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EEYP on television



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One of the members from our awesome organization team, Kačka Kovaříková, was yesterday morning on Czech television to talk about organizing the EEYP Prague 2014. It was broadcast on CT1 and even though you maybe have not seen it, it was great. The TV presenter asked her a lot of serious questions, all of whom Kačka eloquently and successfully answered. The broadcast was only 6 minutes long but the main and very important information was reported. The interviewer mostly asked what EEYP was, what exactly the delegates did, and what impact it has had on her life.

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Strangers in the GA



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Since the EEYP is gaining in popularity, we are going to be observed during the General Assembly by some intrigued students and teachers from gymnasium Na Zatlance in both venues, hotel Theatrino and the Czech Senate.

The final checkpoint?

Meet the Boss started when everyone gathered in the AULA for refreshments, which were really needed as everyone was very tired after a long working day. The very tempting food that was prepared was quickly eaten, and only half of it remained after some time. There was something for everybody, from roast beef, salami and chicken for the meat lovers to stuffed cheese rolls, caprese salad and pate for the foodies, and mini-cupcakes and "little baskets" for those who can't turn down sweets. While the delegates were eating, a member of the presidium, Robin, made a speech. He firstly welcomed the guests and then introduced them one by one, and identified which committee they will be in. After this wonderful speech, everyone clapped and then people again rushed to the food. Everything was eaten and the students went back to their committees but now with one change - with their new bosses. I think it must be pretty interesting debating about your new proposals and solutions with a person who is an expert on that topic or even works in the relevant field. And it must be pretty interesting for the bosses to hear new ideas and possible solutions from young, ambitious students.



foto: Anita Festoni, Meet the Boss

Most of the teachers agree that this is one of the highlights of the entire EEYP experience. The downside is that sometimes the ICs and OCs have to be revised, and in some cases the entire resolution needs to be rewritten. But most delegates would agree that it is better to have the impractical parts of the resolution identified today, rather than on the day of the general assembly. We interviewed a former delegate from a past EEYP, and she said that the bosses ensured that the OCs were able to be implemented. The information which came from the bosses was not readily available online, and so her delegation was able to use the material to strengthen their

ICs and OCs. This, she feels, was instrumental in having the resolution passed.

We also spoke to a prospective delegate for the event in Davos. She noticed that the participants were surprisingly active in not only asking questions and taking notes, but debating with the professionals as well. The Civil Liberties committee and chairs, in particular, were very prepared beforehand, and this showed during the discussion.

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Presidential Guest Column

Occasionally, I don't find the time to properly think about problems arising from my studies or the conversations I have. People, including myself, tend to rush things due to increasing hastiness of society. When was the last time you provided yourself with an afternoon to think about what could be done about X or Y? During these days I have witnessed the remarkable result of young people providing themselves with the time and discipline to truly understand some of the most difficult subjects the world has to offer. The process of thinking profoundly about these issues

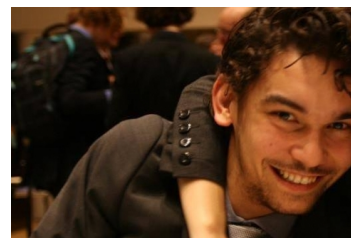


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that are considered to be of importance, is perhaps the greatest of features to be cultivated during events such as, but not limited to, the EEYP. To be occupied with a societal question for days on end, exchanging information, arguments and providing

insights, delivers a good view on what an academic career actually entails. Asking questions to yourself is the basis for a critical approach; a critical approach provides you with the tools to keep asking questions to yourself. Understand that by pooling the ideas of bright individuals like yourselves and by tackling matters of extensive complexity, you can enhance your understanding of the world.. I hope you will all be able to use these acquired capabilities in your career and your personal life, maybe even aspire others to do so as well.

Milan Driessen

What the bosses think of us



foto: Pavel Potužák a Jan Jeníček



foto: Hynek Kmoníček

During the "Meet the Boss" event, our team of journalists interviewed several of the professionals.

What do you think about the whole event?

Hynek Kmoníček, Director of the Foreign Affairs

Department of CR (the committee on Civil Liberties):

"This is very a useful event because its beneficial for both sides. On one hand, it gives to the participant the opportunity to make sure that the real problems are dealt with, which is sometimes quite different than they expected. On the other hand, for the bosses it gives us an absolutely fresh look at the problems, sometimes even some parts of which we can use in real life. So its basically useful for both sides - that's what I think."

Miroslava Kopicová, Former Minister of Education (the committee on Education and Culture): "I think that there is a concentration of young people

who are involved in important issues - they want to do something, they are clever...they are international - it means that it is so important for Europe."

Jan Jeníček, CEO of Raiffeisen Savings Bank (the committee on Economic and Monetary Policy): "It is a great event, and we are happy that the Czech Republic can host such an event for the first time in a former Eastern bloc country. We are happy that the students were so innovative and such hard workers."

Did the students ask fairly intelligent questions?

Hynek Kmoníček: "Oh yes. They really tried to go deeper into the problem, and their orientation inside the problem was logical. So in the group the problem was not with making illogical questions - All the questions were very logical - the problem was that some parts of the equation were missing logically, because they have



foto: Miroslava Kopicová (in the middle)



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never encountered the problem in real circumstances. It was similar to learning chemistry inside the lab and outside the lab."

Miroslava Kopicová:

"Absolutely! They were really great, educated, well-informed, top brains, nice ideas. The paper they prepared really discussed these issues, and in the end, there were not too many changes. Discussing this with them was really interesting and refreshing."

Pavel Potužák, Professor at the University of Economics (the committee on Economic and Monetary Policy): "I was really impressed by the ideas and by the level of their resolution. I would expect this level from university students, rather than from high school students."

How would you rate the students' level of knowledge regarding the topics?

Hynek Kmoníček: "As expected, surprisingly high and not so surprisingly because this was cybersecurity and you (guys) are the computer generation. I met my first computer when I was 32 years

old, which is by the way, is probably the time you will stop being interested in computers. It's a generational thing and I hope that I didn't disappoint them with my cybersecurity knowledge."

Miroslava Kopicová: "I think they are well-informed, really qualified for this. Their arguments - I'm really on a high level dealing with education my whole life, and I have to say we were really partners. I enjoyed it - for me it was really interesting to tell them my view, and for me it was even more interesting to listen to them because they speak very cleverly and cleanly and we have to take them seriously because of this."

Pavel Potužák: "First rate. If I had to rate the students I would give them a grade of A, me being a university professor."

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Prague at night

After a long day of hard work and finishing the last touches of the OCs, the delegates, chairs, organization team and everyone who had worked hard were really tired. Therefore there was a decision to make. The teachers wanted to make our evening better, and so they decided that we could go sightseeing and maybe later on sit somewhere for refreshments. Immediately after the dinner, there was a chair meeting so everyone could decide if they wanted to go for the sightseeing. Even though it was a great idea, there was a lack of organisation, because many people did not know if they wanted to come or not. Another fact about it was that nobody knew where anyone was headed to and so many people

did not want to come. But the students that wanted to go eventually persuaded the other students to come too. The delegations were separated and mostly went in groups of two. For example, the Czech delegation went with the Swiss and went on the Royal Way, which means they saw the Old Town Square, Wenceslas Square and the Charles Bridge. The other delegations mostly went the same route but at different times. The Czech and the Swiss delegations went to a pub, where the people were trying to get to know each other more and socialize. They also played bonding games called the 'Quiet Message' and 'Hugo'. The Belgian delegation went around Prague and afterwards stopped



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at McDonald's. The delegation from England was very small as many of the delegates stayed in the hotel to rest; the remainder walked with the Italians and Catalonians.

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"The confidence is important."



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Oscar Bruderer (the committee on Security and Defence)

"Hi, my name is Oscar Bruderer, I am from the Swiss delegation and I am chairing the committee on Security and Defence. Originally I am from the US (Minnesota), but I've lived in Switzerland for 3 years now. My hobbies consist of doing martial arts and any contact sports, I absolutely love to ski in the winter and I love to longboard in summer. I also like hanging out with my friends, going to clubs and stuff."

Can you tell me some differences between the work of delegates and chairs?

"When you are a delegate it is fun, you are creating things on your own. When you are chairing you are not creating the resolutions, you are leading the delegates and we (chairs) have to be really good at organising to make the work for delegate less monotonous and more exciting."

Do you think that topic of your committee has a chance to pass?

"Definitely yes! I believe in it since we have found that balance. I am actually very impressed by our committee; they speak a lot, they are interested about the topic, they are confident. The confidence is very important in debates - when you are confident, everyone will think that you've got it. And there is a good vibe in our committee, I think that is very important in teamwork."

Do you think that a broad regional coalition against IS has a) options, b) motivations and reasons to start a ground war with IS?

"I believe that the states around the IS such as Syria, Iraq and Turkey do not have a strong enough military force in order to come back and fight against the IS on their own, which means alone their options are extremely limited since the IS has already pushed them back massively. The states around IS definitely do have motivation to start a ground war, since their territory and more importantly their oil were taken away from them."

The United States military often complains that the EU lacks a strong and ready defence. Do you agree?

"I agree in the sense that the EU doesn't have a military as strong as the US, but I do rather enjoy the methods that they do not reinforce the use of the military as much as the US does. However, I also believe that the EU is not using it enough."

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Preparing for the GA



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The press conference was held in one of the classrooms at Gymnázium Zatlanka. It was a great idea to have this small event so everyone who hadn't participated in the EEYP before had a nice opportunity to try it during the press conference. The opportunity to speak in front of the others helped the students understand what the General Assembly is about. The conference started by the presidium explaining the rules and format of the GA. The students had to watch what they were saying and how they formulated their answers. The committee that was in front of the room first had to read the OCs and then the others could ask them questions, or they could ask for clarification about something which was unclear.

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Consequences of not having a Swiss KFC



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About the Senate

Now a little something about the GA which is the highlight of the entire week! The first three committees will present their resolution in our hotel, but in the afternoon we will move to the Senate of the Czech Republic. This building is located on Wallenstein Square. It will take us about 20 minutes to get there by tram. The Wallenstein Square also includes buildings such as the Wallenstein Garden, the



Waldstein Riding School, Kolovrat Palace and the Small Fürstenberg Palace. It is one of the most distinctive buildings of



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the early Baroque era and its architects were Andrea Spezza, Giovanni Battista Pieroni, Niccolò Sebregondi and builder was Albrecht z Valdštejna, who was a Czech chieftain and politician. It was built from 1623

- 1630, so you can calculate how old this building is.

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Our eyes are everywhere...

Starving delegates

Saturday brought lots of work for everyone. As soon as the baguettes from Bageterie Boulevard disappeared, and before our assistants had a chance to start making sandwiches and other things for the afternoon break, one unnamed delegate came to the kitchen to tell us that one of the boys is starving so much that he's behaving aggressively and asked if we could give him some bread with cheese to calm him down. It probably worked well because there was peace for another hour or so.

Being in a hurry

While hurrying, everybody does something irrational and something happened to one unnamed German delegate. A day before yesterday, the delegation was gathering together to go sightseeing and they were standing in front of the hotel. One member of the

delegation remembered that he forgot something in the hotel and in his haste, walked directly into the glass door.

Return the keys

As we already told you, we are watching you 24/7. There were some rumours about first a spark of attraction, and then an already growing love between two chairs of unnamed committees. I think that most of you know who we are talking about and if you don't, ask around.

Who is this delegate?

An unnamed chair was unable to identify Milan Driessen, telling another member of the Presidium "I have no idea who this delegate is! He hasn't come to any of the meetings..."

xoxo, the Journalists

Opinion of the delegates



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Do you think that the Islamic radicalization will become a threat to the whole world and does it affect your country now?

Joren Derammelaere:

"I think that if we're not watching them closely, letting them get bigger and allowing them more influence on the Islamic area, it can evolve into a bigger problem for the entire world. But I think that the big powers like the US government still have control over them minimizing the threat to the

world at this moment, so in that way it doesn't have an effect on my country (yet)."

James Chalaby:

"At the moment it does affect my country as UK citizens have been the target of much of the IS radicalism action, as seen in the several beheadings that have occurred. However, I do feel this has served as a big warning to the government and sparked them into addressing IS as the serious threat that it is."

The food made our day

Working in committees can be really exhausting and for some of us stressful, especially when you are locked in a closed room and sitting in one place all day, trying to brainstorm while at the same time trying to not look so miserable. But then - food - something that can always make your day much better! The organisation team was aware of that, therefore they not only arranged a big table full of yummy baquettes from Bageterie Boulevard, but they also ordered pizza for everyone.



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Everybody's eyes lit up immediately as they ran for the boxes of pizza and then sat in front of the offices, enjoying pizza with whoever else was sitting there and they were very satisfied. The break for lunch came to an end and everyone had to go back to their committees but were now in a great mood!



foto: Everyone enjoying pizza



foto: More snacks for our hungry EEYPers

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