistics of creating the event. During the conference chairs are supposed to keep the committee in order and supervise the delegates. They also are required to make sure a resolution is presented and accepted by the majority of states. A resolution is obligatory in every committee.

What do you expect from this year's conference?

JM: I'm really excited and full of hope that StetiMUN 2017 will be the best one yet. We hope that all of the delegates will be prepared and they will reach a consensus while creating a great resolution.

What do you wish to achieve regarding the deliberations?

MT: Our goal is to successfully guide the committee and offer the delegates as much help as we can. We also wish every delegate to freely speak their mind on the topics and to actively participate in the conference. With this committee we would like to make a difference.

How do you feel knowing the conference is approaching? Is it rather aggravating or maybe the positive thrill takes over?

JM: I feel extremely excited and proud. I know that we have been working on this conference for a long time now and I'm ready to show the results of our work to the world. Of course the positive thrill takes over. I love organising especially MUNs, they are just an amazing idea and I am over the moon that we have brought this to our city with such high standards.

Why did you choose SC?

JM: Security Council is my favourite committee, no doubt. I love it as a delegate and as a chair. The discussions there are always so interesting and the topics are always up to date. It talks about urgent topics which is why it's so exciting! To be honest I am a little bit jealous of all of the delegates. The debates are going to be so great!

MT: The reason I chose the Security Council is that it raises the subject of most current affairs and issues. This is the very point of the MUN conference: to solve issues. I am eager to see how the delegates settle the topics and at the same time maintain international peace and security.

What do you enjoy the most about MUN? What are the factors contributing to your decision to be in charge of one of the committees yourself?

JM: There are a lot of things I enjoy about MUNs, they give you a possibility of not only expanding your knowledge, debating skills but also the group of friends. You meet so many amazing people with similar interests and I think this is what makes MUNs such a unique experience.

Do you have any advice for the delegates of your committee?

JM: The main one is to say a lot and always be open to any points of information. This is the only way the delegates will broaden their horizons and expand their knowledge. Also be ready to be wrong and accept failure. That is an important factor. Besides that, HAVE FUN!

MT: My advice to all delegates is not only to research the policies of your countries but also other member states. To write a proper resolution it is important to know what you're dealing with.

Sandra Prolejko &
Maria Zawadzka

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

Fight against drugs and international crime

Combating the problems of drugs and criminal activity can prove to be insurmountable at times, but there is nothing the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime can't overcome.

If anything, the thrill and pressure only keep them motivated to face every possible challenge, as the Chairs of the committee claim. What do they expect? What advice for delegates do they have? Read the interview and get to know the Chairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime – Karolina Hwija and Marta Koć.

One of you, besides being the chair of the committee, is also the president of general assembly of this year's StetiMUN. As both of these functions are thought to be really challenging, how do you plan on balancing those two positions?

KH: I think that my experience in MUNs is really helpful in this case. I know how to moderate a discussion as I was a chair last year so this is not a problem. But being a President of General Assembly is something new for me so only this is a challenge and I hope that I will cope with this.

What topics did you choose for the debates?

MK: This year for the UNODC committee we chose the issues of human trafficking (with the special focus on sexual slavery) as well as the problem of the increasing use of legal highs.

Why did you choose this particular committee?

MK: We chose this particular committee, because we believe that taking notice of drug and crime problems, which may more often than not be not talked about enough, is of great significance especially among adolescents.

What is your previous experience with MUN conferences?

MK: So far, we have been taking part in the previous StetiMUN conferences year by year, but also participated in some other ones, i.e. WawMUN or PozMUN. We have enjoyed all of them a lot, however StetiMUN has a special place in our hearts!

What do you think may prove to be the most difficult and challenging aspect of your work during StetiMUN?

MK: The experience of being a chair is probably quite different from being a delegate, however, long working hours and having to keep an eye on the rules of procedure are always quite demanding for all participants during MUN conferences.

Could you give us a peek at what punishments you've chosen to implement if necessary?

KH: We thought about nothing cruel, just dancing and singing to embarrassing songs (titles of them are now a secret)!

Are there any additional words you would like to say to the participants of your committee, perhaps some advice?

KH: Delegates, you can't be scared to share your opinion and knowledge! Without your engagement the debate is impossible.

Paulina Rycombel & Natalia Pilarczyk



Marta Koć and Karolina Hwija

Photo: Diana Opiela

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

Equality as a basis for a better world

We asked Julia Pińkowska and Lidia Jędrzejak, the Chairs of The United Nations Development Programme about what they have experienced at Model United Nations in the past, about their experiences from previous MUNs and expectations for this year's one. Apparently, during MUN you can acquire more skills than you would think!

Why do you think it is worth working together for a better world?

JP: Last year's general MUN's topic was fighting for equality, which is very important for us. That is why we are going to include it in the debates this year. We want people to have equal rights and basic needs provided.

LJ: I don't think a single person can reach their full potential by themselves. Employing cooperation lets us achieve far more. Everybody has their own unique abilities and talents that can contribute to making the world a better place for us all. For example, Julia is more interested in medicine and health, and I'm more focused on social matters. If we didn't have different trades combined, our collaboration wouldn't be as successful.

Is this committee related to what you want to do in the future?

LJ: Yes! I want to be an international human rights lawyer and UNDP certainly serves a purpose that I'd like to serve, which is basically trying to provide everyone with equal opportunities.

JP: I think this topic is just related to our personal opinions and issues we find important. Do you have any methods to stay focused during the debates?

JP: First of all: preparation. If you prepare yourself very well, you know what to do. Secondly, remember to familiarise yourself with applicable rules of the discussions and talk with other delegates. If you do, you have the opportunity to know their opinions or with whom you can have some arrangements later.

What is the most fun part of the MUN?

JP: The most fun part is meeting other delegates. They turned out to be amazing people and I enjoyed spending time with them.

LJ: I think at the beginning, when you have all those get-to-know games, that is really fun, but the most entertaining part is when it's time for some special challenges for Delegates that don't restrict the rules.

JP: Yes! We had so much fun last year when we were trying to come up with different punishments. Also, the debates can be fun, if the delegates are involved and there is a real conversation.

What do you expect from this year's MUN?

JP: I definitely want to meet other people.

LJ: I am excited to get to know other delegates opinions, their way of thinking.

JP: For sure, but you have to remember that you can't present your own opinions, you have to speak as a delegate, which is the biggest struggle in MUN. You might not always agree with what you have to say.

LJ: You know what I want to see? People strictly following the rules for once!

Zuzanna Szatkowska & Kamila Kierczuk



Julia Pińkowska and Lidia Jędrzejak

Photo: Diana Opiela

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

Looking forward to the StetiMUN 2017

We have decided to ask the Presidents of the International Criminal Court, Alicja Černohorská and Katarzyna Kruk about their feelings connected with the upcoming edition of StetiMUN, how they would like it to look like and we also got to know about their previous experiences.

Did you take part in the previous editions and what do u think about them?

Alicja Černohorská: Yes, during my first MUN, back in 2015, I was a witness to defence in ICC and in 2016 I was a Chair to ICC. They were all great! A lot of interesting things happened and I was able to make new amazing friends!

Katarzyna Kruk: My first conference was a year ago in Szczecin and I was a judge in ICC. After few months I went to Poznan to attend PozMUN conference where I was a delegate of the Netherlands in HRC (human rights council). All in all I can say is that I enjoyed it a lot and I'm looking forward to making the next edition even better.

How would you like this edition to look like?

AC: I can't wait to have a lot of conflicts - as bad as it sounds, it's the conflicts that mainly make the conference interesting! Of course, all the quarrels help us reach a common cause of positive outcomes.

KK: I agree with Ala, as I also think that some little "conflicts" make the conference more interesting and let us know many different points of view. Generally we expect a fruitful debates.

Why did you decide to take part in the StetiMUN as a Head of the Jury/ President of the ICC?

KK: As I was a judge in previous year I had a chance to gain some experience. I was even honourably mentioned delegate so I think that I made a good job and this is how I thought, why not to try to be a Head of Jury next year? And here I am.

AC: To me being a Chair is an enormous honour. I'm extremely proud that I get to play such an important role.



Photo: Diana Opiela

Alicja Černohorská and Katarzyna Kruk

As a President of ICC I am together with Kasia responsible for preparation of the conference and I think that's what really pushed me to be a Chair once again. It's very interesting to see the things from backstage, how they develop and how the whole team operates.

Why did you choose this Committee?

AC: In my opinion the procedures in ICC are far more interesting than in a normal committee. Also there's a lot of rivalry (of course friendly) what I believe is very motivating and just keeps my attention. ICC was also the very first committee that I chose in my first ever MUN, so I feel that I am somehow connected to it. Going there is like bringing the good, old memories.

KK: ICC is distinctive from other committees and I liked it, when I attended it last year. Alicia was my Chair then and I would never expect that during next year debates we will be Chairs together.

How did u prepare to your roles?

KK: It is a totally new experience for me, because I've never been in charge of committee. We have to get to know all of the rules of procedure so that we could be fluent while chairing the debates.

AC: The success of a committee also relies upon ours' preparation. Together with Kasia we want to deliver the best experience for delegates of StetiMUN 2017. In order to prepare we extensively research the topic and prepare the materials for delegates. We also try introduce a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for the attendees, so that they have fantastic time.

Wanda Slendak & Maja Fałczyńska

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

NO-ONE MANIPULATES LIKE MEDIA

The overall manipulation used in media is becoming horrendously common. You can't be sure what is the truth and what is a lie. Another alarming problem is hiding behind political correctness to whitewash the history. We talked with the Chairs of the UNESCO Committee – Agata Staszak and Natan Pawłowski - who are going to discuss those topics during this year's StetiMUN debates. We hope that the readers of EIMUNdo will enjoy this interview as much as

How did you become a StetiMUN Chair?

Agata Staszak: Actually, Mrs. Ostapkowicz, who is one of the main StetiMUN promoters, is my history teacher and almost my whole class is somehow involved in this event. She asked me, whether I want to join the team of Chairs and I agreed.

Natan Pawłowski: When it comes to me, I met Mrs. Ostapkowicz during a history competition organized by Szczecin University. I asked her if I can be one of the chairs. She answered that there's one place left in UNESCO committee and here I am.

What countries will you focus on during the discussion about the limitation and control of information flow used as a political weapon?

AS: So, while coming up with the idea of the topic I mainly thought about the situation in Russia. This was influenced by the fact that my father's job was to investigate the topic of the use of propaganda through media in that country and I thought it will be interesting to talk about. But of course, I could not ignore the current situation of Poland. I cannot stand watching the news in the Polish television and seeing drastically different opinions about the same topic on every channel. I really do think that this is a burning issue we need to address.

What kind of manipulation methods used in the media do you know?

AS: I can list for example replacing "strong words" in the articles to synonyms that sound much weaker, like calling manifestation a small meeting. Other common tricks are manipulating the numbers or making a sensation around a topic, that isn't so important, while hiding from the audience more important ones.

NP: There is also a trick used in media to interview an expert of something and make people believe that everything they are saying is true, because they are some kind of authority. They are many more, but those are the most significant.

Can you share some interesting experiences from your previous MUN events?

AS: Sure! The best experience at MUN events is meeting new people. When I was in POZMUN- a MUN event in Poznań, I've started some friendships and we are all still in touch with each other. At every MUN there are many funny or unusual situations. At one of the events for example, France delegate wanted to make a communist revolution in his country and he did it! I couldn't believe it.

NP: Last year STETIMUN was my first Mun. I've also met many people I still keep in touch with. I believe the funniest thing happened during the debate about Russia repossessing the Crimea. It was acclaimed violation of the law.

The Russian committee sulked and they got out of the room during the verdict.

We would like to thank you so much for answering our questions and we hope that you are going to have an interesting and fruitful time at the 2017 StetiMUN.

Marta Dziarkowska & Oliwia Kurlej



Photo: Diana Opiela

Agata Staszak and Natan Pawłowski

INTERVIEWS WITH THE HRC CHAIRS

IS SLAVERY STILL A THING?

In our interview with Anna Olichwer and Zofia Stelmaszczyk, the Chairs of the Human Rights Council, we asked about their experience in this committee and their opinion about obeying human rights all over the world. They told us about their expectations towards the meetings and their plans of making everyone aware that surprisingly human slavery continues to exist to these days. Who would have thought that people are still able to treat others like animals or machines in 21st century?

We're assuming that this is not your first time on StetiMUN. What committee were you in last year? And what's different now?

Anna Olichwer: No, it is not our first time. Previously we were also in the Human Rights Committee, but this time we got upgraded to the position of the Chairs.

Zofia Stelmaszczyk: Which is great, but so different than being a Delegate. Definitely more responsible.

What do you want to achieve during the meetings? What are your main aims?

AO: This year's topic is modern slavery, which is quite controversial so we hope for heated and very fruitful debates and that all the delegates will get involved in them. The problem with this topic is that a lot of people think about slavery as a thing of the past and they might not realise that it still exists in the 21st century. But it does and it's an extremely serious issue.

ZS: The only difference these days is that people touched by that problem aren't called slaves, although they do slaves' work. Which is a violation of many human rights.

You mentioned differences between slavery these days and the old-time one. What are the main ones?

AO: Well, most importantly, a slave is a person owned by others, they have to obey, they are treated like property. These days it has changed a little, taking on many different forms.

ZS: Yes, it varies from women forced into prostitution, to child slavery. People work in dangerous not adapted environments, without pay, without sufficient amounts of food and water.

These days slavery is forced labour, child labour, trafficking - it's anything not done voluntarily.

Your other topic for the debate is organ harvesting. Is it linked to the slavery?

AO: It is linked, though a lot of people wouldn't know that, because we don't associate it with human slavery. A lot of victims of human trafficking end up as victims of organ harvesting, a lot of them are kidnapped mainly for this purpose. And they are used, their bodies are used by others.

ZS: Great example of that would be practitioners and believers of Falun Gong in China. Falun Gong is banned in China and so the people who still practice it get prosecuted. According to the reports, the practitioners sent to prison have their blood type and overall health checked immediately after arriving and then end up executed in order to provide organs. The Chinese government denied all allegations, pretending to know nothing about this.

What do you think being in a committee, taking part in debates gives people?

AO: So mainly, people get to learn about how a certain situation looks like in different parts of the world but it also helps you practice your confidence and speaking in front of an audience. And you also get to practice your English!

ZS: You meet new people and you get to see the situation from so many different points of view, it's amazing.

Klaudia Łuczka & Roksana Marjańska



Photo: Diana Opiela

Anna Olichwer and Zofia Stelmaszczyk

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

*„Prepare thoroughly, take
stand, talk and...
be yourselves!”*

Those are the words of Jakub Szajek, one of the Chairs of the Economic and Social Council – and it is the spirit in which we are anticipating to see the upcoming StetiMUN's 2017 debates. In this exclusive interview with both Jakub and Kornel König, the second Chair in Ecosoc, we learned what there is to expect from the committee this year. To start with, let us introduce the Chairs.

Kuba and Kornel admit that although it was a spontaneous decision to apply for the position of the Chairs last year, they were absolutely certain about choosing this committee. Why? As Kuba says, personally he is very keen on economics and hopes to be able to both share his current knowledge and learn something new. Moreover, as Kuba strongly emphasised, he enjoys being in charge.

We are sure that he will be a perfect role model for the more inexperienced Delegates. Apart from that, as former Delegates, both of them wanted to explore StetiMUN from another perspective and to see the “backstage” of how it is organised. And so, as they are looking forward to the debates, they share with us what they think the best part of being a Chair is going to be - getting to know other, like-minded people and exchanging opinions with them.

Kornel also admits that bringing the house to order in the case of overly lively debates is something he is impatiently awaiting. Unfortunately, they refused to share with us some of the punishments they are planning to implement, and even though we are uncertain whether it is because they are not exactly sure yet what the punishments will be, or because they want them to remain secret. When it comes to the issues chosen for the debates, Kuba says they tried to focus on some up-to-date problems which would enable the Delegates to speak out and take their stand as much as possible.

Kuba and Kornel share the belief that the discussions should be both fruitful and entertaining and they encourage the Delegates of Ecosoc to take the similar attitude.

As in the words of Kuba, “We will try to be both serious and witty, and also encourage the Delegates to be like us.” Kornel also stresses the importance of treating this event as something entertaining by looking back on last year's punishments and memorable events that occurred during General Assembly.

“All the funny dancing as punishments and whole delegation leaving during the General Assembly show us that StetiMUN is not only debating but having fun, too.” We are convinced that Kuba's desire for the debates to be fruitful and Kornel's focus on making them enjoyable, makes them the perfect couple to conduct a committee which the Delegates will undoubtedly love.

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Jakub Szajek and Kornel König

INTERVIEWS WITH THE CHAIRS

Three wonderful cold days of November

In this interview, we ask Jakub Laskowski and Kacper Paszyński, the Chairs of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, why Model United Nations is worth participating, what their experience is, how the work of a Chair looks like and their plans and expectations for this year. For every offence there has to be punishment and, apparently, executing punishment is way more enjoyable than one could imagine.

Kacper and Jakub, why have you decided to participate in this year's StetiMUN?

KP: First of all, it is a great way to meet new people from around Europe and the world. For example, last year I met a guy from Russia, with whom I am still in touch. But what is more important, MUN is an opportunity to hone our language skills and engage with problems which are very up-to-date in Europe.

JL: I made my decision because I thought it would be a great opportunity to try something new. I've never been involved in politics, however, the MUN conferences have changed my attitude to politics, at least a bit. And, obviously, it's an event which is good for meeting new people, sharing valuable and less valuable thoughts, creating something new and having fun.

What is your MUN experience?

JL: At StetiMUN 2016, I was a member of the staff. Thanks to that, I learned how the conference looks like behind the scenes. I liked it so much that I, Kacper, and some other of my friends decided to participate in the PozMUN 2017 conference. I represented Norway in the Disarmament and International Security Committee. And now it's time to become a Chair.

KP: Last year at StetiMUN I was the manager of the conference so I experienced how it all looks from the technical side. I saw how difficult and time-consuming it is to prepare such an event. I also participated in PozMUN 2017 where I represented Norway in the Security Council. It is one of the most difficult, but also one of the most interesting committees in the UN.

Why have you chosen this particular committee?

KP: After StetiMUN 2016 we wanted to be Chairs at the next conference. Our deputy teacher knew about that so we were asked to be Chairs of either Counter-Terrorism Committee or Disarmament Committee. In the end, our deputy teacher decided not to create the Disarmament Committee and so we became the Chairs of the Counter-Terrorism Committee.

JL: I think that we didn't choose the committee, to be honest, it was the committee that chose us. All we did was expressing our will of becoming Chairs. We were assigned by the deputy teacher, Mrs Ostapkowicz, and we accepted the offer. However, as Kacper has already said, there was a small dispute about the existence of the Disarmament and International Security Committee and the Counter-Terrorism Committee. In the end, the committee to be created was the Counter-Terrorism Committee, for which we decided to take the responsibility.

How does the work of a Chair look like?

KP: Being a Chair is a very responsible task. We spend our time on mastering the rules of procedures and the UN Charter. We need to know them better than any delegate in our committee. We also have to be kind and open-minded in order to be ready to tackle any possible problem.

Being a Chair means having to maintain the flow of the debates, we have to control it, which is not an easy thing to do. We have to be aware of any motions, even the most silent ones. Another thing we have to do is encouraging the delegates to speak. I think that chairing is also a bit similar to being a lawyer because we have to interpret the resolutions, check if it is not against the UN Charter or any international law.

And before we end, what are your expectations for this year's MUN?

KP: I expect to improve my English, meet new people and have a lot of fun! It would be good to hear some interesting ideas for solutions to the problems of our world. My biggest expectation, however, is for our delegates to be satisfied with their StetiMUN experience and have three wonderful cold days of November.

JL: My expectations? I cannot expect the conference to be good, I KNOW it'll be excellent and unforgettable. When it comes to expectation for me myself, I'd like to improve my English, have fun and work fruitfully with our delegates.

Julia Patynek & Michał Szałajko

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Kacper Paszyński and
Jakub Laskowski

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