

Dear MUN Director,

For those of you who have just started your school year, welcome back! As MUN programs across the region begin to plan and move into action for the upcoming season, the THIMUN Qatar office is here to support you in your MUN endeavors.

Before providing you with some updates on programs and initiatives the Office will be working on this year, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lisa Martin, and I have worked closely with the THIMUN Qatar office for the past several years, both in the development of the THIMUN Online program and as a Middle School Director at ACS Amman. My transition as the Head of THIMUN Qatar began almost a year ago, and I would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank Cameron Janzen, outgoing Head, for his meticulous support during this lengthy transition. The TQ team comprised of Jesse Atkins, Conference Coordinator, Abhay Valiyaveetil, IT Coordinator, and myself, have worked for a number of months together to ensure a smooth start to the year. Please feel free to email me at any time at [lmartin@qf.org.qa](mailto:lmartin@qf.org.qa) with comments, questions, concerns, or just to say hello.

### **Qatar Leadership Conference October 16-18**

This year's QLC will be held at the Qatar National Convention Center. We are planning a record number of workshops from our lineup of regional and [international presenters](#). We have 99 presenters on everything ranging from conflict resolution, Arabic MUN, the United Nation's UN4MUN initiative, a Directors Training Institute and more. Information on the QLC can be found on the [THIMUN Qatar website](#).

### **THIMUN Qatar (MUN) Conference February 3-6**

The deadline to register for the fourth annual THIMUN Qatar Conference can be done online through the [Form 1](#), found on our website. Schools wishing to attend must complete this registration form by September 17<sup>th</sup>. Form 1 can be completed online, (student names and committee choices are not due at this time). If you are interested in attending and have questions, please contact the office. Student officers, ICJ, Press and the special Arabic Committee applications are also due September 17.

### **Arabic MUN**

THIMUN Qatar will be working to develop an [Arabic MUN](#) program this year. We will be holding several sessions devoted to this program at the QLC. In addition, THIMUN Qatar will be holding a Special Regional committee for the Middle East and North Africa (SRCMENA II) in Arabic. This is the first time THIMUN Qatar has hosted a committee in Arabic. We encourage schools wishing to attend the THIMUN Qatar conference to consider sending delegates to this inaugural committee.

THIMUN Qatar will also be hosting a one day Arabic Conference on Saturday, April 25th at Qatar Academy. In addition, the office is supporting the work of an Arabic consultant who will be assisting in

overseeing the [online Arabic Program](#). Debates begin in October and there is no cost associated with participating. Contact [Nabila Elassar](#) or the [THIMUN Qatar office](#) for more information.

### **Olive Branch**

The TQ office, in partnership with Best Delegate, produces a monthly MUN magazine catered to the Middle East region. If you would like to contribute to the publication, please drop us a note. This month's Olive Branch is attached to this email, but you can also sign up and have it delivered to your inbox each month. To sign up, click [here](#).

### **Conference Services**

We are developing an array of [services to support your MUN conferences](#), from an online [Electronic Resolution Systems \(ERS\)](#) tool to digital certificate issuance to the use of the MUNIS conference management system. These services are provided free or at a nominal cost. Please see the website for more information, or contact our IT Coordinator, [Abhay Valiyaveettil](#) who can answer any questions you might have about our support services.

### **Online Debating**

The THIMUN Online MUN platform allows for year round debating, and is free and open to any interested high school student. This is a great way for new delegates to gain additional debate exposure or for experienced delegates to debate as often as they'd like. All OMUN debate topics are taken from the THIMUN Qatar, Singapore and Hague agendas. OMUN is another way for aspiring Student Officers to gain an entry into the world of chairing. [The OMUN website](#) also provides a number of online tools and ideas for delegate preparation.

Here's to a great year and we look forward to working with you in 2014-2015.

The THIMUN Qatar Office and student Executive Team