



Testimonial of your short-term stay abroad

Please submit in English or otherwise in German. Please share your experiences on the following aspects of your stay. The provided bullets below serve as a guide to describe your stay abroad, please replace and use your own words. Please keep a max. of 400 characters per box. Please send back as a docx.-file.

Stay details

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- Degree Programme: Masters in Engineering Sciences, Mechatronics
- Host university: Centre for Mechanical Sciences, Udine, Italy
- Event programme title: Advanced School on “Vehicle Dynamics, Control and Design”
- City and country of stay abroad: Udine, Italy
- Date of the event: September 2023

Preparation

How did you prepare your stay?

I found out about the program via a post on my network on LinkedIn. The school was focused exactly on the topic: Vehicle Dynamics and Control that I am interested in. It had advanced lectures by renowned professors from all over the world. Hence, I was sure I wanted to attend it.

The Application process included submitting my academic transcripts and it was very smooth. As soon as the application was processed and approved, I was informed of further steps to join.

Accommodation

How did you organise your accommodation?

The Host had a Guesthouse with limited vacancies. I applied there and also searched for hotel rooms in the city. Since the guesthouse was already fully booked, I reserved my stay at a hotel room near the city centre. Later a vacancy opened up at the Guesthouse and I confirmed it. The Guesthouse room was right next to the CISM Lecture Building. It was very comfortable and had an attached bathroom. I did not have to share the room as well.

Programme at host university

How did you learn during your stay at the host university?

Upon arrival, all participants first enrolled in the Program and were guided to the Lecture Hall. The Program structure, topics and lecturers were introduced by the Coordinators. A welcome gathering was hosted at the end of the lectures on the first day for the participants. The Institute Staff was very helpful and available throughout.

The Host Institute also provided WiFi access and lunch for the duration of the Program. We were also offered reference books from the library and all Lecture Notes for the program. All lectures were held in English.

The learning environment was very rich and inspiring as most of the participants were PhD Students and researchers in the field. So, everyone was passionate about the same topic. The discussions were about innovative approaches and trends in research along with doubts that students had. The Program started with a short revision of the basics of the topic and went further to the modern approaches and research areas in the field. It was hence a good challenge to take. The lecturers also presented their contributions in research and their results which were fascinating to see.

Being one of the youngest participants, I learned a lot throughout and was able to engage with researchers who have the same passion for the topic. It was one of the focused and intensive academic experiences for me.

I would hence gladly recommend it to other students.

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Leisure activities

How was your leisure time and what did you do?

A welcome get together was organised at the end of the first day for all participants. The Coordinators also took the participants for dinner on the same evening. The participants also coordinated to meet for dinner every evening after lectures. We would frequently meet for breakfast and coffee at the nearby café before the lectures. Since we were free after lectures, we could also explore the city.

The Institute also organised a guided city tour that informed us about the history, landscape and the local culture of the town and the region on Friuli-Venezia Giulia in Italy. The specialities of the town of Udine are Ham, Cheese and White Wine which one must try!

Summary of the stay abroad

Overall, how do you look back on your stay abroad?

There was definitely a strong academic gain for me from the program. Being provided with the opportunity to engage with and learn from renowned professors from all over world. And also, to meet young researchers passionate about the field. Upon conversing with them, I have gained a clearer picture of the Research field.

The lecture topics being based on modern trend in the field, it has given me a good overview of upcoming technologies. I have also found many useful applications to enhance and improve my own projects as well.

I shall always remember this experience of spending an entire week focused on learning more about the topic I like most, with young researchers and experienced professors who share the same interests!

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