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IIMSAM DESIGNATES JR.ADVISERS/YOUTH DELEGATES FOR THE SUMMER 2008 SESSION

[United Nations Headquarters, New York 9 July 2008] The Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Microalgae Spirulina against malnutrition (IIMSAM), with consultative observer status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council has designated the following Youth Delegate Representatives at IIMSAM's N.Y. Headquarters for the summer 08 from the following countries: *United States, Germany, US/India*. The Youth Delegate Representatives will lend their assistance to IIMSAM by promoting day to day support and advocacy for IIMSAM's mandate within the UN Complex. By promoting IIMSAM's worldwide campaign "*The Right to Food*" *Campaign Initiative Against Malnutrition* bringing awareness to the Millennium Development Goal #1 to eradicate extreme Poverty and Hunger by 2015.

IIMSAM aspires to make Spirulina a key-driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide. Our initiatives have a special priority for the Developing and the Least Developed Countries; and the traditionally marginalized and dis-empowered groups because of malnutrition such as the women and the girl child. **IIMSAM's Youth Delegate Programme** aims to be an interactive platform for the young leaders of the future in the world. The Youth Delegate Programme provides them with a firsthand experience of the United Nations System and of various processes and procedures that are part of the global decision making process. During their stay, they will also follow the daily work and conference participation at the United Nations with the IIMSAM Diplomatic personnel; learning and experiencing how the United Nations system works to strive for a better world in the struggle for human rights, education and peace.

These is the third summer group of Youth Delegate Representatives of what IIMSAM hopes will become on a consistent basis an initiative that with time will be expanding. Previous IIMSAM Youth Delegates from: *PRC, Sweden, Dominican Republic, Somalia, Sweden, Holland, Poland, Turkey, El Salvador*.

Director-General Ambassador of IIMSAM H.E. R. Maradona stated "*I am grateful for our Youth Delegates assistance for making it possible to be here providing imperative help to our noble cause. Being a former interne myself I feel that allowing the young to have an opportunity of an internship in IIMSAM gives them an invaluable experience for their professional development. I know it did for me. This is why I will always stride to provide young people an opportunity with us, for I am proud to say that we are one of the few IGOs/Missions that has an Official Youth Delegate Programme that promotes the participation of young people in the day to day diplomatic work of an observer IGO within the UN Family.*"

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Ms Sandra Rutz IIMSAM-Adviser and Sp. Assistant to the Director-General from Germany is currently a degree student of International Business and Management at the **Friedrich Schiller University** in Jena. She is a young, motivated person who is very interested in projects which try to make the world a better place. She is a member of the Melton Foundation which was established to build a world-wide community of talented people from diverse cultures capable of addressing global issues based on principles of open communication and mutual respect. She also enjoys to travel and to meet people from all around the world and as result, she has visited over 20 countries around the globe alongside a travel program in Australia.



Courtney Spott was born in Shreveport, USA in 1985. Her studies in International Relations at **Baylor University**, along with her exposure and activities relating to poverty in her hometown of Waco, TX and elsewhere have mobilized her to be a voice for the less fortunate. Upon receipt of her BA degree, Courtney plans to attend law school in pursuit of working as a human rights lawyer and advocate. *"For me, improving even one person's life who is in need is worth a lifetime of work, in hopes that that bit of good will be extended and carried on to others. I believe that working with IIMSAM as a Youth Delegate is a significant step in achieving that goal."*



Radhika Deva IIMSAM-Adviser-Sp. Assistant to the Alternate-Representative is a native of India but holds citizenship in the United States. She recently completed her degree from the **University of Notre Dame** in Political Science and Mandarin. While her academics were focused on East Asian Politics and International Relations, she spent a great deal of her undergraduate career completing service around the world. She would like to use her education and experiences to pursue a vocation in Human Rights Law. *"I want to be a positive force, one of integrity, responsibility, and understanding, in the lives of others. Working in the United Nations has given me yet another opportunity to work toward the realization of our Millennium Development Goals. As a Youth Delegate, I am proudly representing IIMSAM at the 41st Session of CEDAW (Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women). I hope to bring attention to the mutually-dependent relationship of gender equality and poverty."*

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