

# THE PLISMUN'20 NEWSPAPER

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# GLOBAL NEWS

Sometimes during MUN conferences, we can get so focused on our own Committee topic and the problems surrounding it that we forget to check the news and see what is happening around us! Therefore, in this section, we'll discuss yesterday's news from around the world and sum them up in a nutshell.

## The Chinese Coronavirus

Although we talked about the Chinese Coronavirus yesterday, the issue is still prevalent and it's causing a lot of fear throughout the world. At this moment, more than 800 people are infected with this virus and dozens are dead. No one really knows where exactly did the virus come from or how it spreads. Panic is being spread and this even led to many attractions being closed down in China. Some of these attractions are The Forbidden city, a section of The Great Wall, or the Shanghai Disney Resort.

## East Africa's battle against locusts

Huge swarms of desert locusts have been destroying vegetation in East Africa forcing farmers into desperate measures. UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation says the crisis threatens food security across the region, where over 19 million people are already experiencing a high degree of food insecurity. It's the worst invasion of desert locusts in the Horn of Africa in 25 years, and in Kenya for 70 years. Aerial spraying is going on in Kenya and Ethiopia. The FAO estimates an increase in locust swarms will continue until June, leading the agency to put in place a six month emergency action plan and suggest it will take USD \$70m to contain the swarms across the region.



# QUIZ SECTION

Welcome back to our PLISMUN'20 Quiz section again!

You can find some more quizzes here to keep you entertained during breaks and whenever you feel like it.

If you complete them, please share it with us on our @plismun IG!

Can you name this country and its capital?



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COUNTRY:

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CAPITAL:

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This time, we decided to test your knowledge regarding history... Don't forget to check with us for answers on our @plismun IG.

Who was the 33rd president of the USA?

- a) Richard Nixon
- b) Harry S. Truman
- c) Dwight D. Eisenhower
- d) Franklin D. Roosevelt

How many Catherines did King Henry VIII marry?

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

Who was the first president of the United States to live in the White House?

- a) James Madison
- b) George Washington
- c) John Adams
- d) Thomas Jefferson

When did the Cold War officially end?

- a) 1989
- b) 1990
- c) 1987
- d) 1988





# INTERVIEW WITH THE SOCIAL EVENTS TEAM

As the party is happening today, for which I'm sure all of you are excited, we thought it would be fun to get to know the two masterminds behind the event - **Natalie and Tereza**. So, we asked them a few questions about the party and their experience with MUN overall.



**What is your experience with MUN?**

**Tereza:** I've been doing MUN for about 4 years as a delegate and I've also been helping with the organisation of PLISMUN for the past 2 years. I find MUNs super fun and thus I appreciate a lot that I can be involved with organising this conference, as I get to see the event from a different point of view.

**Natalie:** My first conference was in the Netherlands in 2015 and since then I've been involved in debating as well as organising. I've always enjoyed MUNs as well and I hope that PLISMUN'20 will get to the top of your list of the most enjoyed MUN conferences :)

### So what exactly is your role during PLISMUN'20?

**Natalie:** Myself and Tereza have been involved in finding the Opening and Closing Ceremony venue as well as looking for the party venue and planning the icebreakers. We spent a lot of time finding the perfect venues, so we hope you'll find them just as amazing as we do!

### How did you enjoy organising PLISMUN?

**Tereza:** It was a really exciting experience, hard at the beginning when we actually had to find the venues, but at the end it got really exciting and we were really looking forward to the start of the conference so we'd get to see you all! At the same time, a lot of great memories were made during the past year when we were in the process of organising PLISMUN.

### Speaking of which, what was the funniest thing that happened to you during PLISMUN or when planning and organising the conference?

**Natalie:** Oh, funny that you ask! Before the opening ceremony, we realized that we ordered no drinks for lunch and thus, myself, Tereza and a couple of friends decided to go to Národní třída, two stops from the OC venue and buy drinks for 180 people.

**Tereza:** Yes, but finding drinks was quite easy. The harder part was carrying all the litres back to the venue but we don't talk about that. However, then it hit us that we don't have any cups. But plastic disposable cups are banned in Prague (go green!) so after me running around Národní for good 15 minutes, we found a stationary shop where they sold paper cups - where we had to buy 20 packages of cups. So that was really funny.



**That for sure sounds like a fun experience. Did you take part in PLISMUN19?**

**Natalie:** We were both in the Social team, whilst now we're a part of the Social Events team.

**Tereza:** Yes, we were responsible for taking care of Instagram and other social media platforms that we used during PLISMUN last year.

**What are you most excited about?**

**Tereza:** I think we both are the most excited about the party, as we spent a lot of time planning that and we can't wait to see all your happy faces during the party!

**Natalie:** Yes, exactly. We hope that the party will be a great opportunity for the delegates to get to know each other and enjoy a bit of Prague nightlife.

**So what details can you tell me about the party?**

**Natalie:** Well, the party will be taking place in Space Bar at Karlovo náměstí. You can easily get there by tram or metro but if you're not sure about the transport, ask anyone from the PLISMUN organising team and we will be more than happy to help you :)

**Tereza:** The Bar is reserved for us from 8pm to 10pm and after 10pm, it will be opened to another party similar to ours. However, feel free to stay even after 10 and perhaps meet some new, interesting people. Nonetheless, please keep in mind it is an unofficial party and after 10pm, not a part of the PLISMUN'20 conference at all. Also, just a quick reminder: legal age for buying alcohol is 18+ in the Czech Republic.

**Is there anything else you'd like to tell all the participants of PLISMUN'20?**

**Tereza:** I would like to wish all the delegates to have an amazing time during PLISMUN and enjoy the conference as much as you can!

**Natalie:** I wish you a wonderful time too. Also, although debating and finding resolutions is important during an MUN conference, don't forget to have fun and socialise with other people. You will for sure find some new interesting people that you can stay friends with.



# FUN FACTS

Welcome back to our “Fun facts” section. We had a little break yesterday, however, we’re back today with some mind-blowing facts.

You will for sure make a great impression with these!

- Tennis players are not allowed to swear when they are playing in Wimbledon - Because of this, line judges have to learn curse words in every language so they know when a player has violated the rules
- During your lifetime, you will spend around thirty-eight days brushing your teeth.
- Most Korean people don’t have armpit odor. - Only 0.006% of the Korean population have the ABCC11 gene, which is the cause of armpit odor. - As a result deodorants are rarely sold in Korea.
- Only 5% of the ocean has been explored.
- When you blush, the lining of your stomach also turns red.
- Having bridesmaids in a wedding wasn’t originally for moral support. They were intended to confuse evil spirits or those who wished to harm the bride.
- A swarm of 20,000 bees followed a car for two days because their queen was stuck inside.
- India’s “Go Air” airline only hires female flight attendants because they are lighter, so they save up to US\$500,000 per year in fuel.
- Our Secretary-General, Jasmin, carries around glowsticks.



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**— Margaret Mead**

