

Dear MUN Directors;

March is always another busy MUN time with lots of spring conferences. Below are few updates from the THIMUN Qatar office.

New Staff

As you know, Ann Rogers has retired and moved to Portugal. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Jesse Atkins as our new THIMUN Qatar coordinator. Jesse joins us from the Amideast office in Oman and has recently completed his Master's degree in International Development from the London School of Economics. Please join me in welcoming Jesse to the office.

Film Festival updates

We had a record number of film entrees this for the film festival. This year saw tremendous growth in the number of Junior and international films submitted. The quality of films that our students are making is truly outstanding. Please take the time to visit our Youtube channel to see this year's nominees. The channel is <http://www.youtube.com/user/THIMUNQatarFilmFest>

Our nominees this year come from schools in Qatar, UAE, Singapore, Pakistan, India, Turkey, Canada and the United States.

The festival will be held from April 17 to April 19th. The highlight of the festival is gala awards night at the Grand Hyatt Ballroom on April 19th starting at 6:30 pm. If you wish to purchase tickets for this event, you can buy them from the THIMUN Qatar office, request tickets are sent to your school, or by purchasing them on-line at <https://tqnwfilmfestival.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited so please order early if you plan on attending.

Qatar Leadership conference

Applications are now being accepted for the annual Qatar Leadership conference held October 16-18. If you are interested in presenting at this year's conference, please complete the application form at <https://qlcpresentersapplication.eventbrite.com>. Deadline for submission is April 30th. More information is available on our website as well as the attachments in this email.

Arabic MUN conference (OMUN and QA)

THIMUN Qatar and THIMUN OMUN are looking to expand their services to include MUN events offered in the Arabic language. If you are interested in participating in Arabic O-MUN please register at <http://onlinemodelunitednations.org/o-mun-arabic> for their conference on March 29th. If you are interested in joining the Qatar Academy Arabic MUN conference, please contact the THIMUN Qatar office or Ms. Rola Abu Ramadan at rabouramadan@qf.org.qa

Support for your 2014-2015 conference

One of the mandates of the THIMUN Qatar regional office is try and support MUN conferences in the

region. As you begin planning for your 2014-15 events please keep in mind the following services that are offered by the office:

MUNIS – an online database application custom made for MUN conferences

EMS- an on-line resolution management application

Digital badging – e certificates for student's e-portfolios

Olive Branch – free advertising of your conference in our monthly newsletter

Please contact the office or visit our website if you would like more information.

Congrats to Bahrain Bayan School (BAYMUN)

Congratulations to the Bahrain Bayan School who recently became the host of the 6th THIMUN affiliated conference in the Middle East. Achievement of this important accomplishment would not have been possible with the hard work and dedication of Ms. Radia Haider and her entire student executive team. Congratulations!

THIMUN Qatar Conference date

The 2015 THIMUN Qatar conference is scheduled to be held January 27-30. For our schools in Qatar, we would appreciate it if you would send us your school calendars for 2014-15 to check for possible conflicts with winter holidays.

Thank you once again for your support

THIMUN Qatar office