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QUOTE OF THE DAY

The YPAC is a possibility to meet new friends, gain experience and feel a little bit like a politician.
-Hannah, 15, Innsbruck

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BREAKING NEWS

YPAC-Tagung in vollem Gange

Slowenien In Maribor findet derzeit das 13. YPAC-Treffen statt. Das Liechtensteinerische Gymnasium ist mit einer Delegation von sieben Schülerinnen und Schülern vor Ort.

Nach einer langen Anreise am Montag begann am Dienstagmorgen die 13. Jugendparlamentssitzung im Gymnasium in Maribor mit der Begrüßung der verschiedenen Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer. Daraufhin folgte die Einführung in das Thema Bodenschutz, dem Hauptthema der Woche. Experten erweiterten und vertieften das Wissen der Schülerinnen und Schüler mithilfe eines Vortrages. Am Abend fand die Vorstellung der zehn Delegationen bei einem Abendessen statt.

Das Hauptthema der diesjährigen Diskussion «Preservation of Soil» (Bodenschutz) ist in die vier Unterthemen Landwirtschaft, Raumplanung in der Stadt, Raumplanung auf dem Land und Naturerfahrung unterteilt. Die Teilnehmerinnen wurden einem der vier Themen zugeteilt, in denen sie am Dienstag und Mittwoch verschiedene Postulate ausarbeiteten. Bei der Generalversammlung am Donnerstag werden die gefundenen Lösungen und Projekte der Komitees vorgestellt und diskutiert. Hierbei ist Redegewandtheit und Überzeugungskraft gefragt. Denn das Ziel der rund 80 Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer ist es, ihre Postulate durchzusetzen und die anderen davon zu überzeugen. Am Ende der Generalversammlung werden zehn von den sechzehn Postulaten angenommen.



Die Delegation des Liechtensteinerischen Gymnasiums an der Eröffnung des 13. YPACs: Jenny Nguyen, Nadine Vogt, Ruben Rauter, Sophie Eberle, Matthias Gappisch, Valerie Nigg, Ursula Banzer, Jette Gasthöhl, Jonas Büchel (v.l.). Bild: pd

Neben der Parlamentsarbeit und der Ausarbeitung der Postulate finden noch andere Aktivitäten statt, in denen die Schülerinnen und Schüler die Stadt Maribor

näher kennenlernen. Beispielsweise fand eine Stadtbefichtigung statt wie auch der Besuch eines englischen Theaters und ein Wandernach Pukorje, einem Berg in Slowenien. Am Donnerstag wird die 13. Jugendparlamentssitzung mit einem Abschlussfest beendet und am

Samstag, Tag der Abreise der Liechtensteiner Delegation, werden die Schülerinnen und Schüler die Katerinöhle «Postojna» besuchen. Daraufhin folgt ein kurzer Aufenthalt in Ljubljana, der Hauptstadt Sloweniens, bevor es per Nachtzug zurück nach Hause geht. (pd/mv)

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THE YPAC DUCK

Today, the same tragic event as two years ago has happened again: Our beloved YPAC DUCK got kidnapped once again. A radical terrorist was able to overwhelm the official guardians of the duck and ran away with it as fast as the flash. Right now we fear that our duck has to suffer enormous torture.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANYBODY? Cordula? YOU?

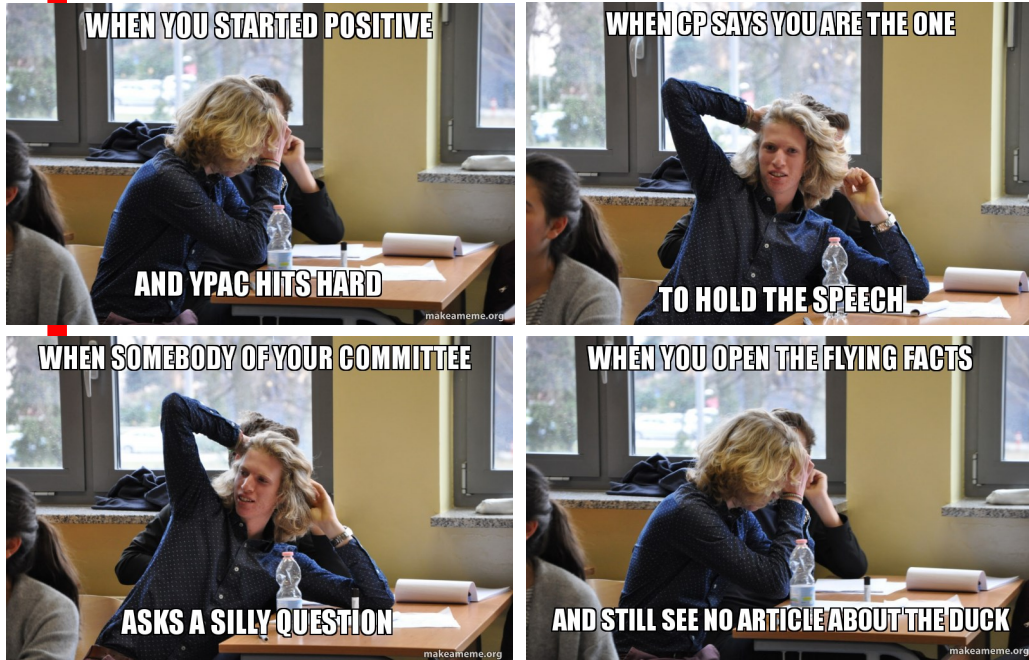
Please report anything to the local police forces and contact us:

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FUN PAGE

Today: MEMES



When they actually ask the question you have been fearing

FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

as we hand over this last issue of the Flying Facts for 2018, you are probably at dinner excited for your resolutions. Though there was not enough time to answer all questions, the General Assembly was full of fruitful discussions, critical thinking and great ideas.

After yesterday's phenomenal performance of the English Student Theatre, which showed us their very own musical of Shakespeare's „A Midsummernight`s Dream“, today was finally the day you have been waiting for. As you had to concentrate and do your best throughout the whole day, it is now well deserved to let go at

the party that follows.

The next two days will be a lot more informal. Tomorrow you will have to get rid of the calories you gained through the week by doing sports activities at Pohorje and Saturday there will be a visit of Ljubljana (which is DEFINETLY not as beautiful as Maribor) and Postojna cave. So, still it seems like we are not finished yet. Anyway, we would like to thank you for reading our magazine throughout the week and say goodbye to you all! See you next year!

Neja Preložnik, Kilian Schroeder

General Assembly

WHAT IS IT ?

All of the efforts, brainstorming, studying and discussions by the students have been done just in order for them to give their best during the General Assembly. But what is the General Assembly?

The General Assembly represents the moment in which the delegates are able to defend the resolutions they have worked hard to achieve. It is a special time, and not just because of the smart dresses, but especially because everyone is excited, nervous and anxious to show everybody else their value. Each delegate is really keen on demonstrating, in front of not only their fellows, but also such important figures as Dr Milan Brglez, the President of the Slovenian National Assembly, that they can really make a change, that their ideas are worth being listened to.

Since only ten of the sixteen postulations will be approved of, the delegates have to “fight” bravely and must do their best

to convince the members of other delegations to vote in favour of their resolutions. In order to reach the greatest number of positive votes the delegates have to do their best to convince the other members of the assembly of the strength, innovation and validity of their postulations. They can do this through the initial speech, which is held by one of the members of the committee, through questions and answers in the debate about the suggested resolutions, and last but not least through the final speech, which can be considered as a crucial moment after which every delegate must decide if the resolution is worth supporting it or not.

This is simply how the General Assembly works. This is what YPAC is about.

Chiara Dinarello

General Assembly



Busy Pressgroup



Look daddy, I'm in the newspaper!



PHOTO CORNER

CP Valerie thinking



Your name is not on the list, you won't get in here



Delegation chamonix on point



WHERE IS IT ?

The YPAC General Assembly is taking place this year in Slovenia's second largest university and one of the best 600 universities in the world, the University of Maribor. This school was

established in 1975, but its roots reach back to 1859 when the Lavantian Bishop, Anton Martin Slomšek, announced the establishment of the Slovene Theological College.

WHO WAS PRESENT?

The guest who stands out the most is certainly Dr. Milan Brglez, the President of the Slovenian National Assembly - you can read the interview we conducted with him on the following pages. Also from the National Assembly is Vesna Vervega, a member of the Slovene Parliament. The GA was also attended by Špela Ber-

lot, a representative of CIPRA Slovenia and (of course) Markus Reiterer and Taja Ferjančič Lakota of the Alpine Convention. Sandra Pichler, the President of this year's YPAC, and Dr. Lučka Lorber, Prorector of the University of Maribor, both honoured us with speeches.

Vitja Bizjak



RESOLUTIONS

COMMITTEE 1 - AGRICULTURE

Postulation 4: Enhancing composting

This postulation wants to raise awareness and understanding of the benefits of composting for children and adults. Everyone should throw their compost into composting bins, which will be transported to farmers, so they can use it as a free and organic fertilizer.

People who would not separate their organic foods from other trash would have to pay a penalty.

COMMITTEE 2 - SPATIAL PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS

Postulation 1: Not more, but better

This postulation encourages the development of environmentally-friendly tourism in order to preserve soil by upgrading already existing structures.

Postulation 4: Up to the sky

This postulation proposes an innovative deal with companies and soil. Indeed, its aim is to encourage vertical building instead of horizontal in order to preserve and save good soil.

COMMITTEE 3 - SPATIAL PLANNING IN URBAN AREAS

Postulation 1: Fighting soil sealing

The aim of their postulation is to minimize soil sealing (and giving alternatives), that means removing the useless asphalt. It will promote the use of paving, which interacts with the nature above.

Postulation 2: Minimalizing Urban Sprawl

This postulation wants to create a green belt as an option for cities to plan their expansions, to have a clear border between the city and the rural areas and provide food security. Also, they want to reuse old and abandoned buildings.

INTERVIEW WITH FIRST YPAC MEMBERS

Hannah, 15, Innsbruck

- What do you like most about YPAC?
like arguing and discussing. Talking to the politicians was very interesting as well.

Elisa, 16, Chamonix

- What do you think is the value of a project like YPAC?
Learn to be respectful and committed to the environment

Jonas, 16, Rosenheim

- What will you remember about the Slovenes and Maribor?
The kind host families, the deco of the school, the people
- Describe YPAC in one word
Awesome!

ONCE UPON A TIME...

We spoke with some past YPAC members to share the experience:



1. What are your thoughts about the YPAC, what is so special about it?

I consider the YPAC to be an extremely formative experience. I would like to underline that formal communication in a language that is not your mother tongue is extremely complicated! The YPAC experience allowed me to expand my vocabulary, strengthen my group management skills, and most of all, develop strong public speaking skills!

-Francesco Mikulis-Borsoi

2. Do you have any tips for future YPAC members?

Dare! Dare to participate even if you are shy, dare to say things you know people are not going to like. There is nothing to lose, and a lot for everyone to learn. But dare to listen to thoughts which you do not like. And dare to change your mind: it is harder to challenge your own ideas than others'. But that is the only way to move forward, to learn, and to build something together.

-Robin Couton

THE UNKNOWN PEOPLE

We do not talk about them, and yet...host families play an essential role in the YPAC.

Indeed, this project would not be possible without them, that is why we have chosen to talk about these great people.

I am staying with a really kind family, with a mom, her daughter, her little brother and a really cute puppy. I asked a few questions to the daughter about the YPAC :

-To begin, can you introduce yourself a little bit?

-My name is Tjaša, I am 17 years old. I live in Ptuj and I go to school to II. gimnazija Maribor. I love music and animals. I hate maths.

-How do you see the YPAC?

-I do not really know, I guess I see the YPAC as something that gives students an opportunity to have a voice in something and to get educated in something they would not usually learn in school.

- Okay, and why did you agree to receive a member of the YPAC into your home?

-Because our teachers were quite desperate for hosts and I thought it would be a great experience to meet someone from a different country and culture.

- Thank you for your time, I spent a great week with you.

Finally, in the name of the YPAC, I would like to thank all of these families for their dedication and investment.

Margaux Rakoczy



Postulation 3: Breathing Buildings

Their postulation wants to create green spaces in urban areas with efficient spatial planning by diffusing roof gardening for example on supermarkets.

Postulation 4: S.E.E.D.!

Their postulation wants to raise awareness for soil protection with a program called SOIL in EDUCATION, EVENTS and DEVELOPMENT (S.E.E.D.), consisting of communication between experts, signs in public, workshops and cooperation with school.

COMMITTEE 4 - NATURAL HAZARDS

Postulation 1: Preventing the Harm of Mass Movements

This postulation deals with the prevention of mass movements and suggests creating hazard or risk maps, increasing grids on mountainsides and fortifications around roads as well as planting forests in order to minimize the damage of natural hazards.

Postulation 2: Decreasing the Impact of Floods

This postulation proposes to limit the damage caused by floods by re-naturalizing riverbanks by removing concrete and planting vegetation as well as by improving an emergency protocol for floods. Also, to improve communication between countries, they suggest interregional committees to deal with the issue.

Postulation 4: Raising Awareness and Performing Prevention for Endangered Soil

This postulation proposes the protection programme *Soil of the year*, where politicians and experts choose soil in danger of natural hazards. These soils will receive special attention and protection. In addition to that, the committee suggests workshops for adults and children on the topic of soil protection.



YPAC INSIDE

INTERVIEW WITH MILAN BRGLEZ

Do you think European politics should focus more on soil protection?

Milan Brglez: Definitely, but this is much more long term. It is actually good that there is work within the Alpine region, because then it is more taylormade for particular regions and also knowledge on the issue can be combined.

Do you think the ecological, political and social differences are an obstacle in the political process?

No, basically when you have a particular reason and a closer interest, it is often easier to cooperate although there might be differences. Also, i think the Alpine region is not so devided on that bases.

Should the YPAC set stricter limits for the delegates, especially concerning the money or should continue to provide that much freedom?

Absolutely freedom, because we need new ideas. I think the slovenian delegation is on a relatively good way as they always present them at least to our committee. This provides the possibility that things get voiced open, discussed and sometimes put on the agenda. I will propose to the new speaker of the parliament to continue this opportunity.

Neja Preloznik, Kilian Schroeder



BEHIND THE SCENES OF 13TH YPAC

The delegates were asked about their favourite experiences and what they are going to remember from this year. Here are some of their answers:

Neja Preložnik and Klara Polič, Maribor

"This was the first time I participated and I did not know what to expect. But, I was surprised how fast we came up with the ideas and I loved how open all of the people were."

- Anita, Rosenheim

"I was very nervous at the General Assembly, but I loved discussing. It was amazing to meet all the new people and the experience was great."

- Jenny, Liechtenstein

"I liked the General Assembly because it was interesting to see all the ideas that we had come up with and the great work that had been done. I realised how much potential the younger generation has." - Alais, Chamonix

"I loved the theatre and I will for sure remember the people."
- Geronimo, Innsbruck

"Making new friends as well as the atmosphere were amazing. We liked getting an inside look into how politics work and the opportunity to experience it ourselves." - Ursina, Liechtenstein, Maja, Kamnik

"The food was great."
- Vitja, Kamnik