



SSUNS 2014

Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium



*Dare to Challenge
Drive the Change*

November 6th - 9th, 2014 Montréal, Canada

Dear Prospective Faculty Advisors & Delegates,

It is my distinct privilege to welcome you to the 22nd session of the Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium. On behalf of the entire Secretariat, I am honoured to invite you to the beautiful and historic city of Montréal for four engaging days of committee simulations, stimulating debates, and eye-opening experiences at one of the largest Model UN conferences in North America, attended by over 1000 delegates from secondary schools across all parts of the globe. It would be our pleasure to have you join us and to experience the excitement and passion of SSUNS for yourselves.

At SSUNS, it is the faculty advisors and delegates who breathe life into this conference. Our goal is to create an open and supportive environment in which young adults are able to face the complexity of global problems head on, to inspire solutions for a harmonious future, and to put those dreams into action as impactful members of the global society. This vision is captured in the spirit of this year's conference theme: *"Dare to Challenge, Drive the Change"*. SSUNS aims to inspire all delegates to *engage* in the challenges before them, to *empower* others to put their dreams into action, and to *experience* the change they have created for the betterment of future generations.

The committees list at SSUNS strikes a rich balance between tradition and innovation. This year, SSUNS is simulating 24 diverse committees with everything from traditional General Assemblies to the first ever joint literary crisis committee, ensuring that debate is invigorating for both first-time and experienced delegates. Committees aside, SSUNS motivates delegates to apply the lessons of their committee simulations into their everyday lives through the Isfeld Memorial Speakers' Series, which brings prominent professionals to speak on their areas of research related to the topics of debate. The SSUNS experience does not just stop at the delegates. The Crisis Simulation offers our faculty advisors a chance to step into their delegates' shoes while the Curriculum Component demonstrates the importance of Model UN in the classroom. All attendees are also offered a variety of Montréal and McGill-based activities to participate in.

I hope I have been able to offer you a glimpse into the exciting opportunities offered by our devoted Secretariat and staff. We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us this November for a fulfilling and memorable Model UN journey here at SSUNS 2014!

Sincerely,



Serena Wang, Secretary-General

22 Years of SSUNS

The SSUNS Difference

1. Committees Experience

- A bilingual, literary, and sports committee are always staples on the Committees List
- Expertly trained staff – we selectively choose our dais members and continuously fine tune our training to ensure the highest quality staffers who are experts in their respective topics of discussion

2. Beyond the Committee Room

- *For Delegates:* **McGill Tours**, **SSUNS Walkway**, and engagement with the **Conference Charity** are all designed to complete the Model UN experience by allowing delegates to see how they can take what they learn at the conference to create a meaningful impact in their own communities
- *For Faculty Advisors:* The **Curriculum Component** is an opportunity to see how Model UN can be integrated in the classroom, and our **Crisis Simulation** offers Faculty Advisors a chance to experience a fast-paced crisis themselves

SSUNS by the Numbers

- **400** – McGill students who volunteer their time to staff the conference, in the committee rooms or behind the scenes
- **1000** – High school-aged delegates from all over Canada, the U.S., and around the world
- **8** – The number of international schools (outside of Canada/U.S.) that attended SSUNS last year
- **24** – The number of committees delegates may choose from
- **30** – The average number of pages in a background guide
- **960** – The number of Krispy Kreme doughnuts sold at SSUNS Day, our on campus fundraiser
- **\$1,100** – The amount raised for our 2013 conference charity, the World Food Programme



General Assemblies

- Millennium Development Goals 2000
- Social, Humanitarian, & Cultural Committee
- International Labour Organization

Economic and Social Councils

- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Convention to Combat Desertification
- Commission on the Status of Women 2015

Specialized Agencies

- UN Human Rights Council
- Bilingual: De Gaulle's Council of Ministers, 1958
- Financial Action Task Force
- Radio Free Europe
- 2040 Peak Oil Crisis
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- Canadian Aboriginal Policy

Crisis Committees

- Ad Hoc Committee
- Mughal Empire
- United Nations Security Council
- Iran-Contra
- Iraq 2003
- Joint Literary: 1984 vs. Brave New World
- Joint: Ukraine Orange Revolution

General Assemblies

GAs are the largest and most traditional simulations:

- **Millennium Development Goals 2000:**
With 2015 presenting the expiration of the MDGs realized in 2000, delegates will be provided with a chance to refocus the global development agenda with this historic GA.

Economic and Social Councils

Slightly smaller than the GAs, ECOSOCs allow for flexibility within tradition:

- **Convention to Combat Desertification:**
The UNCCD is the only legally binding international agreement connecting sustainable land management with the environment. The convention facilitates cooperation in regards to the transfer of knowledge and technology for sustainable management alongside encouraging participation from local people to battle these environmental challenges.





Specialized Agencies

These committees use elements of both the more traditional GAs and the fast-paced crises, allowing for a perfect combination of structure and creativity.

- **Financial Action Task Force:** This task force was created in 1989 to deal with the continuously evolving problems of money laundering and terrorism financing.
- **Radio Free Europe:** Created in 1949, Radio Free Europe was a CIA funded broadcaster which provided news in the iron curtain and the Middle East. At the time, Radio Free Europe gained a mass following due to its lack of government censorship.
- **Fédération Internationale De Football Association:** FIFA is the governing body of association football and the World Cup. In recent years, significant allegations of corruption and a lack of worker safety have tainted the image of the organization.

Crises

These committees are usually very small and extremely fast paced, focusing on creativity and intrigue rather than structure. Crisis committees make for an action packed weekend

- **Joint Literary 1984 vs. Brave New World:** By pitting the contradictory worlds of 1984 and Brave New World against one another, this committee will allow delegates to truly experience and learn the deeper truths behind the books presented.
- **Iraq 2003:** Delegates will be tasked with one of the most complex and problematic missions the U.S. military has ever embarked on.



Conference Charity

This year, SSUNS is proud to be working with **Room to Read** a charitable organization that focuses on literacy and gender equality in education.

Change the world through the power of education – **Room to Read** envisions a world in which all children have access to a quality education, reach their full potential, and contribute to their global and local communities. Room to Read works in collaboration with communities and local governments across Asia and Africa to create programs that develop literacy skills and a passion for reading among primary school children.



SSUNS Walkway

One of the core principles of SSUNS is education through exposure, perspective, and experience. Each year, SSUNS invites local, national, and international organizations and institutions to attend the "SSUNS Walkway," where delegates will have the chance to speak with representatives offering various volunteer and internship opportunities. In previous years, the fair has hosted NGOs, universities, as well as Model UN summer camps, all of which have extended delegates' experiences beyond SSUNS. We hope that the SSUNS Walkway will allow delegates to broaden their perspectives and to understand the relevance of their simulations at SSUNS in the real world.



Bienvenue à Montréal!

The cultural capital of Canada, Montréal is home to rich history and a reputation as one of the liveliest cities in North America. A unique city because of its bilingual nature, Montréal is also home to a multitude of ethnic fairs and restaurants for delegates to explore.

Downtown

- **"Underground City"** – malls, restaurants, movie theaters
- **Montréal Museum of Fine Arts** – collections by Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Rembrandt, Rodin, and more
- **Mont-Royal** – scenic hiking trails and breathtaking views of Downtown
- **Place-des-arts** – Montréal Museum of Modern Art, Montréal Ballet, Montréal Symphony Orchestra
- **Rue Sainte-Catherine** – bustling shopping district
- **Cathedral of Marie-Reine-du-Monde** – Catholic church modeled after St. Peter's Basilica

Old Port

- **Notre-Dame Basilica** – Oldest Catholic church in Montreal built in 1656
- **Montréal Clock Tower** – The Sailor's Memorial Clock, memorial to Canadian soldiers
- **Bonsecours Market** – Gallery of eclectic local artists

Each year SSUNS is proud to present scholarships to schools and delegates based on need and merit. This year we will continue to ensure that schools and delegates are able to enjoy a rewarding experience at SSUNS 2014, regardless of their financial capabilities. SSUNS 2014 will offer the following scholarships based on the criteria listed below:

Award	Criteria	Funding Available
Individual	Awarded to an individual delegate based on need and merit.	Up to \$90
Delegation	Awarded to a school within Canada or the U.S.	Up to \$275
International Delegation	Awarded to a school outside Canada or the U.S.	Up to \$700



Hilton Montréal Bonaventure

We are excited to introduce our new venue for SSUNS 2014 – The Hilton Montréal Bonaventure. Located in downtown Montréal, the hotel is across the street from the Central Train Station, and conjoined to a central metro station – Station Bonaventure. It is also situated close to many malls and some of the best restaurants Montréal has to offer. Delegates and Faculty Advisors will receive the special rate of \$209 per room per night plus taxes for a quadruple. Please make reservations with the hotel directly at **1-(514)-878-2332** and indicate that you will be a SSUNS participant. Please note that you must make your reservation before October 6, 2014 to benefit from these conference rates.

For further information, please contact our Hilton Associate, **Pascal Maisonneuve**, at:

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McGill University – A World Class Institution

Ranked #1 by Maclean's in Canada and #17 by U.S. News and World Report, McGill is a world-renowned institution that echoes the best qualities of Montréal. With one in five students coming from abroad, McGill, like Montréal, is home to a multitude of cultures. Delegates will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of McGill on the afternoon of Friday November 7th where they will:

- Visit campus buildings and experience McGill's bustling campus life
- Have their questions answered in regards to academics, student life, and admissions
- Buy McGill merchandise from the bookstore



SSUNS registration fees consist of 2 components:

- 1) Non-refundable delegation fee
- 2) Total fee per delegate attending

	Early Registration	Regular Registration
Non-refundable Delegation Fee	CAD \$85.00 USD \$85.00	CAD \$90.00 USD \$90.00
Fee per Delegate	CAD \$85.00 USD \$85.00	CAD \$90.00 USD \$90.00
Total Registration Fee = Delegation Fee + (Number of Delegates x Fee per Delegate)		

Forms of Payment

- 1) **Cheques received by mail** – Certified and school cheques are acceptable and are to be made payable to IRSAM, Inc. Payments are to be addressed to:

Secondary Schools' United Nations Symposium
PO Box 55 Montréal Succursale B
Montreal, Quebec H3B 3J5

- 2) **PayPal** – SSUNS also accepts payments through PayPal via the SSUNS website. The PayPal link can be found under the "Registration" tab. IMPORTANT: Please note that there is a 3% merchant fee associated with PayPal that will NOT be covered by SSUNS. Delegations choosing to use PayPal are responsible for covering this cost.

How to Register

- Registration may be completed online, at:
www.ssuns.org
- Please refer to 'Refund & Late Payment Policy' under the 'Registration' tab on our website for payment deadlines



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 12TH

Priority Registration
Opens

JULY 31ST

Priority Registration
Closes

OCTOBER 6TH

Regular Registration
Deadline

OCTOBER 6TH

Deadline for Hotel
Reservations

NOVEMBER 6TH-9TH

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