



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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- Faculty of Engineering, Doctoral student
- ICCM23 (International Conference on Composite Materials)
- Belfast in Northern Ireland
- 31st July 2023 to 4th August 2023

Preparation

How did you prepare your stay?

I went to ICCM23 in Belfast to present the current research of my work at TH Rosenheim. Therefor an application process was necessary and the preparation of a presentation about the current research. I also looked at the program of ICCM23 to get an overview about the presenting authors and topics. A college informed me about the programme "Go Abroad Scholarship". He was very happy to join the program and so I applied too.





Accommodation

How did you organise your accommodation?

Accommodation was organised together with professors who travelled with me to the conference. There were some accommodations recommended by the ICCM23, but we have chosen another one. Our accommodation was in Belfast round about 1 km away from the conference. I had a small flat with bed, bathroom and a small kitchen.

Programme at host university

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

I learned by joining the conference and speaking to other scientists and doctoral students. There were people from all over the world who presented their current research work. The ICCM23 gave a good support by organising the programme and tips for the arrival and stay in Belfast. English speaking was sometimes a challenge because there were so many different dialects from all over the world, but it got easier with time.

Overall, I would recommend joining an international conference because it was a very good experience to speak with other scientists and to learn more about their research work.

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Leisure activities

How was your leisure time and what did you do?

The ICCM23 recommended some sightseeing trips and restaurants which we were joining, but I also did some tours by myself. It was enough time to do e.g. sightseeing or to get together with other participants of the conference e.g. in restaurants, at the conference itself or in leisure time. In Belfast you should visit the Titanic Museum and the ship docks where the Titanic was built. I can also recommend a city sightseeing tour and going to an Irish pub.

Summary of the stay abroad

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

Attending one of the famous international conferences in the plastic industry, the ICCM23 in Belfast, Northern Ireland, was a special experience to me. The get-together with other scientists and PhD students was very impressive and interesting, especially to learn more about the research work from all over the world. The experiences I got at the conference helped me to improve my skills and expand my knowledge. I can recommend everyone to take the opportunity and have such an experience themselves.

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