

## **MilanMUN 2018 : 21 – 25 March 2018**

### **From High School to University!**

For the second year in succession, a group of students accompanied by two teachers, took part in the English-medium MilanMUN conference, held for its first day in the Liceo Civico Alessandro Manzoni, and passing on to the impressive facilities of the Bocconi University of Milan.

### **MilanMUN 2018: a medium-sized international conference that has developed strong roots!**

For this 14th session of a solidly established, international conference, our three delegations (Colombia, Luxembourg and the United Arab Emirates), composed of ten students from the 9th, 10th and 11th Grades, and augmented by a team of three for the conference Press service, debated in committees of up to 80 participants and in a General Assembly meeting of more than 400, together with peers attending from all over the world.

### **Students from the Eurasian continent!**

This was about meeting for common purposes and ends, in an authentically international gathering welcoming delegates from Italy and France, Romania and Turkey, and even from as far away as distant Mongolia, amongst others!

### **Working together in collaborative fashion, through the medium of the English language.**

Our delegates contributed to the collaborative drafting of resolutions tackling the major questions concerning international disarmament, the global environment, Human Rights and the UN's policies, through informal negotiation, formal addresses, interactive debates with questions and answer sessions, suggestions for amending resolutions for adoption, and of course, with democratic voting at the conclusion of debate. All took place in English in highly intensive sessions lasting up to eight hours each day.

### **Conference proceedings reported, illustrated and commented by an Italo-Turkish Press Team.**

The press team accompanied the student delegates in all their work, interviewing, photographing and commenting their activities. They produced articles drawn up for the conference newspaper, in two editions published in the course of the conference. Some of the results, posted below, give an impression of all the serious, yet enthusiastic commitment of this team of St. Benoît students!

### **Some observations by some members of our teams.**

Here are some comments and appreciations from St. Benoît students attending the MilanMUN 2018 conference:

Efe (Disarmament Committee: UAE): «Everything was perfect for me, though I still want to improve my performance for next year!»

Zeynep (Human Rights Committee: Colombia): «I want to get more involved!»

Emir (Disarmament Committee: Luxembourg): «I'd now like to represent the USA in the conference's Political Affairs Committee!»

Zeynep (Press Team) commented that her participation in this conference showed her that her level in English was high, well above the international average for such conferences!

Dilara (Human Rights Committee: Luxembourg): «I'd like to make more official speeches, since I've got so many ideas to present! I'm going to research more thoroughly in preparing for conferences, and my goal is to draw up a well-rounded, informative resolution that will pass next time round!»

Öykü (Human Rights Committee: UAE): « I'm going to research very thoroughly in preparation for my next conference!»

Vanessa (Disarmament Committee: Colombia): «I shouldn't be too shy. I should take more risks with MUN – in an Environment, or Human Rights Committee, next time!»

### **Looking forward to next year's MilanMUN in its 15th session in 2019.**

A very pleasing success in international participation from our students, many of whom were beginners in MUN! Bravo for their commitment and their contributions to the overall success of MilanMUN 2018.

We hope to return for 2019, if possible with a student team augmented by St. Benoît students who will contribute to the organisation and operations of this impressive, international, high-school student initiative in simulating the work of the United Nations!