



# International Monterrey Model United Nations Simulation

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## Press Corps

### **I. Committee Goal**

Press Corps permits delegates to acquire direct experience in covering developing and breaking news events during IMMUNS 2021. Each day, journalists will have the opportunity to interview delegates, synthesize information and write news articles. The Press Corps committee has the responsibility of keeping IMMUNS 2021 delegates informed about the event; each reporter will formulate their own articles that will be read by all delegates. Each individual will be held to high journalistic integrity; reporters are in power of delivering the information in a reliable and candid manner. Being that the media is essential in determining the news, reportes will be challenged to produce quality articles.

### **II. Committee Procedure**

At the start of the first session the committee will receive instructions about their role in IMMUNS. Press Corps Directors will cover important concepts such as journalistic integrity, conducting interviews, and ways to take diligent and efficient notes. Press Corps Directors will also assign each Reporter a specific committee that they would focus on throughout the event.

After the briefing from the Directors, reporters should start planning their articles. For each day, reporters are tasked with writing an article proposal, which outlines the specific aspect of a topic that an individual wants to report on.

During the second session, reporters will go to the committee room that was assigned to them by the Press Corps Directors. For the first reporting session, reporters are asked to only take notes and refrain from interviews. Typically at this point of the day, delegates in different committees are finishing reading their position papers, then going into a moderate debate. It's crucial for reporters to respect the committees they are reporting on, always deferring to the respective Directors who are the final authority.

The Press Corps Directors will be monitoring all committee rooms as well; if reporters have any questions or concerns, a Press Corps expert will be there to assist. When it is time to return to the Press Corps room, individuals will organize their notes, share their findings, and ask any questions about article development. Besides this break, the rest of the day will involve reporters going back to their assigned committee to report. Reporters will also be permitted to interview delegates if they wish.

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## **Press Conference**

Each Reporter will be able to issue a ten minute Press Conference with the permission of the committee chairs. During the Conference, reporters will be able to ask questions. Reporters will be challenged to formulate questions and formally write them down and approved by Press Corps Directors before issuing the conference.

## **Writing Articles**

Finally, the remaining committee session is spent on writing. Reporters will write 2 articles, both of which do not have any word limit. The articles will be reviewed by the Press Corps Directors and members of HURAC, who will also be available to assist at every stage of the writing process.

It is also essential to note that Covid regulations will be explained in the first session. It is imperative that reporters follow the guidelines given to them by the chairs. If any reporter breaks covid guidelines they will receive a warning and even risk getting suspended from the event.

## **III. Reporter Preparation**

Before the conference, delegates are encouraged to read other news articles to get an idea about what is expected. This will help each individual write more efficiently during the event. If writing articles is new to delegates, it is recommended to look at writing resources for journalists before IMMUNS 2021.

Reporters must also be knowledgeable about the committee that they will be reporting on; knowledge about the topic ensures that the articles present factual and credible information.

Throughout IMMUNS 2021, delegates must assume the role of reporters; it is their responsibility to take this role earnestly. Their work will be written by all IMMUNS attendees so only quality work is accepted. Under no circumstances can Reporters act unprofessional with delegates of other committees.

Although Press Corps Directors will give a thorough explanation on how to conduct briefings, a point of note is the importance of copying quotes accurately to ensure maximum journalistic integrity. It is essential to acknowledge the power and importance of the media. The public consumes the stories that are created by journalists.

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