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Ambassador Director-General of IIMSAM H.E. R.Maradona and H.E. Amb. Alt-Rep S.Rahimi presenting this Summer`s IIMSAM Youth Delegates Group 08.

Their Goodwill Youth Delegate Certificates to:

Ms. Courtney Spott and Ms. Radhika Deva.

[United Nations Headquarters, New York 13 August 2008] The Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Microalgae Spirulina against malnutrition (IIMSAM), with observer status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council in promoting the Directives Associated with *UN GA Resolution 62/126. Policies and programmes involving youth: youth in the global economy – promoting youth participation in social and economic development.* IIMSAM proudly presented its Goodwill Youth Delegate Certificates to this summer`s 08 Youth Delegate Representatives Ms. **Radhika Deva** and Ms. **Courtney Spott** who have lend their assistance to IIMSAM by promoting day to day support, advocacy and representing IIMSAM at various conferences and a Youth Delegate Informal Briefing on the Benefits of Spirulina for Developing Countries with the cooperation of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the U.N that took place at UN Headquarters on 28 July and was a resounding success.

Youth Delegate Ms. Radhika Deva was very active in representing IIMSAM at the 41st Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women where she presented a statement and recommendations to the Committee Member States.

Youth Delegate Ms. Courtney Spott was also very active in covering the annual ECOSOC Session on behalf of IIMSAM as well as producing a very practical IIMSAM Brochure for young people. (*See IIMSAM Website for more details on their contributions.*) This is the third group of Youth Delegate Representatives since the summer of 2006 of what IIMSAM hopes will become on a consistent basis an initiative that with time will be expanding to other countries.

Director-General and Head-Ambassador H.E. Mr. Remigio Maradona stated ***“I am honour to have the opportunity to work closely with these two very talented young ladies and to have their assistance in helping our noble cause. I feel that allowing the young to have an opportunity to make a difference through IIMSAM gives them an invaluable experience for their professional development. This is why I will always stride to provide young people an opportunity with us and have them be part of the decision making process.”***

Personal Staments By:



Radhika Deva: *“As someone who has held a security pass to the United Nations, I am often asked to give insight on the criticisms drawn on the bodies and their functioning powers. My only reply is the simple reminder that the United Nations and her delegations represent world governments. Any "failures" of the UN to act are a reflection on states and their uninformed people. As someone who believes in truth, I have faith that compassionate leaders will rise to the challenge of educating their people and giving voices to the marginalized. It is imperative, however, that we remember that we are not only held accountable to the country which gives us citizenship, but to all our brothers and sisters. As the world goes through this period of global consciousness, the United Nations will too”.*



Courtney Spott *"My time at the U.N. has been an exciting and enlightening experience that I will not soon forget. With so much good to be done in the world, and the means of doing it at our fingertips, I have been honored to be part of an organization that is taking action. As a Youth Delegate of IIMSAM, I have cherished the opportunity to add my voice to the plethora of young, creative, and novel minds that are needed to perpetuate a trend of innovation toward the betterment of men, women, and children's lives across the globe, in an effort to deliver not only hope, but solutions."*

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