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LETTER FROM THE *Head of Design*

Dear Readers and Members of the Press,

As you are now all safely home from BIGMUN 2026, I'd like to reflect and share a few words on what this theme meant for me both personally and creatively. Firstly, I would like to thank my whole team, especially the cover artist of the papers you all have enjoyed during the conference, Margot Dejean. Without her vision from the very beginning, these beautiful designs would not have been possible.

The theme "Bridges Beyond Borders" resonates deeply with me as a first-generation immigrant, as it reflects both the connections I have formed in my personal life and the ones I have had the pleasure of witnessing during the conference. During my two years as part of BIGMUN, I have learned that beyond borders, languages, and cultures, we are all simply young people trying to connect. This conference reminds us that geographical differences should never stand in the way of empathy, dialogue, and understanding.

Design is often seen as just a visual or "easy" part of the job — but I have found that it carries a much deeper weight. Through design, I have formed friendships in the press room with journalists, photographers, and the social media team, built on mutual trust. Together, we've connected ideas and built bridges to tell important stories through our publications. Design is about communication: making ideas accessible, stories more visible, and helping people feel more included through the narratives we share.

Lastly, to the press team — thank you for telling the stories with creativity and care, whether through social media or the BIGMONITOR. Your passion and excitement shone through every project and photograph we worked on. And to everyone behind the scenes, thank you for proving that collaboration across cultural and national differences is not only possible, but can become something truly beautiful.

As we return to our daily lives, I hope you carry the stories, media, and articles we created with you. Even in today's complex political world, borders do not have to divide us — bridges can always be built through shared purpose and understanding.

Thank you for being a part of this journey, and for reading the BIGMONITOR.

Neo Qhobosheane,
Head of the Department of Design, BIGMUN 2026





From Nuuk to Nunavut: The people behind the politics

An interview with Her Excellency Dr. Carolyn Bennett,
Canadian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark

Written by Malin McKay

Given the week we've had, where borders and bridges have been the central focus of our conversation, the chance to speak with Her Excellency Dr. Carolyn Bennett was not taken for granted. After being welcomed to the embassy, we sat down in the newly named "*Mary Simons Qaggiq*" – the Mary Simons Gathering Place – a name that, in itself, said something about the kind of diplomacy Bennett practices. She sat with us for over an hour, and what emerged was less a briefing on Canadian foreign policy than a meditation on what it means to build something lasting in a world that keeps pulling things apart.

Carolyn Bennett is a Canadian diplomat, physician, and retired politician. A Liberal member of the House of Commons from 1997 to 2024, she served as Minister of State for Public Health, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, and Minister of Mental Health and Addictions before becoming Canada's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark in 2024. It is a biography that moves, in retrospect, with a certain logic, from medicine to reconciliation to the Arctic, each chapter informing the next.



She began before we even reached our prepared questions, illustrating the stakes not with policy, but with language, the way it shapes not just communication, but feeling. She described a conversation with the Prime Minister of Greenland, who told her there was no word in Greenlandic for resilience, or capacity, or deterrent. *"And therefore,"* she said, *"they are not sure how to deal with their feelings, and where to put their feelings."* She followed this with a story about chairing a UN subcommittee where her translator rendered 'unarmed Americans with health insurance' as 'Americans without any arms' – with a prosthetic-wearing disability activist sitting in the room. The room hadn't laughed. The point lingered. *"I have believed that you have to be able to understand the other,"* she said. *"And the way we judge it in Canada is: can the francophone understand what you're saying without steam coming out of their ears?"*

To get a sense of the person behind the portfolio, we asked her to describe a typical week. She just described that day. Meetings with someone seeking a different kind of vaccine. A G7 ambassadors' lunch at the French Embassy. An evening session on reconciliation at Greenlandic House. Drinks with a Canadian architect doing urban design work in Copenhagen. "Oh," she added, almost as an afterthought, *"I left out 3 o'clock. We have to do a demarche, go directly to the Danish Government to talk about something that is a priority for Canada."* A demarche is a formal diplomatic communication. She was clearly amused that she had nearly forgotten to mention it.



When asked what people get wrong about the job, she didn't hesitate: *"There was a foreign minister who – I think he later regretted it – said something about champagne and canapés. People don't see the late nights, the time change, or the delivering of difficult news. I used to have to tell patients they had cancer. Sometimes being a diplomat means you're in that same position."*

When we turned to the recent consulate opening in Nuuk and the presence of people from Nunavut at the ceremony, her answer reframed the entire premise of foreign affairs. Mary Simon, the Inuk Governor General, had been present, and Bennett described the event as something far beyond symbolic. *"Foreign affairs in Canada is family, it's not foreign,"* she said. *"We have people who know what's going on in that other country before breakfast – because of the news they watch, the emails they're getting, the texts from their family members."* Work has since begun on Inuit mobility, a working group modelled on the Jay Treaty with the Haudenosaunee, which allows families to move and reunite across the Canada-Greenland border without necessarily needing a Canadian passport. *"These are one people,"* she said simply. *"Settlers drew lines on maps, but they are supporting one another in that recognition."*



Mary Simons, Governor General of Canada



Pikialasorsuaq, also known as the North Water Polynya, an area of open water surrounded by sea ice that forms each winter between Ellesmere Island and Northwestern Greenland

It was a theme she returned to when we asked what modern diplomacy could learn from connections that predate nation-states, specifically the North Water Polynya, the open sea between Ellesmere Island and Greenland that has sustained Inuit communities on both sides for millennia. She pointed to the resolution of the Hans Island dispute as a model: a small island claimed by both Canada and Denmark for decades, resolved quietly and without force. *"The Inuit wanted this solved sensibly,"* she said. *"They said, stop this nonsense, there's got to be a way to sort this out."* She drew a pointed contrast with the conflicts playing out in the Red Sea and the Nanhai (南海), where greater power imbalances make the same kind of dignified resolution far less certain. *"When there's mutual respect, you can solve things in a diplomatic way. As opposed to what we now are worrying about, being, which might is right?"*



Prime Minister Mark Carney, Speaking at the World Economic Forum, also known as DAVOS

She spoke briefly about reconciliation and its relationship to her diplomatic work as well, where she was characteristically direct. *"Reconciliation is a journey, not a destination. We'll never get there – because we're always going to have to, as settlers, be corrected as we go."* And on the value of Indigenous knowledge more specifically: *"They didn't find the Franklin ships until somebody thought to ask the Inuit."* She was equally clear about Greenland's legal status, which she said is part of her job to explain. *"Greenland already has the right to self-determination in the Constitution. It's a matter of when. This is not Quebec, not Nunavut, not Caledonia. This is an autonomous state that frankly shares a king."*

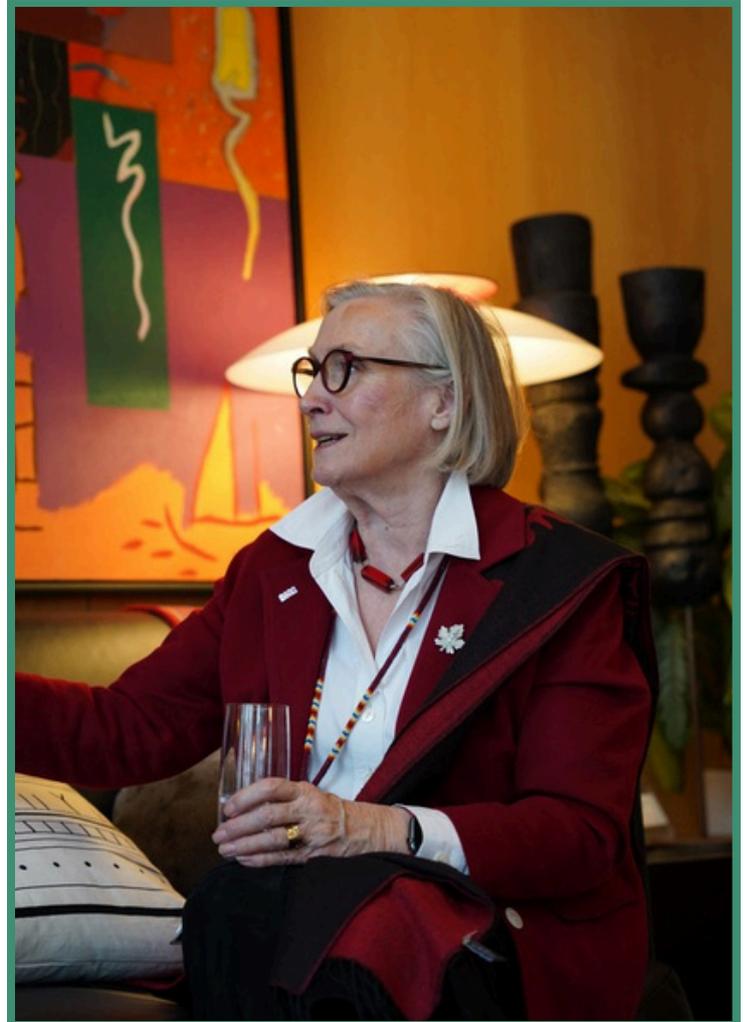
When asked whether the Inuit Circumpolar Council – which represents Inuit peoples across Canada, Greenland, Alaska, and Russia – complicates state-level diplomacy, she pushed back on the premise entirely. *"It enriches it. You're actually hearing from the people whose land it was."* She described the two years of negotiation within the Kingdom of Denmark to determine who would chair the Arctic Council, ultimately putting Greenland in the chair. *"By putting Greenland in the chair on behalf of the kingdom, it delivers a very strong message to anybody who's questioning whether it's a province or a territory."* She noted a moment where the Greenlandic Foreign Minister, Vivian Mosfeldt, pulled out her phone to show Bennett a photograph at the consulate opening – herself and Mosfeldt together in Alaska in 2017. Diplomacy, the image seemed to say, is built on relationships that long precede politics.

On whether Greenland risks being talked over by outside powers, she cited Greenland's own foreign policy document, released two years ago and titled **Nothing About Us Without Us**. *"Our Prime Minister was pretty clear at Davos: if you're not at the table, you're on the menu."* She traced this principle through feminist leadership theory back to its Indigenous roots, the Haudenosaunee women, she explained, were the ones who established that everyone gets the talking stick, all the way around the circle. *"And then you find out there's already a consensus, or everybody needs more information."* Her answer speaks to something broader: that settlers have many of their solutions already within reach, if they know where to look.



In a previous issue of the BIGMONITOR we covered the ongoing tensions around the Gordie Howe International Bridge, and Bennett's reflection on it fit neatly into the theme of the week. *"The bridges are always going to be more important than what one person says. That bridge exists. It's not a whimsical dream. It's physically there, and this needs to be sorted out with facts."* When the Americans said they wouldn't pay, Canada fronted the cost and moved forward, practical diplomacy over posturing. She also made a sharp aside about Auston Matthews visiting the Oval Office earlier this week: *"He's our star player for the Maple Leafs, but he's from Texas"* — a small joke that carried a larger point about identity, loyalty, and the complicated intimacy of the Canada-US relationship.

On that relationship more broadly, she was measured but clear. *"The tension is not with Americans. The tension is with the government of the day. Ninety percent of us live within 100 miles of the American border — this is sometimes sibling rivalry, so it's close."* And then, firmly: *"Our [Canadian] identity can't just be 'not American.'" On NATO and the reinvestment in Canadian defence she noted that while the timing felt right, "a lot of people feel it was precipitated by this threat," the American administration's pressure forcing a clarity that perhaps should have come sooner. On Ukraine, she described Denmark's particular solidarity, a country that was itself occupied, whose island of Bornholm was held by Russian forces for a year after the Second World War ended. "There's a palpable support here to do what we can."*



When we put Mark Carney's Davos framing to her directly, the rules-based order as a useful fiction, the moment we're in as rupture rather than transition, she responded with something that felt less like a talking point and more like genuine conviction. *"We still believe we need international institutions. When there's a burning platform, you get innovation and change."* She was visibly distressed about the WHO funding cuts. *"Germs don't respect borders. We've learned the hard way."*

We closed by asking what she would tell young people, particularly those from northern or Indigenous communities, who want to pursue a career in diplomacy. *"You need new friends,"* she said. *"I could have read all the books, seen all the movies, memorized the history. But it's the new friends who actually explain how it feels."* It was, in its way, a return to where she had started, to language, and to the irreplaceable thing that happens when you finally find the words for what someone else is carrying.



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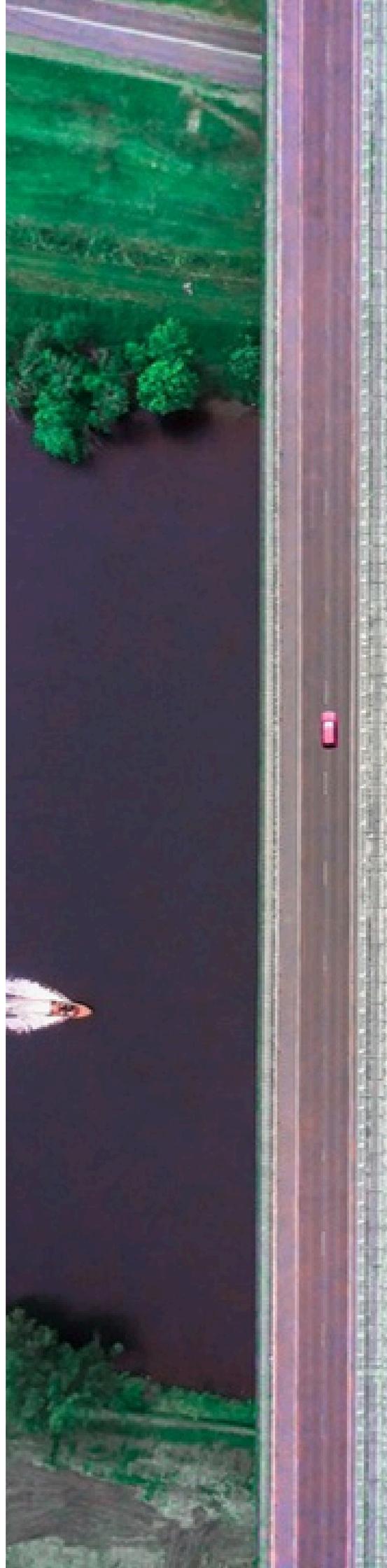


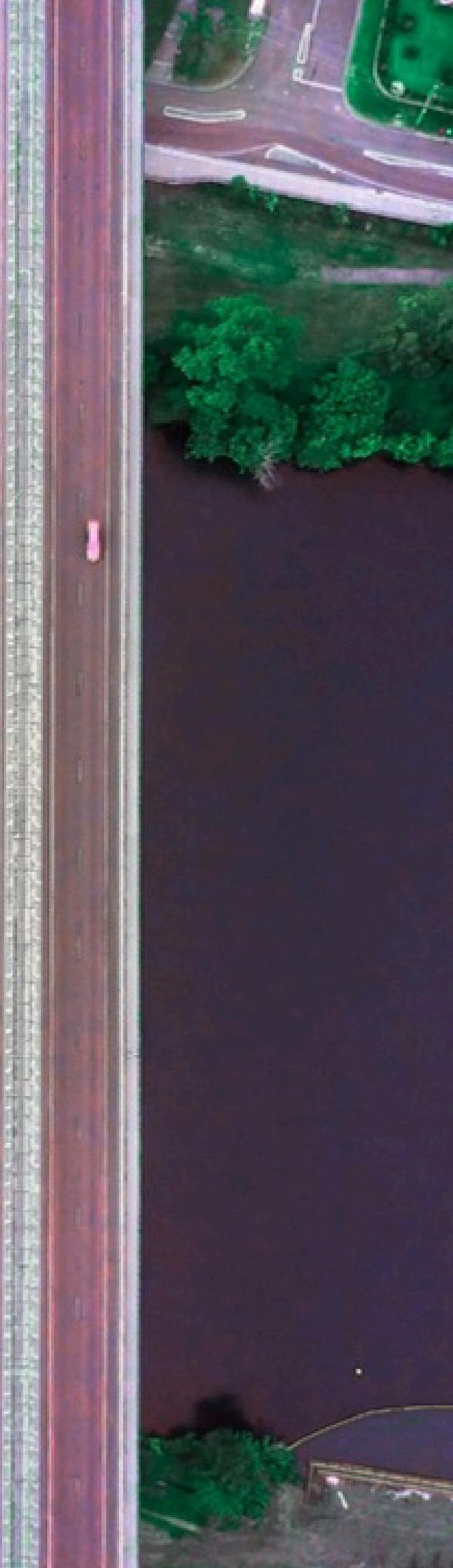
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BIGMUN 2026 pulled off a great Panel Session, this year hosting guest speakers Marie-Claire Pannier Dejean and Prof. Henrik Vigh, who provided meticulous insight into the topic of migration. Both speeches left lingering thoughts about migration being in need of something new; maybe a new perception, approach, or perhaps just a start with being recognized as a problem with shared responsibility rather than a political instrument.

The Head of Press, Malin McKay emphatically wrote in the third issue of BIGMONITOR this year that: *"It [migration] is a topic shaped by conflict, borders, policy, and power, but at its core, it is about people"*, and that is also the focus of *'Belonging'*, a book written by author, artist, and influencer, Aurélia Durand.





Durand, having crossed the borders of France and Denmark continuously throughout her life, revisits her childhood in her book, explaining how it is to belong in the in-between - the in-between, for her, being of mixed ethnicities: *"I was welcomed politely and sincerely. But I remained slightly outside of something I could not enter. Belonging here is not learned over time. It's inherited. [...]* Denmark is a very small country. Six million people. The language is spoken nowhere else. Everyone speaks English fluently, yet language is not the real barrier - culture is".

The people of BIGMUN and the Press team behind BIGMONITOR, however, have and will continue to try and eliminate such kind of experiences by being an open space for international debate and relationships to bloom. So, as you have left Denmark and its cold winter behind, I hope that there has been inspiration to see yourself as part of a global community beyond this conference. Further, that it has planted a seed in your backpack, briefcase or suitcase, ready to bloom come spring.



BIGMUN's Best

Written by Anna Sørensen
Design by Ishana Hari

As tears were held back, and speeches were made, the closing ceremony of BIGMUN 2026 was full of appreciation and praise. All of the committee chairs had the chance to highlight the Best Delegates, and Best First Timers of their committees and councils. While every delegate participated immensely and contributed to the diverse community of BIGMUN, there were those who stood out for their clear and concise speeches, stunning outfits, insightful POI's and confidence.

GA 2: Economic & Financial Committee

Best Delegate: Thomas Valdemar Munkholm Haukrogh,
Delegate of Greece
Best First Timer: Jeanne Garreau,
Delegate of Afghanistan

GA 1: Committee on Disarmament & International Security

Best Delegate: Emanuel Henn,
Delegate of the United Kingdom
Best First Timer: Sohan Jhaveri,
Delegate of Iran

GA6: Legal Committee

Best Delegate: Jonah Walbridge,
Delegate of China
Best First Timer: Sara Schott, Delegate
of Russia

GA 3: Social, Cultural and Humanitarian

Best Delegate: Saule Bialauskaite,
Delegate of Nigeria
Best First Timer: Sonia Müller,
Delegate of South Africa

ECOSOC 1: High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Best Delegate: Wilhelm Migge,
Delegate of Russia
Best First Timer: Jonas M. Jørgensen,
Delegate of Poland

GA 4: Special Political & Decolonisation

Best Delegate: Krishna Tanuku,
Delegate of China
Best First Timer: Saanvi Parija,
Delegate of Japan

ECOSOC 2: Commission on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice

Best Delegate: Katie Gardner,
Delegate of China
Best First Timer: Demir Akçali,
Delegate of South Korea



BIGMUN's Best

ECOSOC 3: Commission on the Status of Women

Best Delegate: Nicholas Hinton, Delegate of Afghanistan
Best First Timer: Tanvi Gunda, Delegate of China

ECOSOC 4: Commission on Science & Technology for Development

Best Delegate: Benjamin Eckhardt, Delegate of South Africa
Best First Timer: Tamim Amer, Delegate of Australia

World Health Organization:

Best Delegate: Siddhant Puranik, Delegate of UAE
Best First Timer: Lilian Farag, Delegate of France

Security Council:

Best Delegate: Surin Lee, Delegate of China
Best First Timer: Alfred Lybecker Olsen, Delegate of Bahrain

Crisis Committee:

Best Delegate: Noa Riss, Delegate of Thailand
Best First Timer: Louisa Feline Weber, Delegate of Poland

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

Best Delegate: Maria Dragoi, Delegate of United Kingdom
Best First Timer: Maya-Linn Sogaard, Delegate of China

Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights:

Best Delegate: Chiara Cimino, Delegate of China
Best First Timer: Emmanuela Kirza, Delegate of Brazil

General Assembly Plenary:

Best Delegation: United Kingdom

Commissions of the Economic and Social Council Plenary:

Best Delegation: Poland

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As is clear, BIGMUN 2026 had a diverse and skilled group of delegates, ranging from schools, countries, and delegations. There were those that impressed on first impression, and those who proved their excellence, and all were appreciated, whether named or not.

More Than a Delegate:

The Experience of rising through the ranks at BIGMUN

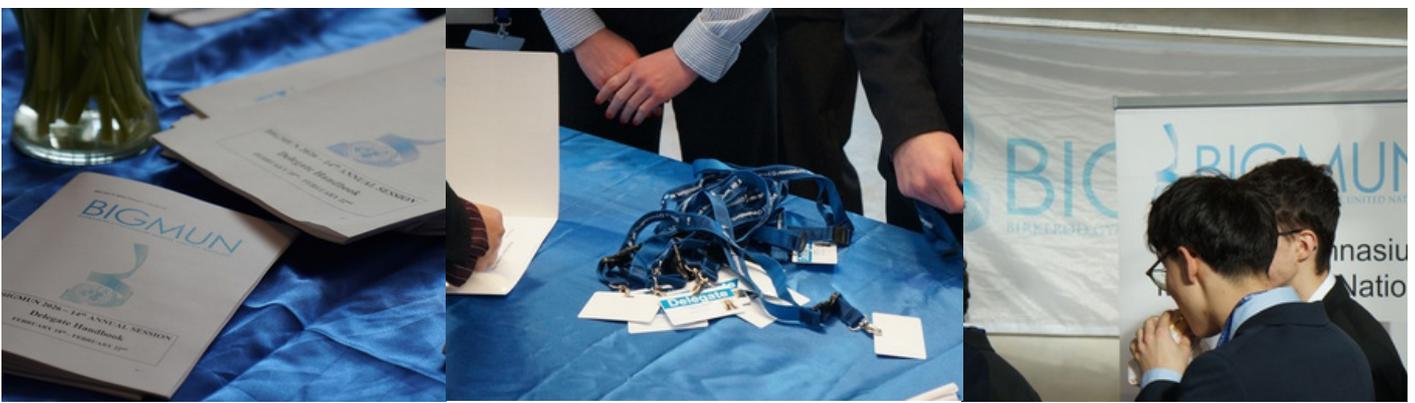
Written by Elena Gavana

BIGMUN has not only inspired students visiting and participating from abroad, but it has also influenced the Birkerød Gymnasium (BG) students who return to be a part of the conference every year. Without the dedication and passion of these students, BIGMUN would never run as smoothly as it does, which highlights the power of student-led initiatives. Whether your journey progresses from delegate to Student Officer to Secretary General, from Journalist to Head of Press, or you decide to follow a different path, there is always a place for you at BIGMUN. Your role, be it big or small, shapes BIGMUN into the sophisticated and renowned conference it is today.

However, some of the more demanding jobs at BIGMUN deserve recognition — particularly those that involve having responsibility over more than just your own work, which requires having relevant past experience in what you are managing. For example, to become a chair in one of the committees, you should have experience from past conferences as a delegate, and to become Head of Journalism, you should have worked in the press team previously and have experience writing articles. Maiken Houmøller, Secretary General at BIGMUN 2026, highlights that displaying maturity and responsibility in your schoolwork, grades, and assignments is also a key factor in demonstrating your reliability and showing the teachers in charge that you can be trusted to manage others.



Increased responsibility inevitably brings greater challenges, and this is what many Heads, Chairs, and Student Officers experienced this year. These challenges can present themselves in the form of smaller obstacles, such as the coffee machine breaking down after consistent use or the printing for the daily BIGMONITOR issues going awry. Though these problems may seem insignificant, they spotlight the small hurdles that those in charge have to navigate on a daily basis during the conference. It can also be challenging, as someone in a leadership role, to make people listen or to know when to steer the situation back on track — something that Chairs, Student Officers, and Secretary Generals all know well.



So, what motivates people to take on these demanding roles despite the many challenges that arise? One answer is developing further ambitions within BIGMUN after participating for the first time and setting your sights on a higher position within the conference. Not only does a more senior role look impressive on a CV, it is also a way to make connections with the important guest speakers who are invited to BIGMUN year after year. Another motivator could be discovering a passion for a particular aspect of BIGMUN, which spurs students to become more involved and invested. Taking on a more challenging position can also teach you important life skills that will serve you well in your working career, such as delegating tasks, leading others, taking initiative, and multitasking.



There is a notable difference between the responsibility of a student in a higher position compared to a delegate or regular member of staff or press. Not only do these students have to be responsible for their own work, but they must manage, check over, and remain aware of other people's situations — which demands remarkable intelligence and assertiveness. It all sounds very daunting, of course, but the memories made, skills honed, and connections secured, all make it worthwhile in the end.



The Debate Never Ends

DELEGATES ON THE LESSONS THAT OUTLAST BIGMUN



Photo by Maria Maneva

Each year, BIGMUN unites schools from across the world, offering students the opportunity to engage with international politics on the global stage while challenging their skills and confidence under the spotlight. Whilst some delegates' experiences remain widely unique, three main principles can support future delegates attempting to navigate the challenges of BIGMUN, serving as guidance for future conferences.

Many first-time delegates rely heavily on confidence to survive debates. Whilst confidence plays a key role in providing security to deliver speeches and conduct yourself appropriately during heated debates, preparation carries you to the finish line to confidently secure your stance. Research your country in great depth, verify that you are clear on the agenda, and prepare clear policy positions. During your first conference, preparation will decrease anxiety and improve the delivery of your motion. Those who prioritise preparation will notice a motivational purpose underneath their tone, beyond fear.

Beyond preparation, effective communication plays a crucial role in BIGMUN. Success is not defined simply by speaking, but also by listening. The act of communication is not achieved through the volume of your voice but the language used to productively project your message.



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Listening, negotiating, and supporting other delegates helps your ideas gain traction within the committee room. Without collaboration, even the strongest ideas may fail to gain support, as delegates do not attempt to execute constructive and meaningful alliances.

The ability to adjust strategies in response to an ever-evolving debate is what distinguishes strong delegates from the crowd. MUN is renowned for developing essential skills; however, these skills only develop through active engagement. The art of confidence through speech stems from consistent practice, not talent. Though you may be wavered by embarrassment during your first speeches, improvement will develop with repetition. Progress at BIGMUN rarely occurs without errors — with each mistake, take time to reflect on and refine your techniques to strengthen your confidence and develop greater control over your abilities.

By embracing preparation, effective communication, and active participation, future delegates can confidently transform challenges into opportunities within the committee room. By considering these 3 principles, delegates can approach the conference with the assurance and spirit that will leave a lasting impact extending far beyond the committee room.

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How BIGMUN can elevate your academic career

Article by Zentih Hammeken
Design by Cora Bellabarba

Ever wondered why people who work in the press always seem one step ahead? Quick on their feet, sharp with their words, and somehow always in the right place at the right time? That is not a coincidence — that is the press world, and once you step into it, it has an almost magical way of transforming your academic life too.

At its core, press is the art of observing and reporting, and it trains your brain to stay curious. Reporters learn to notice details others miss, connect dots that seem otherwise unrelated, and turn everyday moments into stories worth telling. This skill becomes your secret weapon in your academic career. Suddenly, reports feel less like chores and more like investigations you get to piece together. You start spotting patterns, asking better questions, and approaching assignments with a curiosity and engagement that teachers love.

Then there is the writing aspect. Work in the Department of Journalism teaches you to write with clarity, speed, and purpose. After writing articles under tight deadlines, a school essay might feel like a stroll in comparison. You learn how to argue your points, trim unnecessary fluff, and get your message across confidently. This kind of writing ability doesn't only help in language classes — it improves your performance across every subject.

Through interviews, press teaches you how to talk to people — really speak. You learn to listen, to ask thoughtful questions, and to communicate ideas clearly. Those skills will allow you to shine in presentations, group projects, and even everyday conversations.

On the other side of the coin, let us not forget creativity! Whether you are designing layouts, taking photos, or broadcasting current events, press gives you a playground to experiment in all kinds of creative ways, expanding your capacity for inspiration. Artists, gather around!

Working in the Press team makes you more than just a better journalist, influencer, designer, or photographer — it makes you a sharper student, a stronger communicator, and someone who can face every academic challenge with an open mind and quiet confidence.

Once you go in, you can never go back.
The press team
for BIGMUN 2027 is already a place
you could consider yourself to be in..

From Hello to Goodbye: The Bittersweet End of BIGMUN



The final gavel has fallen, the placards are tucked away, and the once-thrumming halls of BIGMUN are growing quiet. Over the past few days, we have transitioned from strangers to a tight-knit community, expanding our horizons through heated debates and the shared experience of hosting guests from across the globe.

We've looked into hundreds of new faces, found common ground in niche policy, and built bonds that felt permanent. However, the simulation has reached its inevitable conclusion. As we trade our suits for jeans and sneakers, we are forced to face the bittersweet reality: BIGMUN 2026 has officially come to an end.

One moment you're sitting in your committee surrounded by people who share the same passion for debating and laughing with your friends about the gossip box. The next, you're sitting at the closing ceremony listening to the final speeches and the same bell that opened the conference now closing it all together. It is therefore time for all of us to return to our normal lives and say goodbye to our friends — and this is arguably the hardest part of BIGMUN.

BIGMUN is one of those places where you might not realise how much fun you're really having until it's all over. In such a short amount of time, we've all built meaningful connections with people from all around the world — people we might not have expected to connect with at all. This is a unique and valuable experience that we can all carry with us through the rest of our lives. While it may seem like it's all over and you'll never see one another again, the world is too small to avoid bumping into each other.

As we say our final goodbyes, a massive thank you is owed to every delegate, chair, and organiser who made BIGMUN 2026 an unforgettable chapter. We have grown together, challenged one another, and built a global network that defies borders. While the physical distance between us grows today, these bonds don't have to fade.

Keep these friendships alive — don't just settle for a text; make plans to travel and visit one another's countries. The conference may have reached its resolution, but our journeys as global citizens are only just beginning.





WINTER OLYMPICS

For the first time in Winter Olympic history, two cities — Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo — formally shared the role of host, with events stretched across northern Italy, covering over 22,000 square kilometres. Instead of building entirely new arenas, 90% of the venues were existing or temporary structures, making it one of the most geographically distributed and sustainability-focused editions of the Games to date.



TINA & MILO

On the medal table, Norway finished first for the fourth consecutive Winter Games with 41 medals, 18 of them gold, with the United States following in second and host nation Italy securing fourth place. But some of the most meaningful moments came from outside the usual powerhouses — Brazil won its first ever Winter Olympic gold medal, and Georgia celebrated its first medal in Winter Games history.

Beyond national tallies, individual performances became Milano Cortina's true highlights. Eileen Gu claimed her third Olympic gold, and Alysa Liu earned the United States' first women's figure skating gold in 24 years. It was also the first time since 2014 that NHL players returned to men's hockey, ending with a United States victory over Canada.

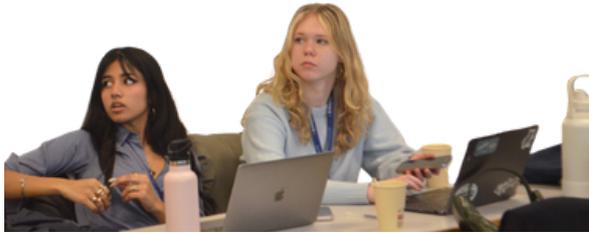
So, as attention shifts to the 2030 Games, Milano Cortina 2026 will be remembered not just for the wins, but for prioritising shared hosting and sustainable infrastructure — and in doing so, demonstrating that the Olympics can adapt and contribute meaningfully to a more climate-conscious future.



FROM THE PRESS ROOM: THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Malin McKay

BIGMONITOR closes out its 2026 publications with this final newsletter, the second of two online-only issues. After the past two years, where the end of the conference felt abrupt or incomplete, this format was chosen to allow space for reflection. This issue looks back on the conference as a whole and gives us at BIGMONITOR the chance to close our work with intention, and with impact.



This year has been stressful, exciting, new, and complex all at once. There is nothing quite like being responsible for making things happen, and then suddenly also being responsible for more than fifty people doing the same. I am certain that those who chaired this year, acted as heads of different conference aspects, or were part of the BIG10 can recognise that feeling.

It is with a bittersweet smile that I write this final thematic note. As much as I wish it weren't so, this is my last opportunity to write to you as a reader. My three years with the BIGMUN press team have been both the bane and the delight of my high school experience, and I don't think I could have grown as much, either personally or as a writer, in any other way. I hope my fellow press members feel the same pride and growth in their own work.

The view from the bridge I stand on now is no less intimidating than it was back in May 2025, when we first began planning this conference. The world beyond it is no less complex, no less severe. But the bridge itself has been built — between delegates, chairs, staff, press and attendees. This, I think, is the point of an international conference. We gain nothing if we are not willing to risk something first.



May the bridges you have built at BIGMUN 2026 lead you toward new paths and opportunities. I hope this conference has given you insight, understanding, and memories you can carry with you into whatever comes next.



Perhaps one of my biggest takeaways from this conference has been that the true bridges we build cross no rivers — they cross borders, built not from bricks, but from the friendships made along the way.

All the best in your future endeavours,

Malin McKay
Head of Press, BIGMUN 2026

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