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Welcome to our first MSK MUN newspaper, "MSK MUNews"! Here you can find news about our conference and the whole world. Also, there are some mini games and delicious recipes to spend your time during this tough period! We look forward to seeing you in our online seminars and of course in our conference! Stay safe!

ANNA PAPACHARISI, EXECUTIVE MEMBER

MSK MUN HISTORY

Going back at 2017 during the start of the academic year, a new headmaster was appointed to direct the First Middle school of Kifissia. Mrs. Sandra Doropoulou had been a capable headmaster to hold a conference of the Model United Nations in a Greek public school for the first time ever. Only schools of Kifissia had participated in 2018. We could say that this event was a test drive, a first experience that everyone could learn from, especially the students of the first middle school, who many of them would become earn the opportunity to chair in committees or take up administrative positions in the next conference.

Next year our ambitions naturally grew, as a result, we made greater efforts to support a new conference that would consist of more committees and overall a greater number of delegates that we would be able to hold. In late February these efforts were shown: This time many delegations from schools all across the urban region of Attica attended. Everyone appreciated and admired MSKMUN due to the fact that this conference was organized by a public school.

The third conference, the conference of 2020 would have delegates from several schools

abroad, and even more delegations from Greek schools. We were able to hold even more and greater events within the conference, perhaps one of the biggest and most prestigious MUN conferences in the country as it was once more, the first MUN conference in Greece, held in a public school with delegations from schools abroad.

During the Conference, the Covid-19 pandemic was spreading to many countries from its initial outbreak in China. About a month after the event, the country was locked down in order to prevent the rise of positive cases of infections. Sadly, it was decided that the next year's conference would be conducted online in order to prevent the gathering of delegates to closed areas. We, as a crew, are working day and night to make our next meeting in 18-21 March will be as smooth as possible. We wish you all the best, stay safe.

The general assistant secretary, Iosif Iakovidis

INTERVIEW

We had the honor to ask Anna Ioannou, the president of Executives, some questions about her life and our conference. Anna, thank you for your time!

Hello Anna! First of all we would like to thank you for your time. To begin with, tell us something about yourself

Hello to everyone! My name is Anna Ioannou and I am 27 years old. I am a PhD Student at the Department of Materials Science, University of Patras, Greece. I am really into science, Harry Potter and Netflix. I also used to be a Navy Scout. In my spare time, I love

cooking for and with friends and most of the times I like to play board games. I don't know what the future holds for me, but I hope that my future self will be very proud of what I have accomplished even if its just a Nobel Prize.

*Why did you decide to take part in M.U.N.?
Tell us about your favourite conference.*

It all started back when as a first-year high school student as a delegate at the THIMUN Conference. I want to be honest and say that the very first thing that "attracted" me was the trip to the Netherlands and the MUN Party. When we started to prepare resolutions, speeches and doing research on a completely different country it really hit in a different way. I was amazed by the whole procedure and got really involved, after the MUN Party of course. My favorite conference was by far the WEMUN Expo in Beijing, China! I was selected to participate as a Committee Director and got a scholarship to travel to China where I also met the Greek Ambassador in Beijing. I had the chance to meet students from all over the world and from Ivy League Universities such as Harvard, Yale and Boston. It was the time of my life since I got the chance to participate as a Director, meet exceptional people and a different culture.

*As a delegate, which was your biggest fear?
Eventually, what did you get as a delegate and as a chair?*

As a delegate, even though I always felt confident with my English, I feared public speaking. I could make alliances and engage discussions but only if it did not involve talking on the podium. **the floor is yielded**

Eventually, both as a delegate and a chair, I had to make a speech or two and damn it felt good. During my studies I had to present my

Thesis and take part in scientific conferences and the voice in my head kept saying "you have done it in front of so many people already, keep going". Another thing I would like to mention is the way we do research for a country or a topic. I can say that the way you have to research on a topic, be open minded, discard fake news and have at least 3-5 legit sources applies the same when doing research as a scientist.

If you had the opportunity to be a chair again, which committee would you choose?

Easy question since we all have favorites... DISEC! Last Committee as a delegate, first committee as a Chair and my personal choice as a Committee Director.

At MSK MUN you have the highest title that you can get. How do you feel about that?

It feels cold up here. The air is thin and I have multiple headaches. Other than that, it feels good. As a person, I like to keep my life organized, so it comes as a natural. Truth is that when you must take a decision that you know it will not please most of your comrades, things are a bit tough. I want to consider myself a fun and easy person to collaborate but when it comes to work and deadlines, you'd better not piss me off.

Why do you find MSK MUN special?

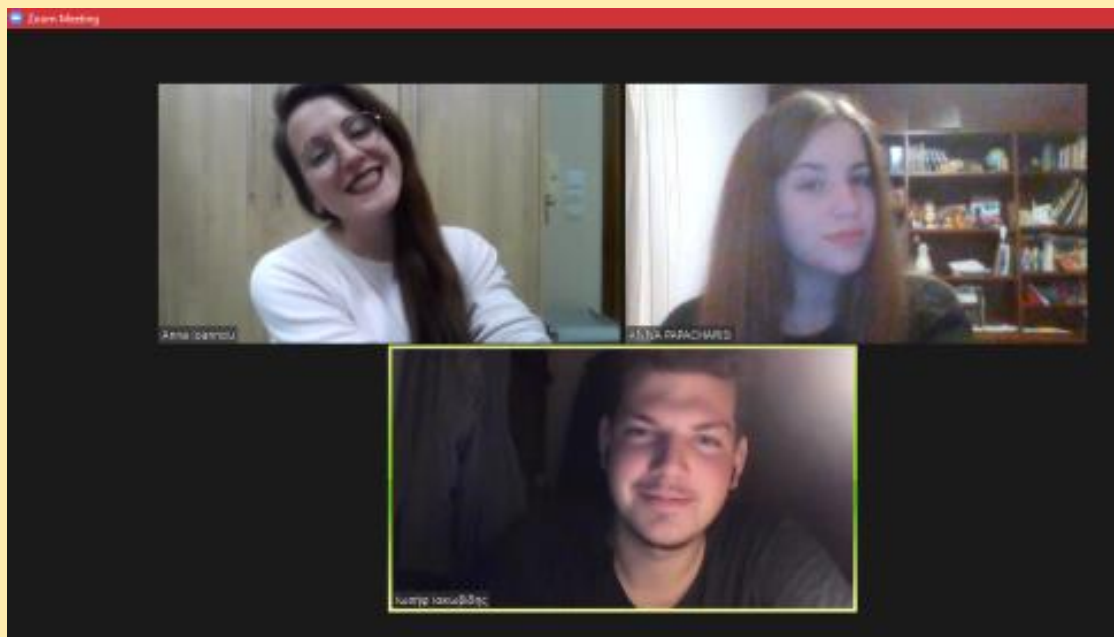
I consider MSK MUN my baby. Every parent thinks their baby is special and unique. In my opinion, what is amazing is that we are the first public school to ever host MUN Conference with all drawbacks that might follow. I do not want to say more just that you have to try it yourself and see what an amazing Conference and Team we are.

Any advice for our delegates?

Research and be confident! As you deliver a speech always bear in mind that other delegates have no idea what you want to say and that you can always take “no points of information”. Then first time you take the floor is always the hardest but it gets smoother.

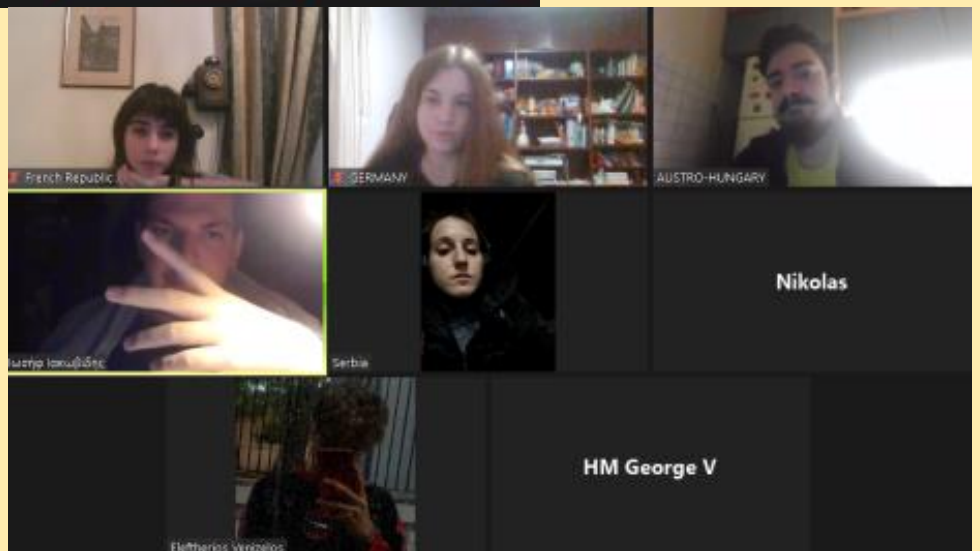
And a special last question, what soundtrack would you choose for your life?

One song that makes me feel good all the time is “I want to break free” by the Queen. Considering that I want to achieve high in the scientific community I have to have major break-throughs. Also, in a film documentary it will make people want to see more as it will make them feel energized.



MSK MUN TEAM – MEETINGS

The Executive members, G.A. members and G.A. mentors have already started to organize the conference and deliver some lesson to the fellow chairs.



CRISIS!

Let's see what happens in the world right now...

54 million women and youth face staggering humanitarian challenges. Through its humanitarian appeal, UNFPA emphasized the need to adapt and integrate services for sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence (GBV), mental health, and psychosocial support during the pandemic.

“Whether she lives in a house or a tent in a refugee camp, every woman and girl has a right to peace in the home. Whether in a warzone, displaced or affected by natural

CORONA VIRUS VACCINE TRACKER

Vaccines typically require years of research and testing before reaching the clinic, but scientists are racing to produce a safe and effective corona virus vaccine by next year. Researchers are testing **58 vaccines** in clinical trials on humans, and at least 86 preclinical vaccines are under active investigation in animals. Work began in January with the deciphering of the SARS-CoV-2 genome. The first vaccine safety trials in humans started in March and now 13 have reached the final stages of testing. Some of these trials will fail, and others may end without a clear result. But a few vaccines may succeed in stimulating the immune system to produce effective antibodies against the virus. Here is the status of all the vaccines that have reached trials in humans, along with a selection of promising vaccines still being tested in animals.

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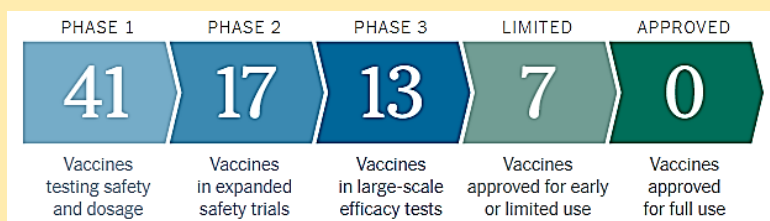
READING: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirus-vaccine-tracker.html>

disaster, she has a right to good health and wellbeing, and to live with dignity”, the UN agency chief upheld.

The appeal also calls for more investment in local women-led and youth organizations that work as frontline responders and agents of change.

Moreover, it outlines how humanitarian assistance, sustainable development and peacebuilding are key pathways for recovery from COVID-19.

CONTINUE READING: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1079482>



TIME TO RELAX!

Find the follow words:

1. **DELEGATE**
2. **ADVISOR**
3. **COMMITTEE**
4. **TOPIC**
5. **HUMAN RIGHTS**
6. **ENVIRONMENT**
7. **CRISIS**
8. **HISTORY**
9. **DIPLOMACY**
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IS ANYONE HUNGRY?

TIME FOR **cookies!**

INGREDIENTS

225g/1 cup unsalted butter, softened (or use salted, ship salt)

1 cup (220g white sugar, preferably caster/ superfine

1 ½ tsp vanilla extract

1 large egg (55-60g/ 1g-2oz)

3 cups (450g) flour, plain/ all purpose

¾ tsp baking powder

¾ tsp salt

ICING FOR SUGAR COOKIES

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl until creamy (1 minute on speed 5).
3. Add eggs and vanilla, beat until completely combined.
4. Add flour, baking powder and salt.
5. Start mixing slowly and then beat until the flour is incorporated.
6. Dust work surface with flour, scrape dough out of bowl. Pat together the cut in half and then shape into 2 discs.
7. Roll out to 0.3cm/1/8 (for thinner, crispier cookies) or 0.6cm/1/4 (for thicker, softer cookies), sprinkling with flour under and over the dough so it doesn't stick.).
8. Use cookie cutters to press out shapes and use a knife or spatula to transfer shapes to prepared baking sheets.
9. Bake for 10 minutes, swapping trays halfway, until the surface is pale

golden and the edges are just beginning to turn light golden.

10. Allow cookies to cool completely on trays.

DECORATING OPTIONS

1. Icing
2. Melt chocolate then dip the surface into chocolate
3. Dust with icing sugar

<https://www.recipetineats.com/christmas-cookies-vanilla-biscuits/#wprm-recipe-container-41684>

