

Dear TEIMUN community,

After a series of deliberations, the TEIMUN Foundation has decided to move this year's TEIMUN conference to an online format. Although there was a strong preference for having a physical conference like before the Covid-19 crisis, we felt that the situation had not improved to the point where we could have our conference on the ground. The current status of Corona infections and hospitalisations in the Netherlands, whilst improving, still makes it very hard to justify the risks of travelling abroad and we do not want our community of international delegates to be confronted with quarantines and different levels of testing and bureaucracy before coming to our conference. We do not want a situation where we risk losing our international character and strain our relations abroad for a smaller, yet physical conference.

Another important factor in our decision-making was that a physical conference at this stage would not convey the essence of what TEIMUN is, an open and familial conference where people from across the world come together in good spirits to debate, explore The Hague, and make friends for life. Although we expected to have more liberty to let delegates explore The Hague, its many institutions, and experience the social events that TEIMUN offers yearly, we found that it would not be possible to live up to expectations with the current restrictions we face.

What does this mean for TEIMUN? In anticipation that Covid-19 cases and legal requirements might be too harsh to hold the conferences physically we developed a roadmap for an online TEIMUN early on, which we shall now execute. The most important take-away is that the dates will be shortened from the 12th-17th to the 12th-15th of July. This means our conference will be three days long and packed with sessions and cultural activities. We want to give our delegates an online experience of The Hague, our beloved location for the regular conference, as well as offer them intellectually engaging activities apart from the sessions, as TEIMUN is more than just a Model United Nations conference - it is an experience.

The Board of Directors has started executing the plans for the online conference and is eager to see all members of the TEIMUN family, from China to Peru, Indonesia to Great Britain, and Canada to Germany come to our online conference in mid-July. We are happy to receive any questions you might have and will update our website containing the new information about the conference shortly.

Yours truly, the TEIMUN Board of Directors

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