

# McMUN

McGill Model United Nations Assembly

2015 January 22nd-25th  
Montréal, Quebec



# Welcome Message

Dear delegates,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us at the 26th annual McGill Model United Nations Assembly, held the upcoming January 22th to 25th, 2015 in the beautiful City of Montréal!

McMUN has long been Canada's premier Model UN conference, standing as the third largest collegiate conference in North America and as the apex of international competition. We at McMUN have always sought to deliver high standards of academic merit and creativity, while simultaneously bringing together like-minded individuals in the exploration of international diplomacy. Those attending McMUN have always demanded and can continue to expect the best and most innovative ideas when it comes to our committees. This is why I am proud to highlight several of this year's innovative committees, including our Enron Joint Financial Crisis, our NCAA sports committee, and our returning committee of the International Criminal Court. Our ever-competitive Ad Hoc Committee of the Secretary General will also be returning – a staple for the Model UN circuit. The message for this year's committees is clear: bring your "A" game. We are going to deliver the most fast-paced, intellectually challenging, and diplomatically challenging experience McMUN has seen to date.

While McMUN seeks to deliver the best in-conference experience in North America, we also seek to build the experiences outside of it. This comes through creating a lasting impact through influential events such as our second annual Global Leadership Forum, which last year featured some of the most recognized academics and public figures in the world speaking on pressing global issues. This year, McMUN promises to deliver larger-than-life events that will not only be individually fulfilling, but will seek to foster connections and friendships that will join students from around the world. It is our goal in connecting students to see that these bonds endure long after the conference has ended in order to create a better global community.

We further hope to increase the accessibility of our conference this year. We are continuing to offer our Delegation Scholarships to aid groups in their travel and registration, and will continue to provide discounted airfare through Star Alliance. We believe that nobody should be excluded from contributing to a growing international community, and as a conference we will do our utmost to achieve that goal.

Lastly, Montréal may be cold, but we will have plenty of social events to keep you warm! In addition to the staple Head Delegate Cocktail, we will be presenting a revamped Pub Crawl on Friday night for delegates to have a chance to experience the best of Downtown Montréal's nightlife. Of course, the penultimate night of the conference will be McParté – a chance for our 1500 delegates and 500 dedicated staff members to celebrate the hard work and competition of an intense four days.

As the first 25 years of McMUN have elapsed, so we look to the next 25. I invite you to come join us in building the next saga of international relations at McMUN. We look forward to seeing you in Montréal.

À bientôt!



Ryan Mitton  
Secretary-General, McMUN 2015

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# CHECKLIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

**August 1st** – International Registration Opens

**September 1st** – Priority Canadian and American Registration Opens

**October 1st** – Priority Registration Ends

**October 2nd** – Regularly Registration Ends

**November 1st** – Registration Closes and Waiting List Opens

**November 16th** – Deadline for Application-Based Committees

**December 1st** – Balance of Fees Due (Applicable if only deposit originally made)

**December 12th** – Committee Assignments Released (Subject to payment status)

**December 21st** – Hotel Registration Deadline

**January 1st** – Refund Request Deadline

**January 12th** – Delegate Badge List Due (Online Submission)

**January 18th** – Position Papers Due (Online Submission)

**January 22nd – 25th** – McGill Model United Nations Assembly 2015

## WHAT McMUN STANDS FOR

**The McGill Model United Nations Assembly** is an annual student-run initiative that has been held in Montreal, Quebec since 1989. Having just celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, McMUN is the largest and most prestigious conference of its kind in Canada and ranks among the top academic events at McGill University. Its reputation has transcended borders and McMUN has become one of the most highly anticipated and competitive conferences on the international collegiate Model United Nations circuit. With over 1450 delegates from around the world and a 500-strong McGill student staff, McMUN is a hugely inspiring and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

McMUN holds itself to a high standard of excellence, and we are honored to have been voted as the **Best North American Conference of 2013-2014** by delegates on BestDelegate.com.

## OUR MISSION IS TO:

### INSPIRE

innovation in the leaders of tomorrow.

### STRENGTHEN

student engagement and awareness of global issues.

### CHALLENGE

our participants through realistic and creative debate.





## THE CITY OF MONTREAL

McMUN takes place in the beautiful city of Montreal, Quebec. A diverse and multicultural city, Montreal is constantly buzzing with life – from the bars and clubs on Rue St-Laurent to the shops on St Catherine's to the impressive diversity and number of restaurants all over the city. In 2006, Montreal was officially designated a UNESCO City of Design, honoring its cultural diversity with strong entrepreneurial and creative potential, as well as a flourishing contemporary art, fashion, architecture, music and design scene. Taking place in a hotel right in downtown Montreal, McMUN represents the perfect opportunity to explore the city between committee sessions.

### Make sure to:

- Grab traditional Montreal poutine at La Banquise, the best poutinerie in the city
- Eat smoked meat sandwiches at Schwartz's, the celebrated delicatessen on St Laurent
- Transport yourself to 16th century colonial Europe as you stroll down the cobblestone streets of Old Montreal and visit the historic Old Port, just a short walk from McMUN's hotel
- Go for a walk up Mont Royal, with scenic hiking trails and breathtaking views of the city





## McMUN 2015 COMMITTEES

### **General Assemblies**

The Fourth Committee - The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)  
The Sixth Committee - Legal  
The Third Emergency Session of the General Assembly- Lebanon Crisis (1958)

### **Economic and Social Councils (ECOSOCs)**

World Trade Organization (Online)  
The Third Communist International (1935)  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)  
The Commission on Narcotic Drugs  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

### **Specialized Agencies (SAs)**

The Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) (2015)  
International Criminal Court  
Congress of Vienna (1815)  
Latin American Debt Crisis (1980s)  
National Collegiate Athletic Association  
Delegate's Choice: Nintendo  
Joint Specialized Agency: 5th EU-Africa Summit- African Union  
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Combined SA & Crisis: Persian Invasions - Athenian Democracy

### **Crises**

Combined SA & Crisis: Persian Invasions - Athenian War Council  
Mumbai Terrorist Attacks (2008)  
United Nations Security Council  
Bilingual Joint: Hundred Years War - England v. France  
Joint: Second United Front: - KMT v. CCP  
Joint: Enron Crisis - Enron Board of Directors v. Financial Criminal Task Force  
Ad-Hoc

## INNOVATIVE COMMITTEES

### **The Sixth Committee: Legal**

The Sixth Committee (Legal) is a mainstay of the United Nations, tasked with dealing with legal matters between states; moreover, the Sixth Committee is one of the few institutions in global governance directly involved in the formulation and discussion of international law. McMUN 2015 is innovating its General Assemblies slate by running the Sixth Committee for the first time in many years, allowing delegates to shape and influence the efficacy of international law through what is sure to be high-level debate during fast-paced committee sessions. The Legal Committee is also introducing a new element to McMUN's General Assemblies: for the first time in McMUN's history it will accept resolutions drafted prior to the conference with the intent of focusing on legal debate.

### **Combined SA/Crisis: The Persian Invasions**

Entering the 5th century BC, Athens was a leader among the Greek city-states. None of her Hellenic counterparts could match Athenian culture and commerce. The citizens of Athens were part of the most active and advanced democracy of antiquity, overseeing all aspects of public life in the city state (*polis*). During the fifth century, however, Athens would face its greatest challenge: the Persian Empire. The first ever Specialized Agency and Crisis Combined Committees will re-create, as authentically as possible, the atmosphere of the Athenian response to the Persian Invasions through interactions between the democratic institutions of Athens—the heart of Athenian governance—and the war council tasked with adequately responding to this grave military threat.

### **Bilingual Joint Crisis: The Hundred Years' War**

The Hundred Years' War (1337-1453) gave its most beautiful themes to the national imagery of both France and England. It is firstly an affair of princes - feudal and succession rights brought the conflict between these two crowns. The Hundred Years War itself, however, was not only a strife between princes. In this committee, the survival of nascent nation-states will be at stake, with whoever wins controlling unimaginable riches. With the King of England wanting to settle down in Guyenne and the King of France wanting to dominate the Flanders - both lands worth a fortune - delegates will have to navigate competing claims and manage warring armies, all the while influencing the continued development of their respective states. One of the most interesting aspects of the war is that it brought about the decline of Norman French as the language of the nobility of England. Highlighting the linguistic importance of the Hundred Years' War, McMUN is making this its first bilingual joint crisis committee, with the Kingdom of England conducting debate in English and court of the King of France discussing matters *en français*.



## APPLICATION- BASED COMMITTEES

### NCAA

The National Collegiate Association of Athletics (NCAA) is the organization responsible for administering college sports in the United States. Student athletics and non-professional sports like the ones that the NCAA has been dedicated to since its inception, however, have changed with the increased success of college basketball and football. The NCAA has seen both increased revenues and an increased professionalization of its leagues and players. Applicants will be tasked to bring their energy for college sports to the table, dealing with these and other issues that will define the future of non-professional athletics.

### Nintendo

The overwhelming majority of votes for Nintendo in our “Creative Committee Vote” reflects the popularity and passion for this giant of the gaming industry, known for such ventures as the Nintendo Wii and great franchises such as Mario and Super Smash Brothers. In terms of continual innovation, no one has done more to advance gaming in terms of platforms and franchises in the last two decades – yet despite delivering much-needed breakthroughs, Nintendo still lags behind the gaming platforms of Xbox and PlayStation in terms of popularity and profitability. This committee will require a focus on both the business of gaming and on the essential creative aspects of their games and platforms. Applicants for the Nintendo committee must be willing to apply their knowledge about gaming to both the business and development aspects of a video game company.

### International Criminal Court

Despite being relatively new as an international institution, the International Criminal Court (ICC) is a tradition at McMUN. In previous conferences, the ICC has simulated a number of notable historical trials, including the Nuremberg Trials, trying to apply the complexities of international affairs to individuals. At McMUN 2015, the ICC will require delegates with not only a passion for mock trial and international conflict arbitration, but also logical rigour, effective speaking skills, and superior debating ability.

### Joint: Enron Crisis

The Enron Crisis: Joint Crisis Committee will re-create the corporate drama of one of the largest financial scandals in history. Even after the discovery of illicit financial activity, unethical corporate practices, and major discrepancies in corporate governance, the aftermath and subsequent trials finding Enron executives guilty of their crimes took the better part of a decade to fully unfold. This joint committee of the Enron Board of Directors and the Financial Criminal Task Force will allow delegates to simulate one of the largest corporate financial scandals in history. An understanding of financial practices, corporate culture, and Wall Street regulations will be critical for applicants to succeed in either side of this crisis committee as the downward spiral of Enron will include unlikely twist and turns.

### Ad Hoc Committee of the Secretary General

\ad-häk, -hök; äd-hök\ Origin: Latin, “for this”. First Known Use: 1659.

## ATTENDING McMUN 2015

**Delegation: \$75.00**

**Early North American Delegate Fee: \$85.00**

**Regular North American Delegate Fee: \$95.00**

**International Delegate Fee: \$50.00**

Early North American (Sept 1st - Oct 2nd)	Regular North American (Oct 2nd - Nov 1st)	International (Aug 1st - Nov 2nd)
<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

\*Prices do not include relevant taxes.

Please contact Gautham Krishnaraj, our Chief Financial Officer, at [finance@mcmun.org](mailto:finance@mcmun.org) with questions or concerns.



Star Alliance, as the Official Airline Network of McMUN, is proud to offer fare discounts to all delegates on behalf of their twenty-five member airlines via single and user-friendly online booking process. Please visit [mcmun.org](http://mcmun.org) for further details.



Two years ago, three of the most prominent collegiate conferences from three different continents joined forces to form the MUN League: Americas Model United Nations (AMUN) in Brazil, McMUN in Canada, and Oxford International Model United Nations (OxIMUN) in the United Kingdom. Participants who have been awarded Best Delegate titles at any of these conferences are offered free passes at the other two MUN League conferences, in the interest of promoting an increasingly global exchange of ideas and connections and enabling a greater diversity and awareness of attending delegates.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

McMUN is proud to offer scholarships to select delegations originating from Canada, America or abroad that apply online before November 1st, 2014.

Visit [mcmun.org](http://mcmun.org) or contact our Chargée D'Affaires, Marta Canneri, at [chargee@mcmun.org](mailto:chargee@mcmun.org)

## HOTEL INFORMATION

McMUN is proud to be holding its twenty-sixth session at **Le Centre Sheraton**, located in the heart of downtown Montreal. The Sheraton is perfectly situated, with access to Old Port, the shopping district, fantastic dining and an endless supply of Montreal's infamous nightlife.

The staff of McMUN 2015 will continue to work hard to ensure that attending delegates receive comfortable lodging at affordable prices. We strongly encourage you to book your hotel room before **December 21st, 2014** in order to benefit from the following reduced rates:

Single/Double Occupancy	<b>\$197.00</b>
Triple Occupancy	<b>\$203.00</b>
Quadruple Occupancy	<b>\$209.00</b>

\* Prices do not include relevant taxes and are subject to change without notification; please check our website [www.mcmun.org](http://www.mcmun.org) for any updates. All above prices are quoted in Canadian dollars. Payment in USD can be arranged through Le Centre Sheraton.



# OUTSIDE OF COMMITTEE

## Head Delegate Cocktail

- Held exclusively for head delegates
- Relax in a stunning lounge overlooking the skyline of Montreal
- Opportunity to network with other delegates from all over the world

## Pub Crawl

- On Friday Night, experience a slice of McGill's infamous "Frosh", or Freshman Orientation Week!
- Delegates are divided into teams and taken on a tour of Montreal's famous bars and clubs, all the while competing for prizes!

## McParté

- The legendary party exclusive to McMUN
- 6 hours of continuous top music mixed by live, Canadian DJs
- Hosted in one of Montreal's biggest and best venues, in the heart of downtown
- Great drink deals for delegates

## Global Leadership Forum

- Hosted last year for the first time with resounding success
- McMUN brought together some of the brightest minds at McGill University at McGill University and the City of Montreal to critically examine some of the key problems facing Canada, the United States, and the world
- Last year's Global Leadership Forum brought together such individuals as Dr. Christopher Ragan, economics professor; Dr. Marc Garneau, the first Canadian astronaut and Member of Parliament; and Mélanie Joly, Montreal mayoral candidate and philanthropist









# CONFERENCE ITINERARY

## Thursday, January 22nd

12:00-17:00	Registration
18:30-20:00	Opening Ceremonies
20:30-23:00	Committee Session I (GAs: no Thursday session)
20:30-22:00	McMUN Leadership Forum (GAs only)
23:00-01:00	Head Delegate Cocktail

## Friday, January 23rd

09:00-12:00	Committee Session II
12:00-13:00	Head Delegate Meeting
14:00-17:00	Committee Session III
17:00-19:00	Committee Dinners
18:45-20:45	Committee Session IV
21:30-01:00	Pub Crawl

## Saturday, January 24th

10:00-13:30	Committee Session V
13:30-14:30	Head Delegate Meeting
15:30-19:30	Committee Session VI
22:00-03:00	McParté

## Sunday, January 25th

10:00-11:30	Committee Session VII
11:30-13:00	Hotel Checkout
13:00-14:00	Closing Ceremonies



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