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Ab Urbe Condita

Rome, April 23 2022

XV RIMUN EDITION

This year we are yet again here to celebrate the XVth edition of RIMUN, Rome International Model United Nations. RIMUN is a simulation of the United Nations, which is held every year at Liceo Farnesina whereas the closing ceremony is held this year at LUISS University.

We interviewed the founder of RIMUN, Mrs. Amato to give us an insight into this project over the last 15 years: “We only had about 200 delegates in our first year, it wasn’t very international. It gradually grew and grew until we reached 600 delegates from all over the world. RIMUN reached its glory during MUN 2019, just before the pandemic started, it was a perfect moment. RIMUN has changed my life. I started RIMUN thanks to a lucky visit to the MUN in Lubeck, Germany; I thought to myself ‘This is wonderful’. The students encouraged me to start a MUN here in Rome. They were stubborn and eager to do this program, and I thank them for this.”

This year’s nations are Yemen, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Gabon, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Japan, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, UK, USA, Vietnam and many more. During the simulation, the delegates of these countries discuss a topic that is different from year to year. This year’s topic concerns “How water management balances the increasing and interrelated pressures on the water-energy-food nexus and health as the world population continues to grow”. We met the principal, Mrs. Frettoni, and she expressed her feelings to us: “I feel full of joy because I can feel the spirit of RIMUN all again finally in presence. I think that this year is better than last year’s; however, I have to admit that last year was very impressive because I could see the student’s determination, pleasure, and joy in doing this simulation.”





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The opening ceremony took place at the University of Roma Tre. Since we couldn't attend it, we collected the experience of 2 of the ambassadors of the countries participating; firstly we interviewed the ambassador of Brazil: "The experience was as wonderful as the University. It was so much fun to talk in front of the public which gave me a lot of self-esteem. Of course, I had the same topic as everyone else, but my focus was more on the Brazilian Favelas and I was very happy to speak out in front of a packed crowd". Secondly, the ambassador of Italy: "It's my first time here at RIMUN, but not my first time here in Rome. We arrived a little late to the opening ceremony, my speech was mainly about the Italian policy on helping out other countries in need, it was a short speech because I didn't want to bore the crowd".

We hope that you enjoyed reading today's journal! #tuneintomorrow!

FUN FACT: *NASONE*



Nasone is a fancy name for a drinking fountain located around Rome. They are called this way due to their shape which resembles a big nose (*nasone* in Italian means "big nose"). Thanks to its particular shape, together with its diffusion in the city, it has become one of the iconic symbols of the capital. However the government has decided to remove them completely; therefore, it's essential to raise awareness regarding this issue since it provides clean and free water for everyone.



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MATCH THE FOUNTAIN



The Turtle Fountain
Where: Hebrew Ghetto,
Piazza Mattei
When: 1581-1588



Trevi Fountain
Where: Piazza di Trevi,
Palazzo Poli
When: 1732-1762



Fountain of the Four
Rivers
Where: Piazza Navona
When: 1648-1651