

OBSMUN 2022 Daily Newsletter

Day 2



Delegates of Today – Leaders of Tomorrow

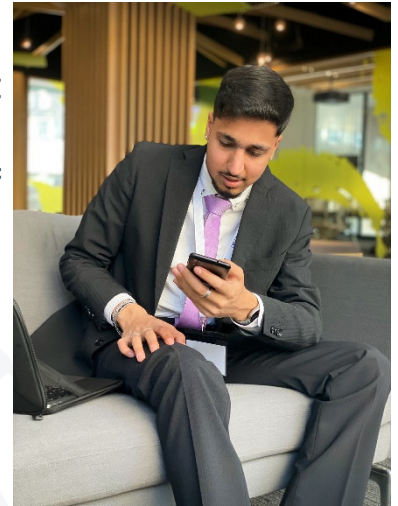
The second day of the OBSMUN2022 saw four Committee Sessions held on Microsoft. While the delegates developed their skills and debated, the day wasn't without its technical difficulties. A power outage caused a delay to the start of Committee Session IV, but with the help of Natixis' incredible IT team, we were able to quickly get underway.

Today's newsletter brings you three exclusive interviews with one of our typists, our IT support, and our MUN directors.

Sunny Thakrar – IT Support

“What difficulties did you face today?”

“Today we had an electricity shut-down. We had to reset all Microsoft Teams rooms, and then we had to connect all the cameras and mics to the system again. Then, two of the rooms began working perfectly again, but the system in one of the rooms wouldn’t reboot. We rebooted the system about four or five times and it wasn’t working. We had to factory reset the entire hard-drives so everything would start working again – microphones, cameras and lights.”



“How did you deal with the pressure of the situation?”

“No pressure at all.”

“What’s the most common problem you have to fix?”

“Explaining to delegates and guests how to enter the Microsoft Teams meeting.”

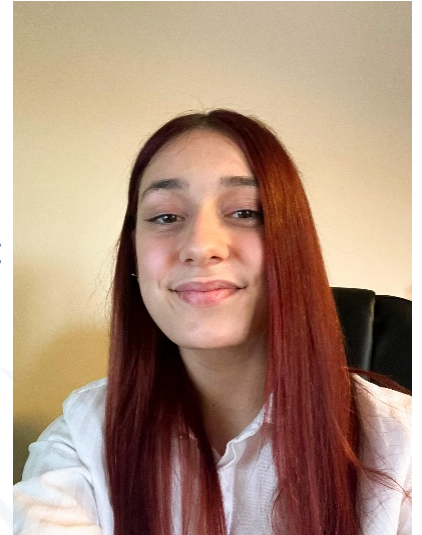
“How has your experience at OBSMUN been so far?”

“It’s been a nice experience. It’s a nice area, nice technology, we have a nice MUN team... difficult boss, but everything runs smoothly!”

“What’s been your favourite moment at OBSMUN so far?”

“My favourite experience was to work in a place with this level of technology.”

Inês Matias – Typist, Human Rights Committee



“What is your role in the OBSMUN?”

“I am a typist for the Human Rights Committee. Since I’m at home, I’m interchanging with Inês Fonseca.”

“What does a typist do?”

“The role of the typist is to present the clauses to the committee. We must write down the amendments and change a few things here and there. It’s just rewriting clauses and things like that.”

“How would you rate your experience since you’re online?”

“It’s fun, still, because I like to be a part of MUN. It’s a bit more complicated since I can’t be there physically with you guys. Any issues that I have are a bit more complicated to solve, but everybody does a good job of helping me, and I also try to help as much as I can.”

“What difficulties have you faced?”

“The only issue I’ve had is trying to listen to the delegates but not being able to hear them, so I have to ask Inês in a separate call.”

“What’s been your favourite and least favourite moment at OBSMUN so far?”

“I really liked the general conference itself, but I also liked the introduction yesterday. It was fun and lighthearted. I think that was a good way to start the MUN. I wasn’t even expecting it – I didn’t know if we were gonna do that. In terms of least favourite part, I haven’t really had any bad experiences or anything.”

“What’s been the funniest moment so far?”

“I don’t have a specific funny story, I’m just very concerned because, at the introduction yesterday, all the delegates told stories about having fallen from second-story buildings!”

Prof. Leta Ferreira – MUN Director

“Can you describe your background in MUN conferences?”

“I started in 2010 with an English teacher at school. At the time, he posted something in the Teachers’ Lounge asking for a female teacher who could speak French because he wanted to take a group of young students to PAMUN (Paris) in December. I read the post and thought ‘well, I might join this’, and I went to speak to him, and he told me ‘yes! Excellent!’ So, I joined at the time, but I was just an assistant.

I was just helping him fill in paperwork and organise the event. We went to Paris on the 4th of December. The second time was with another teacher, a History teacher. I was already running the club and the History teacher joined me, Mr. Quinn, and we started going places, but we didn’t organise anything as OBSMUN. When he passed away, one of the things that he asked me was to continue with the OBSMUN. I started in 2017 with the OBSMUN, and Hernani Almeida asked me and the team at the time if I’d like to run the first conference. Then in 2018, I ran the second conference with Tomás Koehler, because he had been in the first one and wanted to be the Head of Logistics. Then in 2019 we cancelled – we had everything organised, but we had to cancel because of COVID-19. And we started again now.”

“What has been the most and least enjoyable moments at OBSMUN2022?”

“The most enjoyable is to see everyone happy, specially when the conference starts – the opening speeches, seeing their faces; everything is coming together after long months of work. The least enjoyable was just now, when everything online just collapsed and nothing’s working!”

“How has this compared to your expectations of an online conference?”

“Well, it’s my first experience online, so I’m still getting it all in, but I prefer the presential ones. You get to see all the delegates from all around the world coming to our school or to Natixis. We came here for the first-time last October, and we were organizing everything for a presential conference. We were expecting around 200 delegates, but we had to change everything. The online is more technical. In school we wouldn’t be able to do this – you need the facilities, and you need the support of an IT team the whole time.”

