

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Delegates, student officers, members of the ICJ, experts of the APQ and the most esteemed advisors,

First of all, we as the press team welcome all of you to RCIMUN 2021! As all of you know, this year's RCIMUN is taking place virtually through Zoom. This year, with participants from all around the world, Greece, Jordan, Czechia, Qatar and Uzbekistan, we are very excited to host the first online RCIMUN.

With the ongoing pandemic, everything has shifted to the virtual world and Zoom has become a lifestyle for most of us. Our classes, workplaces, meetings, events and much more are happening virtually. This was also the case for RCIMUN. From an executive board meeting weekly in the resource room talking about the airport transfers and the campus safety to an executive team meeting only through Zoom and talking about Zoom licenses and time zones. From admins running all across the campus of Robert College, trying to help a lost advisor or carrying snacks for the coffee tables to admins learning and perfecting the Zoom chat in order to ensure the smooth running of the conference. From student officers wielding their gavels to student officers wielding the power to mute someone. It is undeniable that this year is a unique one with difficulties and challenges never seen before. It will be an extraordinary experience for everyone.

As the press team, we will be publishing daily newspapers to help you keep track of what's happening and to inform you about RCIMUN. This year was definitely hard for every one of us, but the executive team has made sure that this year's RCIMUN is the best one you can experience.

MUN IN 14 POINTS

- **Model United Nations:** An activity that simulates the United Nations where world issues are discussed.
- **Delegations:** Everyone represents a different country, this country is called your delegation. Participants represent a different delegation in each conference.
- **Committees:** There are different committees, each representing a branch or an organ of the UN that focuses on different important world issues. Some like the APQ and the SC have their own procedures.
- **Resolutions:** Resolutions are solutions proposed and written by delegates in the lobbying session. They are made of preambulatory clauses and operative clauses.
- **Improving Your Language:** As all debates and discussions are in English, this is a great opportunity for participants to improve their English. Especially if you are not a native speaker.
- **Debating Skills (From Our Finance Assistant Buse Koldaş):** In MUN conferences, delegates need to debate and defend their opinion. Sometimes delegates need to defend the thoughts that they don't support because of their delegation. This feature of MUN helps participants to improve their debating skills.
- **Socializing:** MUN allows participants to meet people from different schools and different countries, creating friendships that last forever.
- **Different Perspectives (From Our RCSA Assistant Elvan Ece Satici):** Delegates debate with others, and listen to different interpretations and discover opinions that they couldn't think of.



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- **World Politics:** In MUN, delegates need to know the policies of their country and do research about the agenda items. This allows them to increase their knowledge in world politics and diplomacy.
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** When participants discuss an issue, they also think about all of the aspects of the issue. What causes the issue, how can the UN solve it, or what is the importance/role of the delegate's country in the issue. As a result, participant's critical thinking skills improve.
- **Public Speaking (From Our Transport Manager Ege Çeltiklioğlu):** In MUN, delegates are discussing, lobbying, and generally are talking about different issues in a crowded group. Therefore, MUN is the best place to conquer one's fear of speaking in public.
- **Collaboration:** Delegates need to work with other countries' delegates, share their ideas and combine the ideas to resolve the issues.
- **Diplomacy (From Our RCSA Assistant Anya Kamalı):** MUN is an ambiance which sometimes is serious and political, so when delegates discuss important things about the world, they need to be diplomatic.
- **Having Fun:** MUN might sound serious, but as much as it is serious, it is also entertaining and fun. MUN is not only debating or writing resolutions. It is also meeting new friends, discussing interesting topics, collaborating with others and much more.



INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARIAT



Zeynep Yilmaz



Doğa Ayar

What is your job as an SG at RCIMUN ?

SG (Zeynep): “Our conference has an SG just like the UN does. The SG is the head of the UN, in MUN it's the head of the Secretariat and executive board. As the SG, I keep track of what each member of the Secretariat and the executive board is doing. To elaborate on that; every person in the executive board has specialized duties such as being a finance team member or a public relations member, a campus manager, an IT manager, head of admins etc. As the SG, I follow closely every member to make sure they're keeping up their deadlines. In addition to that,

we make the executive decisions about the conference such as opening opening and finalizing registration, communicating with advisors etc. Finally, I, as the Secretary-General, refer to our school's administration about all of the stuff regarding the conference.”

PGA (Doğa): “As the PGA, I am responsible for determining the agenda items for every committee, keeping track of and giving feedback to every chair report, allocating delegates, and selecting student officers along with the other Secretariat members. Also, I am responsible for adjusting RCIMUN's procedure according to changes in THIMUN and inform participants. And finally, I will also be chairing the GA plenary session.”

What do you most enjoy about MUN ?

SG (Zeynep): “What I enjoy about MUN is that I have taken part in different conferences as different jobs such as an admin, as a delegate, as a Student Officer and as an executive member. What I enjoy about the fundamentals of MUN is that it gives young people a platform to talk about global problems and a chance to

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SG (Zeynep): cont. recommend solutions. I believe that this makes us aware of international conflicts, international solutions; it also provides us a perspective by bringing people together from different backgrounds. I also made many friends during conferences and in our own club. What I specifically enjoy about RCIMUN is that I get to organize a conference like this, and I get to provide many people with this experience to enhance their global perspective.” different backgrounds. I also made many friends during conferences and in our own club. What I specifically enjoy about RCIMUN is that I get to organize a conference like this, and I get to provide many people with this experience to enhance their global perspective.”

PGA (Doğa): “I like how MUN is a student-run activity. As a part of the executive team, I had the privilege of being with a group of diligent people who devote their time and energy to create this international conference throughout the year. We worked for hours and became a family that covers for each other no matter what, unbound to challenge like a global pandemic. Starting as admins, members of our club are raised to become delegates, Student Officers, executive members, and Secretariat members, espousing RCIMUN not as an organization but as a part of their personalities, wearing their hoodies proudly. Similarly, another thing that I hold dear to my heart is the relationship I had with my friends in this club, and I would especially like to thank the upperclassmen who raised me. With regards to our club culture, the place student leaders hold is very precious. The Office selects accomplished and older club members (student leaders) to help conference teams prepare. Delegates dearly trust these leaders to assist them with their questions as well as any conference-related issues or complaints. Therefore, I consider myself lucky for the privilege of growing with driven people who just love what they do.”

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What do you think about MUN being online this year ?

SG (Zeynep): “Upon the cancellation of RCIMUN 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have instantly started to prepare for our new conference after I was appointed as the new Secretary-General. Last year’s cancellation of the conference was devastating but it motivated me to prepare the perfect conference this year. In the beginning of our preparations we were both preparing for a face-to-face on an online conference. After deciding that we were going to host this conference online, I started to think of the advantages rather than the difficulties. I thought of this as a chance to reach further than we usually could, we immediately got in contact with international schools, speakers and the international participants from Greece, Jordan, Czechia, Qatar and Uzbekistan.”

PGA (Doğa): Since I was a part of this club, what I anticipated the most was participating in conferences, whether it be by getting on an airbus or a big school bus, and arriving at a place where people from all around the world anticipate debating and having the shared experience of learning together. I sincerely believe that, although we are having an online conference, the delegates will be able to feel the synergy of MUN and have memorable discussions with a diverse group of people.

What are you most excited about MUN this year ?

SG (Zeynep): “What I’m the most excited about this year’s conference is that, this year we got to reach out to many different people. We made sure that everyone had access to our platform where young people gathered and talked about the global issues. It’s fairly obvious that if we could do the conference face to face it would be a more enhanced experience for all of our participants but as the RCIMUN executive team, we did the best we could to provide our participants the full RCIMUN experience.



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SG (Zeynep): cont. We quickly adapted ourselves to the ‘New Normal’ as our theme suggests, and we made the most out of this experience. I truly wish that all of our participants enjoy our conference as much as we did while preparing it.”

PGA (Doğa): Unfortunately, my time as the President of the RCIMUN Club is coming to an end, and it just reminds me of how this club is an integral part of my life, as the senior who is about to graduate today. I am the most excited for the future of the club members, who will hopefully be able to start going to conferences in the upcoming year.

Which One Would You Rather?

Staff or exec?

SG (Zeynep): Exec

PGA (Doğa): Exec

Are you a daytime or nighttime person?

SG (Zeynep): Nighttime

PGA (Doğa): Nighttime

Tea or coffee?

SG (Zeynep): Tea

PGA (Doğa): Coffee

Online education or face to face education?

SG (Zeynep): Face to face

PGA (Doğa): Face to face

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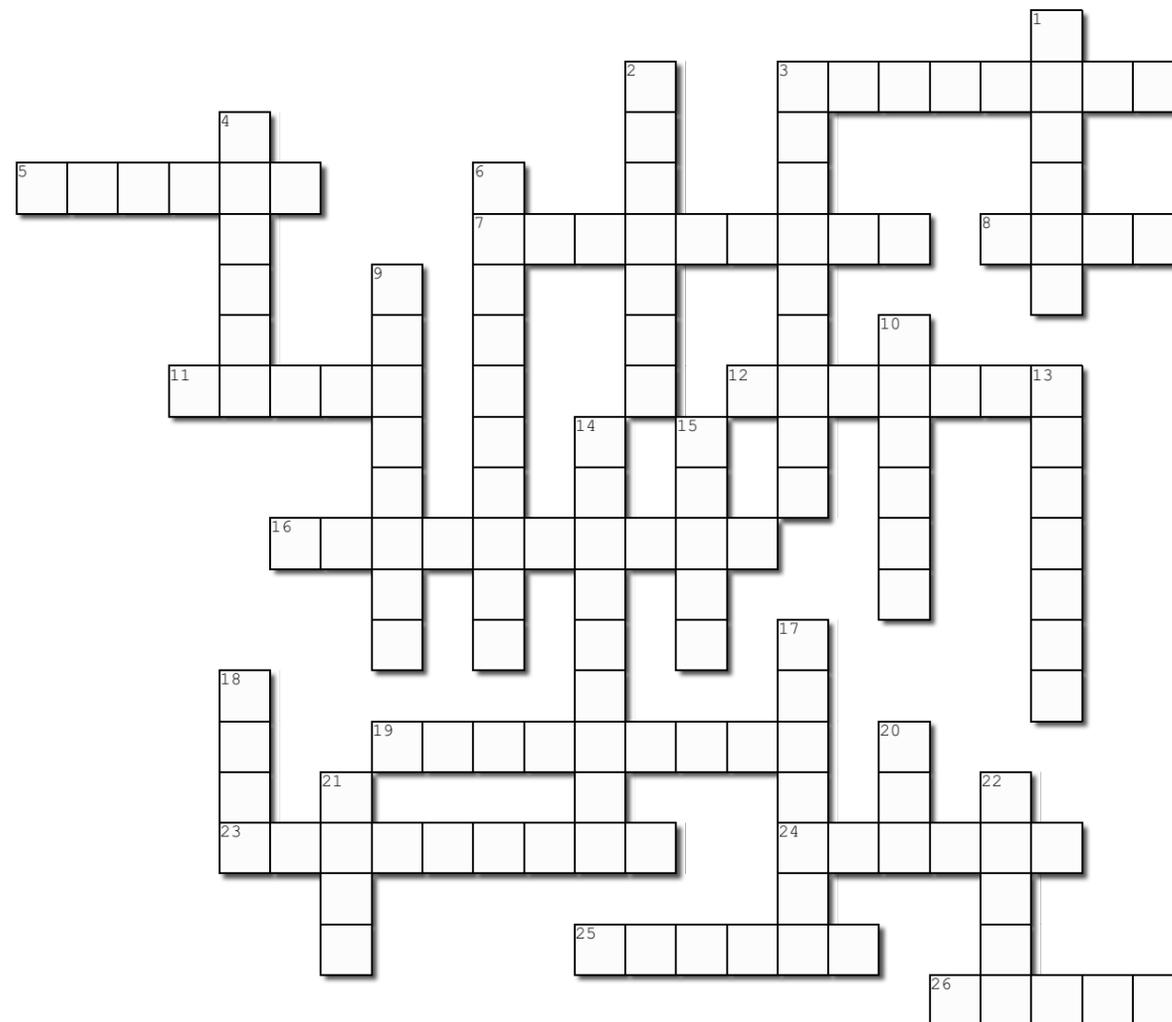
SG (Zeynep): Pop (Mostly Turkish pop, especially Tarkan)

PGA (Doğa): Rock

Name: _____

the RCIMUN crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

3. a criminal investigation by the Federal Police of Brazil, initially headed by Sergio Moro (Operation _____)
5. largest country in the world by total area
7. clauses that are usually numbered and underlined.
8. This military alliance, which was established in 1949, is made up of numerous North American and European countries.
11. Following the ___ Peace Conference, the League of Nations was founded as an international body.
12. another word for order in committee
16. treaty that marked the end of World War I (Treaty of _____)
19. the first nuclear weapons were produced in this program (_____ Project)
23. Which leader coined the phrase “iron curtain” to describe Europe’s divide in the Cold War?
24. name of the PR manager for RCIMUN’21
25. the president who claimed the UNGA podium ‘smells of sulfur’ after Bush gave a speech in 2006 because he is the devil
26. when a delegate believes that the rules of procedure have been broken, this sort of point is used

Down

1. the father of leap year
2. the United Nations’ primary governing document
3. other name for the Third International
4. Capital of Austria
6. a lending and grant-making multinational financial agency
9. who was the Iron Chancellor?
10. a nation that was neutral in World War I
13. the act of combining two or more draft resolutions to create a new or larger resolution
14. delegates say ‘aye’ or ‘present’ during this
15. a color in the Hungarian flag
17. the longest river in Asia
18. This organization puts together some of the world’s largest oil suppliers.
20. This multinational body, which is one of the oldest, works on labor rights and other employment-related topics.
21. the Statue of Liberty was originally intended for this canal.
22. capital of Senegal

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