



## **PRESS CORPS PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

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### **CHAIRING STYLE**

Dear Journalists,

First of all, welcome to the LEIMUN 2011 Press Corps. You will work as journalists behind the scenes at the conference, reporting on the daily discussion and debate of each committee. The articles that you produce will be printed in a daily newsletter that will be distributed to everyone participating in the conference. As your Editor-in-Chief, and a recent journalism school graduate, I will help guide you through the reporting, writing and publication process.

Because you will be covering the events in multiple committees, it is your responsibility to have at least a basic understanding of the topics being discussed. To prepare, I recommend that you read the President's letters posted for the other committees. Doing some research on the topics for each committee prior to the conference will make writing your articles much easier. Also, if you do not already, begin reading international news articles like those from the Economist or CNN, as well as United Nations press releases. These will serve as examples for what we will be writing.

If you have no professional journalism experience, have no fear. We will spend our first session going over the basics of journalistic writing, everything from ledes and nut grafs to the inverted pyramid and quote format. For those of you pursuing a career in journalism, this will be an excellent way to add clips to your portfolio as well as gain experience in covering international events. For the rest of you, this will be a chance to broaden knowledge of writing and the world around you.

As a long-time participant in Model United Nations, as both a delegate and a chair, I hold a great respect for the structure and professionalism of LEIMUN. While the Press Corps will run a bit different than a typical committee, I still expect you to have a firm grasp of the LEIMUN Rules of Procedure, found online. In our own sessions we will adhere to the Associated Press Stylebook, which outlines the basic guidelines of journalistic writing. One will be provided for your use at the conference, but I encourage you to purchase your own to help with preparation. Used copies can be found online on Amazon for a few dollars – an older edition will work fine.

Keep in mind, the more prepared you are for the conference, the quicker you will be able to hit the ground running. Best of luck to you all – I look forward to this year's conference.

Cheers,

Rhiannon Zielinski  
Editor-in-Chief