

GD MUN 2018 report

For the fourth edition of Georges Duby Model United Nations, 275 participants gathered at Lycée Duby on Saturday, 17th March for day one of the two day debating conference on the theme of 'Future Generations.'

As well as the delegates from Lycée Duby, students from the following schools / towns were represented : Cézanne, La Nativité, Ismael , Istres, Jean Jaurès, Manosque, Nice , Pierre et Marie Curie, Aubagne, Grasse, Science Po- Aix , SVIS, St. Charles and Vauvenarges.

All were welcomed by Mme Miron (Head of the English Section at Lycée Duby) whose rousing address featured a quotation from Shakespeare's « Richard III » (on this year's OIB English Literature syllabus), encouraging the audience to challenge the current 'winter of discontent' and the keynote speech from the conference's esteemed guest speaker, Mme Dolgetta-Garcia, Researcher in Economics, took this further as she outlined 'the four big challenges' of the 21st century : 'climate change ; technology and the world of work ; intergenerational solidarity and the solidarity *within* generations' that will be required by the young people of today, the already very well adapted 'geographical amphibians,' as she termed them : multilingual students from all over the world ready to rise to these challenges. Mme Dolgetta-Garcia concluded her speech with these words to the assembled delegates : 'At ease both in the water and on land, you are ready to build some of the bridges that the world needs.'

GD MUN's General Secretary, Lise Semeria, who, with her crack team of fellow Duby students, had worked tirelessly for many months on the project, opened the conference weekend and delegates moved to their committees which included Crisis Resolution, ECOSOC, Environment, Human Rights and Political, as well as the Security Council.

Day two of the conference was held at the amphitheatre La Verrière at the Méjanes cultural centre in Aix and here we must thank the parents who accompanied the students on the Sunday as well as the many parents who hosted visiting students over the weekend.

So a big 'WELL DONE!' to all the GD MUN organising team - led so diligently by Lise Semeria - including the chairs of committees, the press team and the admin staff as well as to Mme Byrnes, Vice-President of Agessia, and to Mme Laget, Section Anglophone co-ordinator, who were very much involved with all the paperwork required and who also encouraged, hosted - and shopped (!) - in order to make the latest edition of this now firmly established annual event the success it undoubtedly was.

Finally, in wrapping up the year of MUN conferences for 2017/18, we would like to thank Mrs Bretelle and Mr Lewis for their tireless nurturing and devotion to all of our delegates, both new to debating, and those whom are well seasoned, for their guidance and hours of preparation over the course of the academic year."