IC 2021 Practice Session

The practice session is intended to allow students to become familiar with the FPSOnline system. All student work for the 2021 International Conference's Global Issues Problem Solving and Scenario Writing competitions must be completed/submitted through FPSOnline. Each coach and student will be provided with their own unique login information. Please note the following:

- No work submitted during the practice session will be evaluated by FPSPI.
- A Future Scene on the topic of Neurotechnology will be provided for the practice session.
- There will not be a timer in place for the practice session.

If you are unable to login to FPSOnline or encounter issues, please contact Damien@fpspi.org. Best efforts will be made to respond promptly to all inquiries during business hours Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30 Eastern Time. Please review the FPSOnline instructional videos to help resolve questions as quickly possible.
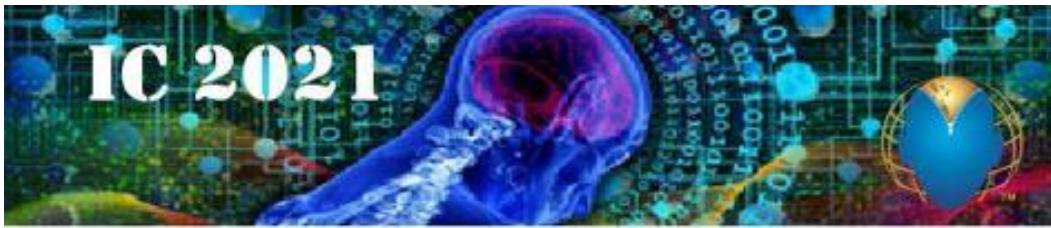
> FPSOnline instructional videos:
> GIPS Virtual - https://youtu.be/1I6d_SeZb_M
> GIPS Traditional - https://youtu.be/oa54sM2XUa0
> SW Students - https://youtu.be/1ZLlFO_lWOo

TIMELINE

Thursday, May 20	FPSOnline login information emailed to coaches
Friday, May 21	9am EDT FPSOnline opens for non-competitive practice session
Wednesday, May 26	7 pm EDT FPSOnline non-competitive practice session closes

GENERAL FPSONLINE INFORMATION

- Chrome, Firefox, and Safari are the recommended browsers for the FPSOnline system. Other browsers have not been tested, and may not provide the best user experience.
- Each student has an individual code to access FPSOnline, and is not allowed to share this code with other competitors.
- All work submitted in FPSOnline must be written in English. Any need for translations must be noted during IC registration so arrangements can be made.
- The Future Scene as accessed in the FPSOnline system is not an editable or downloadable file. Students should plan accordingly for using a Future Scene presented in this format.
- Students may login to their account from multiple browser tabs or devices to view the Future Scene on one and type their responses on another.
- Access to the Future Scene will only be available in FPSOnline during the designated competition timeframe.
- Students may determine at which point during the practice window they will complete their work. All competitors are encouraged to select an appropriate time towards the beginning of the practice window so as to be prepared for any unforeseen issues (power outage, loss of internet, etc.).
- The FPSOnline system supports text-only content. Any pasted tables, bulleted lists, etc. will not be supported.
- Only the student(s) registered may contribute to the work submitted. This includes, but is not limited to, idea generation, editing, and revising.

GIPS DETAILS

- The GIPS practice session will not have a timer in place, unlike the official competition window.
- During the competition – not the practice session – only 2 hours are permitted for student work upon receiving the Future Scene. Once any member of the team accesses the Future Scene, the timer will begin for the entire team and it will not be reset.
- Students are encouraged to complete their booklet by typing directly into the FPSOnline system (Virtual submission). If students are able to be in the same location physically, they are permitted to handwrite their booklet and then upload the document (Traditional submission). If students cannot be in the same physical location, their booklet **must** be completed as a Virtual submission.
- There is a built-in text chat feature within the FPSOnline system. If students would like to verbally speak to one another, it is recommended that they establish a conference call or other communication **before** accessing the Future Scene.
- Students can all login simultaneously to write their booklet. To review teammates' work, students may need to refresh their browser.
- Students may use a collaborative writing platform (Google Docs, Word Online, Zoho Writer, etc.), but only work entered in the FPSOnline virtual booklet will be scored. Typed booklets may not be submitted as an attachment.

SCENARIO WRITING DETAILS

Individual students will write a Scenario of 1000 words or less that uses the provided Future Scene as inspiration. The Scenario must fit within the Future Scene's parameters: TIME, PLACE, and TOPIC. Each Scenario should have a title, which does *not* count toward the Scenario's 1000 word maximum.

- There should be no identifying information (name, location, etc.) in the Scenario or title.
- Students may write their Scenario directly within the FPSOnline system, or work in another text file while writing and revising their work. However, only work entered in the FPSOnline system will be scored.

RULES

When competitors registered for IC 2021, they were required to complete the FPSP International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract, which indicates violation of any rules may result in disqualification. Please note the following:

- All submitted work must be original, and the sole creation of the registered student(s)'s own efforts and ideas.
- Work was completed within the designated competition timeframe without any outside assistance.
- The Future Scene may not be shared or discussed beyond the competition until after the submission window has closed for all competitors.