

Madame l'Adjointe à la Maire de Rennes déléguée aux relations internationales
Madame la Consule des Etats-Unis à Rennes
Monsieur le Directeur de Sciences Po Rennes
Madame la Secrétaire générale du SPRIMUN

I am honoured, as Governor 2021-22 of the Bretagne-Mayenne District of Rotary International, to be here with you as a historic partner of the Sprimun for the launch of this 8th edition.

I would like to thank Anna for his testimony which reminds us that peace is a precious but fragile good

Our friendship goes out to the Ukrainian people, and I can assure you that Rotary is mobilized to lend them assistance

Operating in 200 countries and geographic zones, Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million decision-makers who see a world where people come together and take action to bring about lasting change – around the world, in their communities and in themselves also.

Totally oriented to the ideal of Peace, the Rotarians are constantly bringing solutions to the most pressing problems through true commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, dynamism and intelligence to take action. Based on their commitment on 7 strategic axes around peace, conflict prevention, water and sanitation, health of mothers and children or the environment and local development, Rotarians are working with determination to improve living conditions around the world.

Rotary's approach is positive PEACE through service through the causes he defends. Because one of Rotary's contributions is to work, through its values and actions, to the cultural and social cohesion of countries.

Rotary's commitment led to the creation in 2002 of the Rotary Centres for Peace, which annually prepare more than 100 fellows to become peace makers. Global grants for peace and conflict prevention/resolution, a collaboration for many years with the United Nations, a strategic partnership with the Institute for Economy and Peace, or youth exchanges are all elements that Rotary promotes to encourage better knowledge and understanding among peoples.

For a few days, you will deepen your knowledge of international relations while debating contemporary geopolitical issues that resonate in us as Rotarians. It will also be the opportunity, on the sidelines of the debates to live and share moments of relaxation and discovery of the Breton culture and the city of Rennes.

You will honour the diplomacy that makes sense in these troubled times Your reflection will join ours on education for peace, pedagogy of peace and dialogue

I wish you many happy moments of exchange, to make lasting friendships, to learn about yourselves. Give us signs of hope because the most important thing is to create an environment conducive to peace. When people work for peace in their communities, change can have global implications. The 2021-2022 presidential theme proposed by Shekhar Mehta "Serving to Change Lives" will then make sense. Have a very nice Sprimun