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EDITOR'S PAGE

EESTEC-ers had unforgettable time in 2007. There were a lot of student exchanges, events, workshops, fun, parties, non sleeping nights... The most important of all, is that many new friendships were formed. Some of them are even lifelong friendships.

What's the better way to bear all these great and happy moments in our minds than YEARBOOK? I'm honored to be the editor of EESTEC YEARBOOK 2007.

This year Committee and I had a lot of work to do in order to make this Yearbook, at least, as good as previous one. Don't worry; I'm not going to complain :).

We wanted Yearbook to be, not just a trigger of our memories when we sometime in the future read it, but also to be informative and helpful to all EESTEC-ers who want to know more about EESTEC events - especially to those ones who cannot make up their minds whether to apply for some event or not. So, we collected not only the reports of the participants, but also the reports of the organizers. That's the difference between this Yearbook and previous one.

On behalf of Committee, I hope you'll enjoy reading EESTEC Yearbook 2007.

Stevan Cvetković, LC Niš

Local EESTEC events

Take a look at EESTEC exchanges and workshops for the year 2007/2008.

LC Aachen

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Niko Event 2007, 2nd - 7th December 2007

About us:

We organized two events, a party for the new students with the collaboration of the student guild, intensified the collaboration with the local IEEE branch, participated in the summer party of the faculty, made presentations for the new students, did motivational trips...

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Niko Event 2007

Exchange

2. - 7. December 2007

Sunday we meet the nine courageous gals 'n' guys that just jumped up and came over in no time to conquer Aachen on such short notice. There was Veronika from Athens, Duro and Nenad from Belgrade, Mathijs and Peter from Delft, Gurhan and Inanc from Eskeshir, Otto from Helsinki and last, but not least, Juhani from Tampere. A fearless group of with a different strengths to each warrior; For example Mathijs and Peter proved themselves to be experts in distraction techniques by coming to the Welcome Party dressed as Ernie & Bert, which confused us so much that it was no problem for them to conquer our good Dutch beer (that might explain the attraction), while we were still debating on the pro's and con's of the Sesame Street. The welcome party was not going too wild, the warriors needed to regain strength since days of strenuous journey lay after them or because they arrived long after nightfall. The distractions consisted of food, pool, table soccer and the debate about the quality of local music television.



On the next day the group was ready to fight – the plane was made to first destroy Aachen's infrastructure. So the power plant in Weisweiler was sought out as the first target. All participants acted as innocent students to obtain the relevant information for the strike given to them by a very nice but unsuspecting specialist who gave them the tour. Knowing the weakest point of the plant the next point on the agenda was exploring the nearer surroundings of Aachen. The highest point of the Netherlands was picked to obtain a good view and the Three Border Point was circled in a ceremony to gain the support of the good spirits.

The next day our brave warriors continued to explore the wider surroundings of Aachen. Their trip went to Cologne, where they took over the spiritual power by capturing the cathedral. With the help of a local conspirator they got onto the roofs

towering the city and took over spiritual powers. But since that did not seem enough they wanted to get to know more of the customs of the local people, so they mingled with them. They could be spotted in various of the taverns drinking Kölsch. Later that night when enough beer has flown they made the pact to concentrate more on the primary target – back to conquer Aachen.

So the next day was all about Aachen, they rallied the city. They got to know each and every corner, but more than that the spicy Glühwein which is served in vast quantities on our famous Christmas Market. But since our people, of course, were very professional the whole group gathered again for our international food party. The plan was feed us so much and intoxicate us so much that we would not be able to offer any resistance. Here we have to admit, that they nearly succeed, but it took also one of their best men: Peter. But honestly, with all the different “spirits” mixed in some sheds by grandfathers – they were close of getting us. Plus there were all the foods that slowed our movements; kraut, sausage, pancakes, Chinese, cheese, pea soup, Turkish sweets... but they did not slow us too much. Later on in the Salsa bar there was still some rhythm that we could shake out of our body. Some local women tried to lure some of our warriors, but they could not be tricked and kept right on track.

On the next morning our guests could find little presents in their boots, seems that Knecht Huprecht did not hold too much against our warriors. Maybe because of the Nikolaus’ goodwill their hearts softened, maybe they felt that with less people (unfortunately Otto had to leave before the big finals) Aachen was not going to be conquered, maybe because they came to like the city and the people of our LC too much, anyway they decided they were tired of fighting. Instead we all decided to ally. To celebrate that, after a morning of, we had Feuerzungenbowle (similar to Glühwein) together to warm up for the ice hockey match. As one big united group we supported the electrical engineers. When we had to realize that battle was over we headed over through the cold night to the big club “starfish” to celebrate our fare well party. We had meters of beer, crazy dancing, you name it. But all good things come to an end... we had to say goodbye.

So Aachen was not conquered, but memories of great days we had spent together.

Participant report

Mathijs van Vulpen, LC Delft

“Niko has become a part of Lc Aachens tradition. It takes place in the days around the 6th December, the German "Nikolaus". This is the time of the year, when the squares and streets around Aachen cathedral are transformed into a world of Christmas. The famous Aachen Christmas market attracts 1.5 million visitors each year. The seductive smells of Gingerbread, Printen and Christmas cakes are all over the city and the taste of mulled wine makes you never wanna leave the market place again!”

On a cold Sunday night we had a warm welcome (party) at LC Aachen. The annual NIKO-Event would start the next day. When all the participants had arrived and assigned to their hosts some of us stayed to continue the party while other got prepared for the event at home.

The first day brought a trip to the Weisweiler power plant. We had lunch and a tour of the facility there. We got a good insight in a coal power plant. Afterwards we went pubbing in Aachen. Some of us made it very late...

Tuesday morning the results of the pubbing were still visible at some participant's faces. This day we had a daytrip to Cologne. We visited the Dom and the Christmas Market. The guide of the Dom gave us a special tour of this magnificent church. This was a real unforgettable experience. A good dinner in Cologne prepared everybody to a wild night in Cologne. The last train to Aachen left around 23:30 and arrived in Aachen we went on drinking in a small place in the city center. The Fins and the Dutch kept on going, while others went to bed. It seemed that this was a good preparation for the next day.

Wednesday Aachen was rallied by all participants in a spectacular city-rally. Running across the city, around the Christmas market and asking strangers about the city and its culture we ended up at a hot water spring. The water smelled like eggs and the temperature was around 50 degrees Celsius, some of us were so brave to drink a whole cup! Respect! A hike to the three-border-point with Holland, Belgium and Germany concluded the day program. International food brought by all participants made a fine dinner and a salsa workshop was the highlight of the night. A beer-estafette was the spectacle of that evening and

showed who could drink their beers the fastest.

Thursday was a day off. We had all the time of the world to spent at the Christmas market, again. The evening was scheduled with a ice hockey tournament. In the annual Uni-Cup of RWTH Aachen the faculties of Medicine, Electro- and Mechanical Engineering. Teams consisted of male or female students and their professors. Machinenbauw won the Uni-Cup 2007. A farewell party kept us going until late that night. All participants left on Friday.

A great event, concluding: “The famous Aachen Christmas market and its seductive smells of Gingerbread, Printen and Christmas cakes are all over the city and the taste of mulled wine makes you never seriously wanna leave the market place again! “

Saint Petersburg Exchange '07

Exchange

May 1st - May 15th 2007 (part 1)

Jun 28th - July 13th 2007 (part 2)

We spent two wonderful weeks in Russia and during these two weeks we saw almost everything: one of Russia's biggest breweries, Baltika, we were at a wild party at night on ship; night at the balley. We visited all the famous museums of St Petersburg including the Russian Museum and the Hermitage, were driven to all the palaces and historical places such as Pablovsk, Peterhof and the Winterpalace and as a highlight of all: a trip to Moscow! Our Russian friends really organized an outstanding exchange for us, which we will never forget for sure! So in order to give them back at least all the fun we had in cold and snowy Russia (yes and it was May!) we also wanted our guests to have some memorable days in Aachen. So we organized a packed fortnight, including trips to big capitals of our European neighbour countries.



Our friends arrived on Friday, 29.06.07 and as usual they were hosted at our places. The first night we had a welcome barbecue at the Fachschaft Elektrotechnik, our student guild. Everybody was tired, since they had had a long journey from St Petersburg over Helsinki (in one of those funny little buses) and the flight to cologne behind them.

Saturday, 30.06.07

On the first day we started with a trip to Oberhausen in the Rhine-Ruhr Valley. We went to an exhibition in the “Gasometer”, which was itself an outstanding landmark for that old industrial area. At that moment the exhibition “The Eye of the Sky – satellite Images of the Earth” was located there, but also the permanent exhibition of “Light Sky” could’ve been seen. The Russian group was impressed by the exhibition location, which was an old slab-topped gasholder with a height of

approximate 120m. We went to the roof with a glass elevator through the “Light Sky” and had a fantastic view over the area. We made a small lunchbreak in the museum’s café. In the afternoon we went to close Shopping Center CentrO, where we divided the group for shopping. Group of boys went to see the entertainment parts of the Mall and the girls were quite satisfied on their trip. After 3 hours we met to take the train back home.

Sunday, 01.07.07

On Sunday we went to Düsseldorf. There we had a guided tour through the city, where all the historical places of interests were shown to us. After that we went on a top of the tv-tower - great view from up there! Then we visited the media harbour and went for dinner in the ancient part of the city.

Monday 02.07.07

On Monday morning we went by a small bus to Amsterdam, capital of the Netherlands. People were interested in different things, so in the end our group split into a shopping group and a sightseeing group.



Tuesday, 03.07.07

We organized a guided tour through Aachen. The program kicked off with the exploration of the old city part, the Katschhof, the cathedral and the city hall. After that, the group went to the university of Aachen and took part in some lectures. In the afternoon we were invited to greeting from the mayor of Aachen in the town hall. We were welcomed in the coronation hall and got some sparkling wine and heard some interesting facts about Aachen and its history. That night we did not sleep... we went to Paris!

Wednesday 04.07.07

Paris: After a cosy night in the bus (irony? no way!) we arrived at Paris in the morning - 'Gare du Nord'. We went to the 'Place de La Concorde'. We went to a French bistro to have some breakfast. After that, we went along the river Seine to the city hall and from there to the famous 'Pont Neuf' from where we went to 'Ile de la Cite' to find Quasimodo. After that we went to 'Palais de la Justice'. Then we took a stroll through the 'Quartier Latin' and went to see the Pantheon. Finally we

arrived at 'Paris Catacombes'. After some relaxing during lunch we went for a walk to Louvre and to the 'Jardins des Tuilleries' and along the 'Champs Elysees' to the 'Arc de Triomphe'. As a last highlight of a long day, we went to see Monmartre and 'Moulin Rouge' and watched a beautiful sunset over Paris in front of 'Sacre Coeur'.

Friday, 06.07.07

We went to Brussels. First of all we went to the European parliament, but unfortunately we were a quarter an hour late for tour we booked because of a train delay, so we couldn't get in any more. As a little consolation we got a lot of information material about the EU at the information desk of the parliament, posters, leaflets, cards and patches. After that we explored Brussels, including all its beautiful comic walls and the little 'Männeken Pis'. When we saw all that and tasted some Belgium chocolate we went to see the Atomium and everybody were quite impressed. Our day ended with shopping.

Saturday, 07.07.07

We went to Bonn to the 'Haus der Geschichte', the museum of German history. We learnt a lot about the role of Russia after the Second World War and the 'iron curtain'. Seeing history from a different 'side' left our russian guests impressed. It caused a lot of discussions during further exploration of the museum of the German history. After pumping up our guests with knowledge about Germany, we decided that it is time to reset our brains again, so we went to the 'Rheinkultur'-festival, which takes place every year in the summer at the riverside in Bonn. It is a beautiful location and it is always crowded as hell. Since it was the 25th anniversary this year it was even more crowded – 200 000 people there. We saw 'die fantastischen Vier' our german answer to Hip-Hop, the punk band 'Sick of it all' and the 'Donots' -check them out, they' re great!! Getting home was a challenge, especially since all traffic was stuck.

Sunday 08.07.07, Maastricht.

First of all, we went to see what is most interesting for people that are not native dutchmen... then we happily (well most of us happy, one sick) did all the rest, walked into the beautiful small town of Maastricht, saw two city walls, the old cathedral and everything that needed to be seen. And of course, we did some shopping...

Monday 09.07.07

On Monday we had more scientific surprises for our guests: The DLR: German Aerospace centre in cologne. We attended some lectures about the profile of the enterprise and after that we visited the extended grounds of the centre including the European Astronaut Centre. There we could see reconstructed modules of the ISS Space Shuttle which European astronauts use for training for their assignment in space. After a lunch in the DLR canteen we went downtown, saw the cathedral and and then, guess what? Shopping again (yes there were a lot of girls in the group).

Wednesday 10.07.07, Monschau, Rursee camping

On Wednesday we made a bus trip to Monschau and then later we went to Rursee university camp. We had a nice weather, so we went on a toboggan near Monschau. Later we visited Monschau city and also went to the famous beer factory there. Finally we took a bus and went to the university camp by Ruhrsee. There we spent nice time playing games and having barbecue. The accommodation was provided in the university dormitory there. On the next morning we took again a bus back to Aachen.

Did I mention that there was a party almost every night? Well if not, this needs to be said: there were parties all the time!

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Let's Follow the Lines, 21st - 29th September 2007

About us:

LC Ankara, which is located in the beautiful capitol of modern Turkish republic, became an observer of EESTEC family in 2006 and promoted to full LC position in the Sofia Congress in 2006. Our Local committee is a part of the IEEE METU Student Branch in Ankara and we work cooperatively for all our activities. Moreover, we have members from 5 different universities in Ankara. So far, we organised 2 events with the main sponsorships of Turkish National Agency and Microsoft and also we are helping for the improvement of EESTEC International as much as we can with all of our members. We are also a part of Leadership Summer School project implemented in Ankara in this summer and so that we have contacts with almost all local student associations in Ankara.



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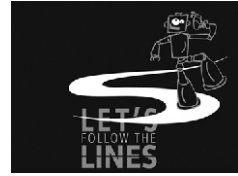
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Let's Follow the Lines

Workshop

21st - 29th September 2007



Have you had a chance to design your own car toy that follows the line you draw? Have you had a chance to experience the world famous Turkish hospitality? Let's Follow the Lines was a great workshop to do it. EESTEC LC Ankara hosted eighteen EESTECers. All of them had enjoyable nine days full of parties, dance, and sightseeing of Ankara in the 'hot' autumn days. The main sponsor of the workshop was Microsoft-Turkey, and IEEE Turkey Section, ISBIR program, Kebbapci, EMO, Red-Bull were co-sponsors. The lectures about Robotics were held in Middle East Technical University, and the practical experiments were in METU robotics laboratories.

The event started with a 'Welcome Party' where every participant danced all night like they have known each other before. There, EESTEC LC Ankara organization team introduced themselves to the participants and also called the participants LC by LC to introduce themselves to others. There was no doubt that it was gonna be a 'hot' week!



The second day Microsoft gave a seminar to all participants about Microsoft Robotics Studio and a brief was given about a contest of Microsoft for the students interested in IT. After the seminar, all participants tasted the spicy food 'Kebab' which Turkey is famous of a 'Keşapçı' as the diner. In the evening of the day we went to 'Misir Kafe' where all participants tried the waterpipe in different aromas (of course with Turkish Cafe and tea!) As the smoke was coming out of their mouth some of the participants got red face and they really enjoyed it very much... And our guest from Eskisehir Türker had his 23rd birthday on that day! İyi ki doğdun Türker! We are so happy to know you! And it was Saturday night so it was time to flow to the deep nightlife of Ankara... We went to a bar-club called 'City-Lounge' and everybody was really driving crazy!

The third day all participants had a great brunch at a green place ‘Dikmen walley’ which is one of the natural beauties of the Ankara city. We spent too much time lying on the grass under the sun because we were:) After brunch we had chance to go to the Dikmen Bazaar to satisfy our beautiful girls and they were quite happy for this :) After that, we visited the best bowling saloon in Ankara: Rollhouse-Bilkent and it was quite a fascinating time for all of us to show how skilful we are in bowling... Well, tonight was special for a special member of LC Ankara: That night was LC Ankara’s chairman Husam’s birthday!!! Happy birthday Husam, we are soooooo happy that you are with us!

The fourth day all participants were in the METU robotics laboratories to start to design their Line-Followers. Trainers from METU IEEE Student Branch Robotics and Automation Society helped them to learn about the equipment they’ll use during the design of the Line Followers. The participants were divided into groups including three people in each and every group started to design their own robot. All day passed in the laboratory with cables, resistors, soldering irons... But night was gonna rock the nation! We went to IF Rock Club, which is one of the most known night places in Ankara and the live band there was really so rocking that we could not take the participants back to their sweet beds :).

And the fifth day was full of sightseeing of Ankara’s historical amazing places. First all participants had a special breakfast prepared by LC Ankara members at the guestroom’s dinning hall. First place was the Atatürk’s mausoleum, Anitkabir. They were really enthusiastic to learn about the life of the founder of the modern Turkish republic, not only his enormous success on battlefield but also his determination to reform the Turkish nation and put Turkey to the position of modern nations. Then, they visited the biggest mosque of Ankara, Kocatepe Camii and they were really impressed by the spirit that mosque has inside. Now, it was time to go back to Christ... In Anatolian Civilization Museum, there were many pieces of furniture, guns, weapons belonging to the antique civilizations like Hittites, Lydia, Asur, Frigia etc. which lived in Anatolia sooooo long ago... There were many sculptures of the goddess which were founded in many excavations in Anatolia and we were really interested in these historical trip. But now, to see the whole beauty of Ankara, we climbed up to Ankara Castle and had the chance to see the beautiful view of the modern Turkish Capitol...

And night was also remarkable like the day because there was a Turkish night! We went to ‘fasil’, which is special Turkish night with some instruments and of course Raki :), at ‘Meyname’. Even though they did not know what the song means, people were really having great fun with all the guys there! And maybe the reason of this... The Turkish magic : Raki :)



Next day we went to the Lake Mogan to have a beautiful picnic in a beautiful weather. Boys cooked the meat and we relaxed after eating that barbeque meals. That night, we had the international night and it was fabulous! Each LC prepared their meals and designed their stands with their flags and cultural presentations. Probably the best night of the event was this night, fulfilled with many kinds of alcohol in our veins...

And the last day of the event every group finished their Line-followers. Moreover, the participants attended the ISBIR Training and ‘Meeting with Industry’ subprogram of ISBIR where they were informed about ISBIR program of IEEE and also had the chance to have one on one dialogue with some representatives from industry. For the final day, we visited the Turkish bath ‘Hamam’ where all of us flew to heaven with a nice massage and hot bath after a long and tiring week. And the farewell party... We were in a special house, all together, drinking, partying... What more can we add? It was time to say ‘See you’ to everyone next morning because an EESTECer never says ‘Goodbye’ ;) Ankara will not forget you guys! You are always welcome in this beautiful country!

Emine Can, Publication Person

Participant report

Samra, Mirela, Adnan&Faris, JLC Sarajevo

We were very happy because 4 of our members were accepted as participants for workshop „Let's Follow the Lines“, that was held in Ankara from 21st -29th September. On our event, few months before, we met a guy from LC Istanbul, so he suggested us to come to Istanbul first. Our host Sefik did his best to show us the most interesting parts of Istanbul in one day, so we had to walk for about 15 hours. In the end, we were so exhausted and were laughing without any reason.

And next day, we are in Asia! We met with the Serbian girls in the bus and after six hours of travelling, we arrived just in time for dinner, which was organized in the place where we had „Welcome Party“. At this party we met all of the participants and hosts, and had really great time and we were thinking about the ‘great’ time we will have here in the air.

The second day, we had our first lectures at METU about Microsoft Robotics Studio and our trainer Dogan who works in the Robotics&Automation Society of IEEE Student Branch taught us about Line followers. During the break, we had our lunch in „Kebbapçı“, and that was love at first sight with Turkish cuisine. In the evening, our hosts took us to classic oriental place, where we tried waterpipe, which became Bosnians favourite activity. Adnan got so high, and even had a fight with a fridge :). Actually, it was loved by all participants and everybody took picture with the waterpipes, nevertheless Husam, the main organiser and he was our guest in Sarajevo, did not find any point for falling in love with those pipes because he hates it and all kinds of tobacco! Are you really Turkish, Husam ?? :)

On Monday ,we had some practical work in laboratory and started making line - followers .Mostly days were fullfilled with scientific work ,and nights were reserved for crazy parties .That night we went to amazing rock club called IF after some dejavu session in nargile place ,where the atmosphere was awesome because the local band was performing live !

The day we liked the most began with a city tour .First we visited Ataturk mausoleum ,and were really fascinated .A guide told us some interesting stories

about Atatürk's life, Turkish history and their Independence War between 1919-1923 and it was really funny to see Kostas' face when the guy was talking how Turks sent away the invader Greeks. In the end, everybody bought some souvenirs and also some guys bought the English version of Atatürk's biggest book called 'The Speech' in English. After that, we went to see Kocatepe Mosque, the biggest mosque in Ankara. Our sightseeing part was continued in Anatolian Civilization Museum and ended on the walls of Ankara Castle. That night we had a chance to feel Turkish atmosphere and taste different Turkish specialties. There was also a musician playing saz. Guys were disappointed because there was no belly dancer, but instead of her they enjoyed in Yeni Raki and they were also quite satisfied with that.) .

Next day in the morning we went to picnic, where we tried to relax after crazy parties and enjoyed barbecue meals. In the afternoon, we had free time, so we used it for shopping. The night was really special because it was an International night and our chance to taste food and drink from all over Europe. Our team also brought Bosnian traditional cheese, sausages, and of course we brought rakija. All of us enjoyed that night, and the party continued in the guesthouse, where we played Truth or dare and found out many dirty details.) .

Last day we finished our project and some of the robots really started to walk and to follow the lines. After completing laboratory work, we had ISBIR training which is one of the most active student-based projects in IEEE, where we discussed about relations between industry and universities, fund raising and much other useful stuff. After lunch time, we went to Turkish bath, where girls and boys were separated. There we enjoyed in relaxing massage and atmosphere of a

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INTERNET-ional Symposium, 22nd – 28th April 2007

About us:

Tree years ago, some colleges gave us the opportunity to travel, attend lectures and meet other engineers from all over Europe by founding our LC. We are thankful to them and try to keep up what they started. Most of our members decided to join LC Athens after taking part in an eestec event because they realized that what we call „Eestec's Spirit" is part of their way to be. Maybe this is the reason why we are so enthusiastic and active when it comes to matters related with our organization.

We consider the organization of a workshop as something very important that has to be done effectively so that every participant will be satisfied at the end of each day. And it is these efforts along with the great time we spend during the workshops that bring us together and bound us with friendship.



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Be prepared: You won't get hungry during all the time of your stay, you even won't feel a slight feeling of hunger – this is what we learned first after arriving in Athens. There was not only enough to eat, you always got even more! And because the meals were really tasty, the only problem was what to eat and what to leave out. But this was only one of few aspects of the Greek hospitality we could experience during whole week. Even the worst task of a workshop – waking-up the participants – was performed in a gentle way - we had received a call on the phone in hotel-room (which you normally should've confirmed with a tired sound that should've meant that you had understood).

About our schedule: We had some excellent lectures from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., but frankly spoken nobody really remembered the content of them except Ljubomir :) Everyone else were happy to attend the lectures after only three hours of sleep every night (we had also some really funny lectures where the famous 100\$ laptop was presented). After lunch an especially interesting part began: we learnt a lot about the city and its really impressing ancient culture, about people in the town and the specific Greek way of life. In the evening we discovered pub atmosphere in modern Athens: either on a Karaoke party where some of us proved their singing skills and became superstars at once or in traditional taverns where some others proved their dancing skills in Greek folklore. Anyway it was not really hard to learn the traditional Greek dance because the whole trick about it was to become as drunk as possible and try to keep the balance during the dancing. :) After party which did not end before 3 in the morning you either could go by feet back to hotel or take one of the taxis which were not much more expensive than our public transport in Germany. About the public transport: each time we entered a bus nearly the whole bus was crowded by only our group and the natives were scared to be conquered by some stupid English-speaking students. We spent also a whole day in the modern „Athens Information Technology Center“, located 1 ½ hours drive away from the center of the city, where we learned about the upcoming communication technologies, had a great lunch in a luxurious cantine and also learned one more time about Greek hospitality when the president of that institution told us to feel like at home in his

welcome speech. Also program of the “guided tour” through laboratories was really interesting and impressive.

During nights we had about three hours to relax and fill ourselves with energy for the next day but I don't think that there was enough silence during the night: nobody cared if it was day or it was night, you were surrounded by noise 24 hours long – at least there was also a positive aspect about it, because you could make noise in the same way... but this was not the only specific thing about the Greek culture – while the police didn't care about thousands of pirate-sellers on the streets, tough soldiers dressed in women's clothes were on the streets. You could check this information by coming to the parliament's palace and see the guards in front of it.

We don't want to complain about anything, because the workshop was really excellent in every sense, but two things were missing during the whole workshop: the famous „Ouzo“ and some kind of discipline about the timetable – we often missed the agreed



return-time. Anyway these two facts were compensated for much red wine and lazy evenings on the beach: we really had a lot of fun there while relaxing, watching the dogs fooling around, playing football and swimming in the cold sea. At least some tough and drunk participants were brave enough to go inside the water.

We want to thank organizers for their big effort and hospitality and also other participants for having a wonderful time with us.

PS: It's really nice to see the participants still writing in the newsgroup and sharing videos and pictures even now, when the workshop is a couple of months behind us. :)

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Presentation of student projects, May 2007

World of Networks '07: Cable vs Wireless, 27. October – 3. November 2007

About us:

LC Banja Luka became member of EESTEC at Congress in Belgrade in 2004. So far we have organized two Exchanges and two Workshops (EnerGreen '05 and World Of Networks '07). Last year members of LC Banja Luka participated in 5 events: Skopje - Feel the Energy, Rijeka Sumer Exchange, Podgorica Sumer Exchange, Skopje – Plone My Web and ECM Belgrade.

During past year we put lot of effort in promoting EESTEC to both students and companies. We have again organized presentation of EESTEC for our first and second year students, and we have participated in several radio and TV interviews. Further more we have organized presentation of student projects for High School students with main goal to promote Electrical Engineering among young people. Our



main project was of course, Workshop World of Networks '07: Cable vs Wireless with several lectures on telecommunication topics.

We have very good relations with our IEEE student branch, and we are planning joint activities, like fund raising and organizing joint events, for example seminars with lecturers from industry which is part of IEEE Industry Relations Program.

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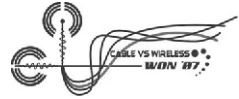
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World of Networks '07: Cable vs Wireless

Workshop

27th October - 3rd November 2007



International Workshop began Saturday, October 27th with the arrival of all participants and it was consisted of two parts: entertainment/tourism and science/work. First of all... when people came to hotel, we offered them one shot of traditional drink rakija (or several shots for Poland guys), sort of good luck for the beginning of Workshop. The first night of the Workshop, participants got to know each other during the welcome party, and also Banja Luka's night life in one of our most famous clubs.

Second day, Sunday, participants had a chance to learn more about the city of Banja Luka. During the first half of the day, we organized a City Rally. In the afternoon, organizers showed participating students major parts of the city, and told them about the cultural, tourist and historical importance of certain buildings and sights.



On Monday we had arranged festive reception with Mayor of city Banja Luka, Dragoljub Davidovic, in his office. At ceremony, which was accompanying by local TV station and newspapers, together we discussed with Mayor about problems that students have in the city, such as problems with getting visas for traveling and lack lowbudget airline companies that this city needs. After that we visited our Faculty of Electrical Engineering (FEE) where we spoke with our Dean. There our guests familiarize with way of studying on our faculty and find out what Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Banja Luka can offer to young people.

The next day, at Tuesday, we have presentation of University in Lugano (Switzerland) held by our guest Slobodan Lukovic (LC Lugano) who work there on his PhD. Then the student held their presentations, which were earlier

prepared, about internet services in their countries. After the presentation we organized a round table where we discussed about telecommunication in the future and directions of its development. At the afternoon we take our guests to visit museum of Republic of Srpska. At evening, we had great dinner with domestic national food only which participants really enjoyed.

We devoted Wednesday and Thursday to the scientific part of the Workshop. During these two days two lectures were held – «xDSL technologies» and «Wireless communications». Each of these lectures were followed by practical work to the given subject in the afternoon. Within these two days we tried to observe pros and cons of the mentioned telecommunication technologies and find out which one of the way of data transmission is optimum for the coming Triple Play – convergence of internet, telephone and television through a unique transfer medium.

On Friday, the last day of our Workshop, we took our guests to an unforgettable event – rafting on the river Vrbas. And just to say that this was 2nd of November, but sun was shining and with some rakija in our blood we overcome ice-cold river. This was a great opportunity for our guests to find out more about tourist potential of our country and our city. Over 20 km of slope down the wild river, beautiful nature, ruins of the middle age towns Zvecaj and Greben and wonderful waterfalls in Krupa are the best invitation for our guests to come and visit us again.

In the evening, at the “official” farewell party, all participants received gifts, a film and various brochures about Banja Luka, as well as diplomas for taking part in our Workshop. Of course, on “real” party we had a really great time all night long...

People left our city with lot of good feelings, few new kilos on their weight and nice memories of our Workshop and our city (7 girls per guy in Banja Luka – don't forget :)

EESTEC-ers, see you soon in Banja Luka !!!

Participant report

Grzegorz Medrek, LC Kraków

In October 2007 I took part in workshop "Cable vs. Wireless" organized by EESTEC LC Banja Luka (Bosnia and Herzegovina). It was fantastic time for me, full of fun, parties and many attractions.

Our first day in Banja Luka was an accommodation day. Marco Mijatovic took me and my friend Lukasz from bus station in Banja Luka to hotel IDEJA. It was a really comfortable place.

Our second day was particularly interesting because of "City Rally" competition. The organizers of the event divided us into groups, and we got a list of targets to find and tasks we needed to do to receive points. The group with the biggest number of points became a winner. It was a really good idea, because the participants of workshop had a good opportunity to get to know each other and to get to know the city. Every team treated this competition seriously and really wanted to win. After the competition we went to a restaurant for a delicious dinner. After the huge dinner the organizers showed us all the targets from "City Rally", and we heard many interesting stories and legends about all of them and the City.



Next day we had a meeting with dean of Electrical Faculty in Banja Luka and, after that, another one - with mayor of Banja Luka. Both gentleman welcomed us very warmly, and we realized how important is Local Committee of EESTEC in Banja Luka.

We also had lectures about cable and wireless nets and laboratories. On the lectures we found out about a lot of new information about computer nets, and in laboratory we could look at network hardware, get to know how it works, and learned to configure and check it. During one of the classes we had to show earlier-prepared presentation about internet providers prices and speed in our countries and we could compare it to each other's.

Every day in Banja Luka was full of attractions, tasty meals, parties and time spent in a wonderful way. We hadn't time to be bored. The organizers were taking care of all the participants all the time, and they wanted to make us feel comfortable. We ate meals in the best restaurants in Banja-Luka. During this fantastic time we had a trip around Banja Luka, we were rafting on Verbas river . I've met many interesting people there and made new friends with organizers and other participants of the workshop.

It was the first time I've been to Bosnia. Thanks to the workshop I found out about many new things, not only connected to the subject of workshop, but also about the people living in Bosnia, their culture and the city itself. All the people I met were friendly, helpful, hospitable, opened and kind. The country is really beautiful, with many amazing places and stunning views – it's definitely worth visiting.

LC Belgrade

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

International events:

-Elektrijada Exchange 2007, Belgrade – Canj, 12 - 20. May 2007

-GoFarming!, Belgrade, 2 – 9. December 2007

-EESTEC Chairpersons Meeting, Belgrade, 10 – 16. December 2007

Local events:

-Motivational Weekend, Bajina Bašta, 13 – 15. April 2007

-JobFair 07, Belgrade, 3 – 4. November 2007

-eCode Reloaded, Belgrade, 4th December 2007

About us:

Local committee Belgrade was founded in 2000. and has become one of the best organized committees with a lot of active members. Since the foundation, we were hosts of numerous exchanges and workshops. Last year, we organized exchange during Elektrijada, annual gathering of more than a thousand of EESC students, workshop GoFarming! and EESTEC Chairpersons' Meeting – ECM which is the second most important event in EESTEC.

EESTEC LC Belgrade impact the life of local students of EECS a lot; only in 2007 we organized two programming contests in cooperation with the company

Top Coder where winners got a practical experience as well as valuable awards, then motivational weekend for members in Bajina Basta, several sports and bbq gatherings and dancing school in due to form better relations among members. One of the most important events for students of technology in Serbia, "JobFair", has been organized every year in cooperation with BEST.

Our members have chance to cooperate with companies by giving them technical support. By EESTEC being a link between students and industry, promoting companies among students gives them a possibility of finding a job and getting in the direct contact with the best companies in Serbia.



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Elektrijada Exchange '07

Elektrijada Exchange 2007 

Exchange

12th - 20th May 2007

Elektrijada exchange, semi-traditionally organised by LC Belgrade is exchange unlike any other, and this year is no exception. Take twelve participants, about thirty organisers, bring them to seaside among 2000 electrical engineering students, and you have guaranteed recipe for successful exchange. Although things were not so simple as they sound.

We had very short time for preparations, and only about two weeks of FR campaigning, but, once again proving who is the most organised LC, we have succeeded. Some compromises had to be made, but it's quite a normal thing to do when organising an event.

There isn't much to say about arrival day, except that we were waiting for the participants – to arrive. After accommodating them in students' dormitory 'Lola', we took them to dinner by the riverside and welcome party after that.

Next day was reserved for 'Kališ Challenge', a variety of city rally, but taking place only within walls of Kalemegdan Fortress – informally known as Kališ. Afternoon was spent on sightseeing of Belgrade, and in the evening, after the dinner, we all boarded the bus and hit the road towards Canj, Montenegro.



As well as we have tried to make any official programme, it was very much impossible to do so, and, might I add, not completely needed. There are two thousand colleagues around, there is sea, what much else to do for the participants. But, we have thought of several things.

Generally speaking, the day's programme was breakfast-beach-lunch-beach-

dinner-party, so I won't indulge into details. We have rented two houses for participants and organisers, and that's where all of the parties were starting, but they have always finishing somewhere around people from Ljubljana (they really made hell of a parties). But, then afterparties usually started in our house, more often for organisers than for participants (some of us just can't get enough).

One day we took participants to the town of Kotor, ancient Montenegrin city located in most secluded part of Gulf of Kotor. I could write a lot about this splendid city, but that is not the subject of this article. While everyone went for sightseeing, four of us brave organisers left to prepare dinner – barbecue for 50 people. I guess it was very amusing sight for passers-by, seeing four of us trying to light a fire with wet wood, in rain and wind, but experience prevailed (after we spilled lots of rakija on firewood and ignited it).

International party also had to be organised, and it was sme evening as the barbecue. It was nice to see participants preparing all kinds of food – and waiting for all kinds of drinks. We had the opportunity to choose from Bavarian sausages, Cicvara prepared by LC Banjaluka, ajvar and other things from Skopje, and some nice meal from Sarajevo whose name i have forgotten. As for the drings to help us eating all this stuff, our guests have brought us Weissbier, regular beers, rakijas, wines...

Unfortunately, that was our last day in Canj. Tomorrow in early afternoon, once again boarded the buses, but this time, they were driving us back to regular lives, those of exams.

Participant report

JLC Sarajevo

6.00 a.m. Two girls from Sarajevo begin their journey for Belgrade. After a seven-hour bus ride, we were warmly greeted by two guys from LC Belgrade carrying signs with our slogan "EESTEC" on them. We went straight to our accommodation which was a student home called "Lola" where we were given a shot of "rakija" from a strange bottle called "cutura." As we waited for the rest of the participants to arrive, we spent the day shopping and walking around the beautiful city. That night once everyone arrived we met our roommates from Macedonia, Skopje. We dressed in black and white for a "black and white" party.

All of the participants joined us for dinner at a restaurant where there was live guitar and harmonica music. There was additional commotion over Serbia's placing in Eurosong so we were invited to join everyone there again the following year.

Later on, we went to a place called "Ada Ciganlija" where the younger generation hung out and partied. This was preparation for the next few days at the beach. We greeted dawn and went to bed for only two hours before we were woken up for a day of sightseeing. We will try to show our impressions of the city even though the full effect can only be achieved in person. We encountered many weddings in front of churches and we joined the people in laughter and dancing. That night we left for Canj to join in the event called "Elektrijada."



We were delighted by the group's organization as everything from food and accommodation down to the last details was planned with precision.

As the bus pulled out of the parking lot, the students started drinking "rakija" and the tone for the rest of the trip was set. With the lack of oxygen and sleep and the constant headaches as well as the stale smell of alcohol we started losing our lunch. With the lack of plastic bags, we had to share one that was already half way filled. We began a chain of barfing and called it the "Global Barfing of EESTECers." We arrived in Canj and checked into our accommodation called "Villa" where our room was the size of a closet. The room was initially set for four people but we soon started taking in "illegals." The day was spent with our colleagues from Sarajevo and we also met students from other countries. The Slovenians were the main party organizers as they brought all the needed equipment for a night of music, alcohol and fun. We spent the days rooting for volleyball teams, swimming, and sun tanning at the beach. One day a bunch of girls from the "EESTEC house" decided to do aerobic on the beach with a hot Slovenian instructor. We danced to the song "Call on me" with all of the people from the beach cheering and taking pictures. We also do it that in the house again.

Now, for some events from the house. The second night they made a welcome party for us with "Mongolian" drinks which consisted of a tall glass of coke, beer and finally vodka. The tradition is to kneel on your knees and drink the entire glass, which immediately made us tipsy.

One night we had an "international night" where all of the participants made their traditional food from their home countries. We made "sogondolma" which is one of Bosnia's oldest dishes. Everyone loved it even though they said the name sounded like some rather swear word. While the rice wasn't cooked to perfection, the meal was quite delicious. During the afternoon, we usually played twister and volleyball at the beach. Some of us played chess and cards. One day when there was no electricity or water, we had to get ready for Kotor. They gave us a bottle of water to wash up which reminded us of the war times. We really enjoyed Kotor and visited the traditional old parts of the city as well as some of its main churches.

This is a short summary of the time we spent with the members of the EESTEC. The after party usually started around 2 a.m. This is when we joined the Slovenians for nights of crazy partying. The last night there was a farewell party where we gave gifts to the board of EESTEC. We gave one of the board members a cigarette holder which he loved and used the whole night. The farewell party was held at the beach. At seven in the morning, all of the members of elektrijada joined in a circle and sang the lyrics to the song "Lipe cvatu." This was an emotional moment for all of us as it showed that in spite of all of our differences we worked well together as a team and created lifelong memories.

Go Farming!

Workshop

2nd - 9th December 2007



GoFarming! workshop wasn't my first experience as an organizer, but yet, the first one as a head organizer and certainly the best one. I had the opportunity to be the leader of 30 lovely people, who helped me organize this event, so that each and every participant is pleased, which has always been the motto of LC Belgrade!

The preparations were sometimes stressful, but interesting and team spirit overwhelmed us all, so that we could show our best when participants come to our city. First one to come was the youngest guy who took part in an EESTEC event



ever – 17 year old Ekin from LC Ankara.

He came one day earlier and I was walking him around the city finishing my own stuff and he was such a pleasant companion. After that girls from Sarajevo came and all the organizers were amazed by the Bosnian beauty of the three. Followed by two wonderful girls from Observers Zagreb, guys from Munich arrived in a manly style – five of them with a lot of German beer, despite

the fact that three were actually Italians and one was Luxemburgish. The Polish came a bit later and directly to the Welcome party and at the same time one last guy from LC East Sarajevo joined the other two from his LC. Famagusta crew came tomorrow afternoon and brought us the Mediterranean blood full of great mood.

We introduced them the faculty and the city, by going to the reception at the dean's and by going to the short walking tour near the Temple of St.Sava. After drinking a beer or a coffee at the KST – club of students of technics, lectures about the web farms were attended and participants were thrilled to learn from a practical experience, which is not a common thing at the University lectures. Duca, academic issues responsible, took care that all the best lecturers made these hours

not only useful, but also attractive for everybody.

As we were organizing the ECODE contest – EESTEC Competition of Developers for the students of University of Belgrade, we took a chance to introduce this contest to participants, too, after they saw more of Belgrade with Jelena, who showed up to be a perfect guide.

Wednesday was reserved for the Queen Ljubica' house, nearby church and again for drinking a coffee in the first kafana in Belgrade – Kafana “?”, which has little chairs for children and looks like the time stopped in there, reminding us of the past times. This was followed by the lectures, just like the ECODE lunch on the day before.

Next day, our traditional one day trip to Sremski Karlovci and Novi Sad was a usual hit and a visit to the Museum of bees and Wine basement in Karlovci was just great. LC Novi Sad, again traditionally, put exceptional effort in finding us and our participants the best places to experience in Novi Sad. It was a good thing we could relax a bit and feel like guests ourselves. This time the difference was that we all went ice-skating, too, where Miss P&A showed her “skills” holding herself all the time for the fence.

Last year during GRAB exchange, I was in a team who organized a special rally through Kalemegdan fortress – Kalish Challenge. It is a game for participants and entertainment for organizers, as we are proud to see that we made something people enjoy in. Here, they took a lot of fresh air for the lectures and soon after lunch in a student restaurant, GoFarming! continued.

As for the nights, we wanted to show Belgrade and Serbia in the best light! We are famous by the best nightlife and we had to prove this. Don't worry, we managed it. We experienced everything – welcome party in small place where you would hang around with your friends with Vlada as a DJ, clubbing in “Povetarac“, the party following ECODE contest in the downtown club, the night in one of the biggest discoteques in Belgrade and the farewell in a student dormitory club. When you add up to this a dinner with tambourines in bohemian quaters in Skadarlija street with the speech of great Lady of Skadarlija and cheerful girls dancing on the tables in Novi Sad, you know that everybody's taste was tempted in some way. We made it!

Participant report

Magdalena Krbot, JLC Zagreb

GoFarming Workshop was my first EESTEC event and it left a great first impression for future events to follow. Warm-heartedness and skill of the hosting members, interesting program filled with various activities and the city of Belgrade with all its offerings all contributed to the lasting impression.

Hosts' hospitality has to be especially complimented. They were very kind and open to all of the participants and many a friendship was formed that will continue to grow on future events.

Organization was at a high level. They were helpful and ready to answer every question, and even after only a few or no hours of sleep every night, they were there to show us the beauties of their town.

The program of the workshop itself was excellent. Every moment was filled with all kinds of activities: lectures, sightseeing, sport activities and, of course, party filled evenings. :)



Lectures were taking place in a well equipped classroom at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering. The lecturer was excellent, and he strived to explain the topics in a way understandable even to those less familiar with the covered topics. I found the lectures useful, because I think LINUX is something every self-respecting programmer should know. LINUX is gaining more attention in the programming world, so the topic was very modern. The lectures had a lot to offer, due to the lecturer being an expert. The best part was that we tried in practice everything we had listened about at the lectures. And for the bravest there were symbolic sweet prizes. It is always extremely beneficial when you can try out in practice something you listened about, especially under the supervision of someone that has a firm grasp of the subject and has a quick and concrete answer to your every question.

Of course, Linux wasn't the only thing we worked with. Every day had its own

unique content. Every day, we went into sightseeing of the Belgrade's old city and I must say that I like it a lot. One of the highlights was the trip to Novi Sad and ice-skating (for the brave ones, which didn't include me). Waking up in the morning was very interesting, even though credit has to be given to the hosts that tried really hard to wake a group of underslept people; they even once organized morning gymnastics. One morning sported a tougher kind of gymnastics; we spent the whole morning running in Kalish Challenge which I found to be amazing. I congratulated them on a great organization of that event.

And, of course, there were the nights out. Belgrade has a lot of great place to go to. We went to the "Povetarac" float, had dinner at beautiful restaurant Skadarlija, went to an elite Belgrade night club, and had a lot of all night parties. We also had two birthday parties, which were really nice. I went away with very fond memories of Belgrade and our hosts, and I hope we'll all meet again soon at some other event.

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No international events organized.

Local Events:

- Inner Circle of EESTEC(ICE) 14. December 2007

- An Inconvenient Truth

About us:

Each of us has his own story but our common goals brought us together. Maybe most important is the fact that all of us realized that we want to be more than engineers after graduating. We want to know how to communicate with different



people with different backgrounds, we want to interact with specialists in our Industry and students from various European universities and last but not least we wish to travel and approach educational matters differently than we do in faculty. In the process of reaching these goals we founded EESTEC LC Bucharest. We have understood that we need EESTEC as young people, as students and as future specialists.

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Oracle Innovative Industrial Solutions Workshop, 21-28 October 2007

About us:

MAVE was established in 1986. The aim of its foundation was to expand the knowledge and broaden the view of the students of engineering. As a non-profit student organization, initially it arranged mainly short-term exchange programs. The foreign colleagues taking part in those programs were guided around Hungary. We are proud of:

ACM programming contest - Organization of the regional finals for Hungary and for Central Europe of the most serious programming contest, which this year - for the first time - was accompanied by a scientific conference.



SAP course - Introduction to the secrets of the ABAP language; a course every semester in cooperation with SAP with 40 participants each, which provides official certificates, as well.

BME International 24-hour Programming Contest - A competition that takes place in several rounds; initiated by Hungary, requiring great preparedness with more than 300 registered teams representing countries from USA through Hungary to Vietnam participated in it already.

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Oracle Innovative Industrial Solutions

Workshop

21-28th October 2007

After organizing the EESTEC Congress 2007 LC Budapest organized a second event between 21-28th of October, 2007. 23 EESTECers came to capital of Hungary from all around Europe: from Portugal, Germany, Greece, Slovenia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Turkey and Finland. It was a really great team! And we are very happy because could host seven beautiful girls. :)

In the official program (took place at the office of Oracle Hungary) these people could learn about Oracle's latest technologies. They had some lectures about Business Intelligence, Align IT with business using SOA and BPEL, labor work (Oracle University Course) and had to solve a team task and made a presentation about their work. The task was to learn about and to compare the technological innovations of the world and the company from back to 1977 to 2007. Thanking to participants' conscientious work during the week the official program was ended by really interesting presentations. Also Oracle certificates were given to every participants.



As you know, it's very important to make a good impression of your country and its people. Easiest way goes through the unofficial program: stunning sightseeing, some slices of culture and great parties... Unforgottenable memories. In the first two days the group had free time (in Hungary it was a national anniversary) so there was a lot of chance to map Budapest. During the

City Rally we visited most of the famous buildings and places of the city: the Center, the Opera, Basilica of Szent István, the Chain Bridge, ... I think you liked it very much. And what about the parties?! I can say we had great time together...:) There was an International Evening where about 40 people (from five international associations) came together in a club, there was a Food and Drink Evening where we could taste others' kitchen and there was a „Pálinka

tasting” (pálinka is the national - but a bit strong - drink of Hungary). And there were some further „unnamed” parties, also.. At the end of the workshop, before departing, in a spa could participants take some rests.

Girls and boys, thank you for coming! We hope you had a really great time in Hungary!

Participant report

There I was, stunned with the question I'd been asked. I was going through my thoughts in a flash “ ... one week in Budapest ... Oracle workshop ... hmm ...”, the only thing I said was “Yes!”. And so it was set in motion the process that would take me to my first EESTEC experience. Although I had spoken to people who had went on events before, later on I found out that whatever you may hear it never gives you the real sensation as living it yourself.

On the 21st of October I took the plane that sent me to one of the most wild, fun, interesting and overwhelming weeks I ever had. Once I arrived I went straight to the welcome party and the dazzling began. Meeting the other participants from all over Europe, the culture exchange experience, finding all the little differences and what not, people from different countries, cultures, races and religions but all united by a sense of fun and companionship. Took me about three days to assimilate all names, from participants and organizers, not only because there were many but also because most of the names were completely new to me. The small handbook given out to us was really handy to help me with that and it had other very useful information.

When they woke me up the next morning I couldn't believe it was true, I had only slept for two hours, I was in no condition to do whatever, how was I going to handle it... but it was a routine that came to stay and after the first few days my body didn't whined no more about it. We went to a rally paper so we could get to know more of the city and Hungarian history and culture. Budapest is indeed a very beautiful city, lots of monuments and historic buildings, and if I liked it in daytime I loved it even more when the night came. Nightlife in there is, how would I say, pretty active and good looking. One thing that amazed me was the public transportation, mainly buses, trams and electrics that reach almost every

corner of the city and are active 24/7 which makes life easier and cheaper.

The workshop at Oracle was indeed interesting, though of course, some of us would get our sleep updated from time to time and get stuffed in spoiled coffee break feasts. The day of the presentation of the small task we were given by workshop lecturers was no doubt the most funny and also the most “hard” day at Oracle. It wasn't easy because we had to go and present our work in front of everybody, but it was definitely fun because some people had really nice and “out-of-the-box” ideas of how to do their presentation.

So divided between a routine of morning lectures, brief afternoon walks and long well partied nights, days seemed a lot longer (and they were) and one week seemed a lot more me. It really was a great time and when it was over sadness overcome, I think none of us wanted it to end.

As a first timer in this kind of event I must say I enjoyed it a lot, of course all of this wouldn't be so if it wasn't for the great environment the organizers provided for us, a word praise and recognition for them for the excellent work. I hope I can tag along a new EESTEC experience soon, and if it's on LC Budapest even better. Cheers! Or better said in Hungarian... Egészségedre! :)



LC Cosenza

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Energy is Young, 15th - 22nd October 2008

About us:

LC Cosenza is a great team of good friends. Our needs to work together, giving everything of ourself, is our best strenght. We use to plan the currently new social year at the beginning of it. Each plan includes local events like seminars for all the students of the engineering faculty, usefull parties to promote events, job fairs, participation to national events (like Universiadi-Torino 2007), seminars held by professors or agencies' representants, one or two workshop/exchange and promotional period.



We are (often) supported by our faculty and we use to look for our sponsors depending by events we are going to organize. Our bran is appreciated and

wellknown. We collaborated with IEEE Students' Branch in order to organize the 1st Technical conference for IEEE (Cosenza 2001). But all the IEEE Students' Branch members became members of ASI-UNICAL, that's the reason because IEEE Students' Branch is currently disabled.

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Energy is Young

Workshop

15th - 22nd October 2007

“Ciao miei cari” EESTECers!

How are you guys? I'm writing this report during New Year's Eve and actually I'm so glad when I remember days spent with our participants!!!

Well, you have to know that Cosenza is not big city like Rome, it's rather town, so it is very difficult to organize a good event here, because it is almost impossible to find money to establish everything. That's why we tried to get EU Grant. Unfortunately there was one little problem in requesting funds and we didn't get that money. So at the beginning more than 50 people applied to our workshop and we were so honored by that!!! Later we had problems with accommodation, so first we thought not to organize the workshops anymore. However LC-Cosenza's organizers have been always good in finding money, so last board, plus other members who helped in organization, were a great team and good friends, too. That's why we were able to organize a good workshop in one month only.

"My dream is to fly over the rainbow so high eh.. eh.. eh.." (from "Rise up" - Yves LaRock)

That was the wave born to be raised by participants and organizers during the whole workshop, with happiness and wish to stay together.

Monday, December 15th

Hard work is wanted when it is useful. :) First day was dedicated to arrivals. After long period of talk between participants and organizers by mailing list we all could hardly wait to meet each other. The organization was completely "participants oriented" in their comforts' name. :) First meeting, with some of them happened at the Socrates accommodation (University of Calabria) I still remember the first time I met Bence from Budapest, Nick from Greece and Gregor, Peter, Dare and Jaka from Ljubljana. I already knew people from Ljubljana and it was very funny to see that they came by car... Gregor's white car. :) When I was in Ljubljana I wrote my name on his car, with some pen... well I did it

once again. :) Workshop was going to start in a good mood... over the rainbow... so high... Welcome party was nice, very amusing, like we knew each other for a long time. I always thought that it was better to start workshop with a party full of people, instead having the welcome party only with participants and organizers. In fact participants appreciated it very much.



Tuesday, December 16th

We had turns to do everything, but the hardest part was to wake people up in the morning. :) Often I did it and it was amazing - looking at participants' faces in the morning... it was like my reflection in the mirror! :) The opening ceremony was almost the whole morning long. Prof. Bova represented the whole faculty because our

headmistress was busy that day. Prof. Bova was very kind giving the welcome to our participants. After that we had the first seminary at the chemical department. It was about Biodiesel, an interesting topic about energy. Fortunately, we could notice that participants were very interested in that topic. They found many questions for professors and engineers during every part of the workshop, despite to people who say that EESTEC is made only for travelling for free. EESTEC is much more. EESTEC is more important than a simple trip. Lectures continued in the afternoon. In the night... party, of course :) at the Camelot club.

Thursday, December 18th

Alarm clock was late that morning. :) Participants went sightseeing of Cosenza till lunch time and in the afternoon we all went to an aeolic park in Tarsia. After that interesting visit, we had our appointment with Jonica Radio. We chose Catarina from Lisbon, Igor from Nis and Bence from Budapest to be ereviewers. They were fantastic "ON AIR". :) Before going back to Cosenza we went to a museum of Alfredo Alfano in Castrovillari. Alfredo Alfano was a painter from Castrovillari. Guys, especially Josc from Lisbon, were very interested in some of those pictures, finding particulars I actually didn't notice before. A folkloristic group danced and played some typical musical instrument for us and also a buffet with typical food was there... slurp slurp. :P

Friday, December 19th

Falerna, a little village not too far from Cosenza, was waiting for us. Of course we had seminars there, too... :) ... :P ... but the most important thing, in that place, was the sea. Bence and Josc went swimming into the cold water... I actually was surprised when I saw European participants doing that, because I was the frostiest girl in the world. :) and I never could've had a swim in October because of the cold wind when you go out of the sea. Crazy guys! I like them. :) In the evening we went back to Cosenza and we finally went to a restaurant to eat the famous italian PIZZAAAAAAAAA. :) and the night continued in singing songs and playing guitar all together "under" the rain...

Sunday, December 21st

Our workshop, about energy and renewable energy resources, as title says, was organized in that week because a fair about energy was going to be held during the last days of the workshop, so we thought it was interesting to let coincide both events. Guys were there, visiting stands and asking for things they were interested in. Fair was a big one: many factories and agencies gave us informations and some gift. Farewell party time arrived too soon... :) ...We had an amusing party with a lot of alcohol and music, close to the Socrates accomodations. I fancied staying with participants, to receive their funny presents from their countries. For first time during Energy is Young workshop I felt, deep in my heart, that it was a success, because participants were all sad when thinking about leaving Cosenza and organizers and... in my opinion, nothing is better than seeing participants involved in your life style and in your costumes. I fancied it very much. :) Unfortunately, time to get people to the bus station arrived very soon. :) First people we brought there were Turkish guys, Mehemet and Arkin. Last one was Bence from Budapest. He stayed with us two days more.

Well... every event leaves a taste of happiness and culture in our mouths, good to mould us like great people. :) I need to thank all the organizers and all the participants for their contributes in making this event one of the unforgettable ones in my life. Hoping to have you all in Cosenza, dear EESTECers!

"I try to fly a while so high... direction's sky!!!" (from "Rise up" - Yves LaRock)

Participant report

Bence Galambos

This was due to Tallinn also. My Tallinn-origin new friend, Marco, was another reason not to miss one of my dreams, travelling around Calabria and meeting new friends there. The possibility was provided by their autumn-organized workshop, in the field of renewable energy, which had been said to be overbooked for ages, but shortly afterwards most of the applicants resigned and in the end there were some more vacancies. As for travelling, after some years of using low-cost-airlines I decided to return to a classic airlines Alitalia, and chose some adventurous way to reach the toe of the Italian boot.

But what does adventurous mean? Well the trip itself included three flights per one afternoon, via the airports of the fashion capital and the orok varos. By the way, it did not make any difference the exact place of the airports, since at none of the two airports I spent more than one hour. In addition, it took me to cross the second one for around 10 minutes. What happened, was the 20 minutes delay of the Milan-Rome flight, what was more than enough for me to start worrying, as in Rome originally it was supposed to change flights in half-an-hour. I believed with such amount of hand-luggages (10 kilograms pulling and 7 kilograms on my back, plus four battles of duty-free drinks; at Budapest Airport, it took also some



time to beg for a favour from the local staff to let me enter onboard with all of these stuff... besides, the declared hand-luggage stands for 1 piece of something, with the weight of 5 kilogramms maximum).

I won't ever run that much. I also was the last one who entered the plane, everyone were staring, and had to also remove from my seat the Loius Vuitton-bag-gentlemen, who obviously mixed his seat with his gate number...

Finally I could have some rest! Not much after my South-Italian dream began, I thought my brain and my mind were still somewhere else there. I started my 10-day-excursion in Marco's hometown, Reggio Calabria, to switch a pleasant thing with an other more pleasant thing. Beginning with noticing the end of Sicily from

the plane, later the neat of Messina, finally the two hundred thousand city of Reggio Calabria, right at the top of the Italian boot. It was so extraordinary for an Hungarian to be surrounded with sea and palm trees, especially in October, that it couldn't be described by words. The air was caress, you could easily walk around wearing shirts. Firstly – what else?! - we walked through the local main street called Corso Garibaldi with full of fancy shops, and we could even see the chairman of the local Serie A football team Reggina. After arriving at Marco's place, my breathe was taken away by the breathtaking view from their terrace! From the top of the two floor flat you could see the whole neat of Messina, wow! The Scali family also welcomed me with an unforgettable Italian dinner, where I realized the following: they eat a lot, the pasta is so light and digestible (not like ours), and they never go under three dishes. It was a pity that I became so exhausted till the end of day that I could not go out, rather I fell asleep in some seconds in a comfortable bed. Next morning words were frozen inside of myself by the above mentioned view, I just stood, stared, and dreamt. If man saw such a thing, he couldn't do anything else.

The programme was an excursion to the beautiful place of Scilla, which is usually on the front page of every Calabrian travel guide, and where Bence was even more impressed by the tiny colorful houses, vessels and the authentic Italian ice-cream. On the way back I completely understood, why the current speed was hidden in the Yaris for those who sit on the passenger's seat: to save the passenger from watching that the speedometer showed 160 km/h! Even it was a speedway, it was not the usual one with 2+1 lanes and wide place around...

On Sunday afternoon we took the train to Cosenza. Well, since then I wish I had had the same view from my Intercity between Budapest and my hometown Debrecen... You could look out and see nothing but the sea and in the background the Stromboli vulcano. It was like some fairy tale... But not in Rende, where the temperature fell below the unpleasant 10 degree, and I felt like in Hungary. I met Marco's fantastic friends at his place, Peppe, Maristella, and even Bebi-kashmir, the little bunny.

Next morning I took a walk around Rende (made some rendering, because Marco must have been attending some lectures). The whole place laid in a valley, because it had a special climate. In Calabria the weather can change totally in five minutes, one moment it is sunny and then you blink and see a thunder. During the

evening the participants started to get to know better with each other, I met there my old friends from Slovenia, Jaka, Dare, Peter and Gregor, who took their usual white Golf on the way to Cosenza. As I had travelled alone to any event, I had been very curious how it is when you must do everything alone. Well, it was completely different! You had to arrange your drink alone, you had to be aware of the information, and – of course - you had to hold your presentation alone. Due to the lack of the online infrastructure, I must have left out showing the Hungary - Italy 3:1 youtube video to a hundred Italians who appeared for the opening ceremony! It was very surprising for me to see such an amount of local students around, but the Italians did a very nice PR and marketing job, even I helped them in putting posters around the University. In addition they arranged a local radio as a sponsor where the spot of the event was played in every hour.

The official programmes were very enjoyable, even for me, considerable amateur. The best programme was visiting a company around Taranto. It was a little firm manufacturing aeolic power plants, where we were divided into groups and this way were taken around. After the visiting with the Slovenians we discovered some liquid what was supposed to be beer, cheaper even than the hungarian prices...

The parties were awesome! You thought you could dance well, then you got some Italian sexbomb and were ashamed of your dance knowledge. I honestly appreciated that law which banned smokers from indoor pubs, it was a pleasant feeling going home in the morning without smelling badly. In addition I would emphasize the double malt beer with around 9% alcohol content and its sexy rouge colour. And I could also recall those roundish Hungarian bottles called Unicum from most of the shops.

The excursion to Castrovillari will stay also memorable, not just because it is France's hometown, but also for the programme they organized and for the food we ate there. And the reason why it will be also memorable for the Italians themselves is the European drink evening, if they can recall the raki-magic and other wonders from Serbia, Portugal, Slovenia and Hungary.

As I mentioned above there was a commercial radio station amongst the sponsors, and we had the possibility to appear on air. By good fortune I was chosen for one of the the one-sentence-roles, and tried to make very hard efforts to increase the

amount of the listeners of the radio. Obviously it was my mic which went wrong during the conversation, but we managed to get over it and handle the situation. We were also in a pizzeria somewhere above the city, but my attention was rather caught by the canteen's own pizzeria, which produced the worst thing what I had ever seen. It was called pizza, but it turned out to be something else, something very disgusting... and for 3 credits, oh my! If I consider that, the beer can for two credits was heaven!

What was even better than heaven, were the Italians themselves. I never saw so kind, sociable and direct people like them. I love you guys!

P.S. : as a surprise they took us to the concert of the university choir! It was a pleasure to listen to the Ode „An die Freude” from the little bald one! :P

LC Delft

Year of foundation: 1986

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Number of members: 2000

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Curren-€, Delft, 21st - 25th May

About us:

EESTEC LC Delft was there when EESTEC was established in 1986, and still the seat of EESTEC in The Netherlands, Delft. The LC consists of two study guilds; one for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics and one for Electrical Engineering. Every member of these guilds is automatically a member of EESTEC LC Delft, which makes the official number of members over 2000. However, because of a very broad offer of extra curricular activities, a huge number of student organizations and a strong competition among these in Delft, the actual number of active EESTEC members is 35.

The board of LC Delft changes every September and consists of board members of the full-time guild boards. Every year, a separate committee consisting of young members is established to organize our yearly event.

Besides this, the LC puts a big effort in motivating its members to develop their organizational skills by contributing to EESTEC on international level. As a result of this LC Delft provides one international board member this year, one OC-member, four ETT-members including the coordinator, one ITT member and



also members working on EESTEC's future Training Team.

Though small and less active when it comes to travelling, LC Delft is a very active and involved LC that is of great importance for EESTEC.

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Curren-€

Workshop

20th - 25th May 2007



Sunday, just before supper, most of our participants began to arrive. Most of them by train, some brave ones by car. Clemencia disposed her garden for the welcome dinner, which lasted until late at night.

The next morning the breakfast was served in the bar of the faculty, properly named `Pub' (Slash-pub). After a short wakeup session it was time for an official welcome speech by the dean and a short introduction to the international nature of Delft University of Technology. Then a short tour around our faculty and a visit to the 23rd floor of the building followed, showing the surroundings of Delft. After observing the old town from this highest building in Delft it was time for the city rally, to personally get a taste of Holland's historical capital, with its picturesque bridges, churches and channels. The introduction of traditional Delft student habits was left for the dinner: an eating frenzy with unlimited spareribs for everyone! The `winner' (if you can call it by that name), was Delfts' chairman Tim who had 5 ribs and got the spare-rib award.



The second day was the start of the finance workshop. After a whole day of organizing imaginary events, creating budgets and exploitations, the level of financial knowledge and skills of the participants was significantly higher than before. To end the day, there was a more relaxing activity; Belgian beer tasting at `Het Klooster' (The abbey) where everyone got to know the mysterious tastes of special Belgian beers. During this evening, the events of the day could be analyzed on a different level.

Wednesday was the traditional trip to Amsterdam to which most participants had been looking forward the whole week. Even though everyone was excited about visiting our World famous capital, first a visit to the Dutch Bank (Nederlandse

Bank) was scheduled. At the Dutch Bank, we were told some more insights about money markets; by changing interest rates, the value of currency is controlled. After the Dutch Bank, everybody had spare time to walk around in Amsterdam and visit those 'special places' in Amsterdam, which they heard a lot about. Luckily, almost everyone arrived on time at the 'pannenkoekenboot'. While sailing over the Amstel River our dinner was served which were unlimited pancakes! Combined with some beer, this turned out to be a successful activity. The evening was free to everyone to go as they pleased, so some stayed in Amsterdam, others went to Leiden for a party.

Continuing the workshops on Thursday morning, the afternoon was reserved to visit the beach at Scheveningen. Fortunately the weather was perfect to take a refreshing dive into the North Sea, and afterwards a barbecue accompanied by a huge pile of meat awaited the hungry participants. Thanks to the barbecue skills of Michel, we had plenty of food and beers, before we moved to the party which' theme was: "Speeddating in your pyama". We all had a great time, and luckily for those who made it until the end of the party, the program started at 12 o'clock. To get familiar with one other purpose of money (among Delft students) a poker tournament was organized in the afternoon, just before our participants, one by one, went homeward.

Looking back on the event, we hope everybody acquired some knowledge about finance, and not least, had a good time!

Participant report

Giang Tran, LC Munich

Delft!? We cannot know immediately what it is, and where it is. Delft is a small historical city in the Netherlands. If we visit it, we'll bring home so many memories that we would absolutely want to visit Delft again.

I had the opportunity to visit Delft because of an EESTEC workshop organized by EESTEC LC Delft. As students we always want to get to know something new. It was a great opportunity to see not only the nice city but also friendly students from Delft.

The topic of the workshop was 'Current-€'. From the first moment I was totally

impressed that our friends in Delft work in a very professional way. The schedule of the workshop was structured very well which we should learn for our workshops as well! The Workshop in Delft took 7 days and the goal was exchange of experiences in administration of budget. In addition the guys from Delft did not want us to stress thereby. Every evening we had party and dinner in a warm atmosphere. Naturally we visited also Amsterdam, the capital of the country. We spent all day long for an excursion at the central bank. There we experienced, which tasks the bank has, how the tasks are settled, etc. And then we had time for sight-seeing tour, shopping and walking in the city and having unlimited pancakes during a boat tour. On the sixth day we were at the beach near the North Sea. It was fantastic; the weather was perfect, 30 degrees!! And this evening we had a barbecue and the Goodbye party, a traditional Delft student party. It is hard to believe that there are so many activities and possibilities in spare time in this small city. And the students in Delft are so active that they organize many things like those.

Our hosts were also very nice and interesting. I lived at the place of Frank. It is a sharing flat. Frank and his flatmate showed me so many traditional things that I can never forget. Once I went late to bed from a party. The two were even much later. When they got home, they simply turned up side down the mattress on which I was sleeping. Then they brought me liquor and told about 'the tradition'. It was so merry that I still often tell my friends about it. Seven days went by so fast. We said good-bye and hope that we'll come to Delft one day again.

LC East Sarajevo

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Official events:

Jahorina Winter Exchange 2008, 10th - 17th January 2008

Unofficial /local/ events:

Coorganizing International Symposium «INFOTEH», 24.-27. March 2007
2-days Exchange with LC Rijeka, Lukavica, 07.-09. Jun 2007
EESTEC Presentation for Freshmen at the Faculty, 01. September 2007
EESTEC Electro Party, Pale, 26. September 2007

About us:

At the same time when the Congress in Budapest was held, a group of veteran members took part in organizing The International Symposium «INFOTEH» which gathers the best Balkans experts and professionals from the branche of electrical engineering. After that, it was a time for the new generation of EESTEC-ers to come and maintain the activity of LC East Sarajevo.



It was a difficult but interesting beginning. Recruiting new members was the

prime mission, and it ended up pretty successfully. We established a great cooperation with three other student organizations: Student Union Republic of Srpska (SURS), Student Union of University of East Sarajevo (SSUIS) and East Sarajevo Electrical Engineering Students Organization (STELEKS). This resulted in our LC having an opportunity to send 20 members to Elekrijada 2007. During the rest of 2007 we had a couple of aforementioned local events, from which Electro Party should be singled out because it attracted a lot of attention and hosted at least 200 students, so it was a kind of first-class promotion.

These activities, plus 22 participations at international events during the 2007, told the story of EESTEC to the younger members, and along with the experience of the older members, everything was ready for another one, traditional, 4th in a row «Jahorina Winter Exchange 2008».

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Jahorina Winter Exchange 2008

Exchange

10th - 17th January 2008

It all began in a students club «Steleks», where participants who arrived were greeted and had an opportunity to refresh, first with a cup of tea and later with some serious amounts of beer and wine. Just like we felt a premonition that the coldest night was coming... The weather was really threatening. Fortunately, the temperature stabilized in the following days and we could carry out all the plans for the exchange. These plans primarily included winter activities in the Olympic mountain Jahorina. The guests showed some serious abilities at winter sports, and those who had never had on-ski experience before, after only a couple of days could also boast about their ski skills.

As usual, it didn't take participants a lot of time to get to know each other. Although for many of them this was the first EESTEC event, they were all here for the same well-known reason: to have fun and good time. And when you have such an «ambitious» group of people, the fun is guaranteed. After the first, introducing, private and All-Alcohol evening, the second one was nothing weaker: started in a nearer pub, ended in a disco. Third evening guests had an opportunity to see that not only discos and loud music are required to have a crazy party. Therefore, in a restaurant, after the dinner, the traditional musicians /"tamburaši"/ showed up and brought the place till the complete madness. Until the end of the exchange, every night we tried out some other places. After that we would come back to the students club; of course, not emptyhanded – we had to use different kinds of elixirs to fight against low temperatures.

In conclusion, it's impossible to describe the difficulty of combining sporting days and drunk nights, several days in a row. And surely, only the sporting days paid the consequences. But what can we do? Nothing, it's an Olympic year and we must go on with this rhythm: sport days-drunk nights! And next year, who cares about sports, we'll leave them out – we'll stick only to drinks.

And now, at the end of the report, just to mention that some serious working sessions were included to the exchange, such as tour of electrical engineering labs at our University and excursion to Bogatići, the oldest hydro-power plant in ex-Yu. It's also interesting to say that our sponsor, an electrical engineering company,

demanded from us to visit nothing but - an old church! So much about working session! We're glad that a cool group of people met here, in East Sarajevo, spent seven remarkable days, and we'll gladly remember that days!

Participant reports

Although the weather conditions weren't ideal for skiing, which was the primary goal of this exchange, we weren't disappointed thanks to great organizers who knew how to improvise and make alternative schedules. Beside the organizers I also made friends with other participants. Since 99.9% of participants were from Ex-Yugoslavia the primary language of this exchange was the second official language of EESTEC-Serbian. Again I would like to thank the organizers for their hard work and great execution of exchange.



Jaka Simonic

Trip to mountain Jahorina was occur for four days. There we spent free time to do any activities we want (all kind of winter sports and games). Trip to Bogatici was a short visit to the oldest hydro-power plant in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tour of Sarajevo was very interesting. We visited the old part "Bascarsija" and the Olympic Hall "Zetra". In the evening we had great parties. One of the best was in one night club in Sarajevo, were we enjoyed the rhythm of salsa. EESTEC LC East Sarajevo members were excellent hosts and friends, and I hope that I will have opportunity to visit East Sarajevo again.

Bijan Coric

JLC Eskisehir

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

PLC' 07, 22nd - 28th April 2007

FPGA' 08 (Fascinating Parties Great Academics), 02nd - 09th March 2008

About us:

EESTEC LC ESKISEHIR is established by Anadolu University Electrical and Electronics Engineering Student Club (IEEE SB) board and members. Now EESTEC LC ESKISEHIR is a committee of this club and has its own board. We became an EESTEC LC in the Annual Congress in Budapest.

With great interest we organized our first workshop PLC' 07 at 22-28 April 2007. Our university and faculty students are getting more interested in EESTEC when they observed the Workshop PLC' 07 's success .

Being a member of EESTEC is a great motivation source for our members. Our targets are to announce our success at local activities in international arena; to introduce Eskisehir, one of the most modern cities of Turkey, and also Anadolu University one of the most famous universities of Turkey, in international arena;

to provide a common sharing in terms of cultural and technical basis between our European colleagues and also enable our members to get more about different cultures and countries.

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PLC '07

Exchange

22nd - 28th April 2007

This was my first time to participate in a workshop, and I have to say it was a great experience! The organizers did a great job! I'm thankful for each and every person who made it possible for me to be there. The flight was smooth, good weather, good view, no difficulties with the travel. We went by bus from Istanbul to Eskisehir, on the way we could watch the Turkish landscape slowly sinking into the night. The arrival was around midnight, and so the first day began.



The organizers kept us really busy; we were always running to some place, from early morning till late in the night. I feel we have seen almost all parts of the city. It is a really nice city, I made tons of pictures. We also had some lectures, but not too many. There were about several hours of learning per day, but a part of

them were tours within the campus, seeing the labs, and things like that. The campus is huge! It was also very well equipped, students mustn't feel need for anything else. On the first day, we went to a stadium, and watched the performance of children. Later on we had a lot of different kind of programs like picnic, visiting Turkish bath, "Turkish night", multicultural night, and a lot more. Even if Hungary has many baths, Hamam was a really unique experience. It was very hot, the air was so humid, after I went out, and I felt tired, like I had worked all day. But I liked it, I like hot water, so I enjoyed. I was the last one to leave the building. I tried massage, and that was something marvelous! A few days earlier we smoked nargile. We tried lots of kinds of different flavors. This was my first time to try, and it was interesting, but I don't think I would like to do it regularly. At that place we were busy to play backgammon as well. The parties were great, you sure know how to enjoy yourselves! We have been to quite a few places in the night. For me, Glow beats all of them, but the other clubs were nice as well, not to mention the farewell party. In food, Turkey beat the rest of Europe for good, Turkish kitchen is wonderful! I've gained 5 kg at least! We have been taken to a

lot of place to eat. I don't remember all the names of meals we had, but they were all fantastic! After parties we usually stopped by and ate Dürüm in a little restaurant close to the campus. It became kind of a favorite place for some of us.

All things considered, we had a great time in that week of the workshop, no doubt about that. I have lots of reasons to come back to Turkey again. I really hope I can see the people I met there again, sooner or later (but I would prefer sooner).

Szalay Péter, LC Budapeste

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Number of members: 29

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Sunnydays '07

About us:

The story of Juniors of Famagusta (North) had become after ECM Istanbul. Famagusta Town is located one of the most beautiful places of the island. These juniors are all members of Eastern Mediterranean University IEEE Student Branch. The first and the only international event we organized was about Solar Energy Systems and this named as SunnyDays. During the workshop the solar systems of the Northern Cyprus had been visited and explained. Other than these the activity was full of fun. That's what we heard from our lovely participants. The biggest sponsorship of JLC Famagusta is the government and EMU.

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Sunnydays '07

Workshop

17th - 24th June 2007

Cyprus. It's an island, pretty hot, to be honest. Impressions? We burnt our backs, were beaten by mosquitoes, slept at all, saw huge spiders and even bigger lizards (honestly, they could swallow a cow!), nevertheless - we totally loved it!

On the very first day we took the biggest advantages of Cyprus – sun and sea. We were either on the beach or in the water, enjoying both like 5 yr old babies J. The welcome party was also cool, I don't really remember what was going on, but we came to the hotel late.



The lectures were about solar energy – Cyprus doesn't lack it at all. We've learnt about collectors, batteries and other renewable sources of energy. Very interesting, in my personal opinion.

Accommodation was awesome. Our hotel was literally on the beach. If I peed through a window of my room, I'd hit

the sea. Food – I loved it, although it was pretty spicy. We managed to swallow all the peppers, chillies, kebabs, doners etc. helping our selves to extinguish the fire with liters of local beer (OK, I was drinking Carlsberg, probably the best in the world, but definitely cheaper than other ones J).

Finally, the organizers – these four guys did a piece of great job. No complaints from my side at all. Congratulations and see you next year.

Matheus Orlowski, LC Wroclaw

LC Hamburg

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Number of members: 4

Events organized in 2007/2008:

No events organized.

About us:

LC Hamburg is a small LC in Northern Germany. We took part in the congress and the chairperson-meeting last year. We have a good relationship with our faculty and the dean gives us a lot of support. However, at the moment, we don't have enough active members and it is difficult to organize exchanges or workshops.

Hoping to get members who will be more active in LC Hamburg, we promote our baby LC to our colleagues at the university and tell them about the EESTEC spirit. In addition, we try to establish cooperation with some local student organizations and use their infrastructure to spread the idea of EESTEC.

This year we want to organize the PR Workshop.

Eike Appel, one of our founder members and our locomotive and now alumni, is one of the main organizers of the Alumni Sailing Event 2008.

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Power Your Future, Lisbon and Faro, 1st - 8th September 2007

About us:

LC Faro is made of a group of students from the University of Algarve, namely from the Computer Science degree and the System and Computer Science Engineering degree, with active interests on the electronics and informatics area. It is based on NEI UAlg (Electronic and Computer Science Student Association from University of Algarve) that is itself an Independent Section of University of Algarve's Academic Association (AAUAlg).

On December 2006 the application for EESTEC Observer LC was presented and promptly approved. After this step the work started aiming on the preparation of a strong application for Junior LC only a few months later. In this process the foundations for the LC were layed by motivating members, opening communication routes with the international board and possible future sponsors, and acquiring more and more experience at organizational level.



On March 2007, during the XXIst EESTEC Congress that took place in Budapest the then Observer LC Faro was approved in a surprisingly positive poll, having in consideration the young route on EESTEC. With its position strongly enforced, LC Faro started planing a future which we hope will benefit its members, the University of Algarve and EESTEC itself.

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Number of members: 30

Events organized in 2007/2008:

10th -17th March 2007 - Nature Calls Exchange

10th -12th August 2007 - WokShop (with Tampere)

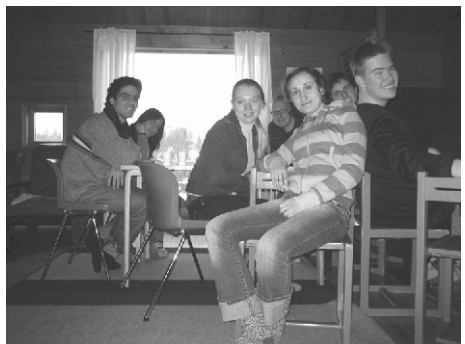
3rd October 2007 - EESTEC info for new freshmen

5th December 2007 - Traditional Christmas party

About us:

EESTEC LC Helsinki organized a cultural exchange in southern Finland on March-April. We had a total of eight participants from five different LCs. The program included the usual terrific cultural delicatesses plus a great visit to Tallinn to meet our closest neighboring LC. The exchange was in the year 2007 our largest and most important event.

In the summertime the board rested and relaxed in our national WokShop event, which this time had participants from Helsinki and Tampere. Our internal activities included some meetings,



parties and the traditional christmas event.

This year we spent even more effort than usual to recruit new freshmen to join our great community, and we're happy to say it was a success! Our future board includes many new members to our LC. We also started to plan our next international WorkShop for the coming year, so aim your antennae at the northern coordinates and stay tuned for those whacky events in Finland!

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

No events (but so soon to announce next workshop in Istanbul).

About us:

Since Lc ISTANBUL was established, the members owned a duty to host other eestecers with great Turkish hospitality and to show Turkish culture which stands as a bridge for Asia and Europe .The combination of history, crazy night life and natural beauty of ISTANBUL, that is the way to fascinate our participants during workshops. With our done events;



GET MOBILE'05, 1.st ECM'06 and ELVER'07 which were sponsored by Istanbul Municipality, Telsim, Turkcell, Mercedes and Istanbul Technical University, we already brought in different experiences and perspectives to EESTEC but we are sure we can do better as we work harder in a

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Microcontrollers Around Us, 14 – 20.05.2007, Kraków, Zakopane

About us:

It has already become well known that our LC desires basically three things: a) strong leadership/locomotive; b) clear, but easy as possible insider rules to make work easier; c) reworking the statute, due to the change in our Universities requirements.



Not many things have changed since we've made last SWAT analysis, what might seem not to place us in a bright

position. It was considered to be a result of leaking of first two points stated above. However a lot of effort has been put in those terms to enhance the structure and knowledge base of our LC. We took action (by making presentations, creating static ads on walls) to get new members both on our department and in other subject related Krakow universities. This attempts allowed us to gather useful experience but hasn't bring a lot new EESTEC-ers to the family. We are already working on developing a clear vision for our LC: something, what on one hand would be suitable to our abilities and on the other would be interesting, rewarding and fun giving like for example Sunny Spain Event which becomes kind of a

brand in EESTEC. Including many other great events of this kind, which are annual held, all of them make their possible guest familiar with what can be expected and besides that, makes the organizers become confident and specialized in what they do! Our goal is to create such annual event of our own. We look forward to be able to deal fast with our structure reorganization, following the way of motivating ideas. What's more, we take also as one of our priorities, to make the relationships with other LC's more solid by socializing far deeper. We know we have a great support from the Board just like from EESTEC-ers around Europe and we want to make our growth keep continue it's development.

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Microcontrollers Around Us

Workshop

14th - 20th May 2007

Hidden among the medieval monuments, fantastic main market, and surrounded by more than thousand of restaurants and clubs lies the magical atmosphere of Kraków, city of Kings. Through the ages it was luring not only tourists, but also those seeking knowledge, as this city was always famous for it's Universities and Academies. We never knew how it happened, but rumors say that some students from our AGH University of Science and Technology founded the Krakow's LC. And that's where it started guided by EESTEC's spirit. Years were passing, people



were changing, but the essence was still this same, share culture, friendship and knowledge... taking us to the idea of organizing our own workshop: „Microcontrollers Around Us”: one week event created to show our guests the beauty and grace of history mix with modern style and technology in Krakow.

One of the most important part of Our workshop was technical/scientific part concerning a short story about the history and the presence of microcontrollers in our lifes.

The first day the party started in The Carpe Diem club which is situated near the main market. Some people were drinking famous polish beer while others stayed with juice - we were getting known each other better. After the midnight some of us went to sleep because they were tired after a journey, the rest came to look for more fun.

We finished at the PROZAK club, which is very known party place in Krakow. After dancing and having a lot of fun there, we took our participants to show them Krakow by night. We were walking until we got to Vistula river, where we stayed until the sunrise. Waking up in the morning was a bit hard for some people but finally all did it.

From the organisers point of view everything went fine. Tasks were fulfilled perfectly by the crew, we could say everything went just as we thought. However it doesnt mean it was easy we learned and experienced team working and timing. It was fantastic to host those 12 guests with all of their energy and hapiness. We're now considering creating another event, especially that now we have much more ideas and knowledge. Event has finished, everyone returned to their duties, but in our minds in it's honorable place seats EESTEC's spirit waiting to burst again.

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Power Your Future, Lisbon and Faro, 1st to 8th September 2007

About us:

We are an Electrical Engineering guild called NEECIST and a part of EESTEC for the last two years, first as an Observer, now as Júnior LC Lisbon. Our first contact with EESTEC took place in early 2006. Someone from EESTEC Int. contacted us and showed us how it works. We participated in some events and in 2007 we had our own. From a joint cooperation with JLC Faro and a drawing on a restaurant was born “Power Your Future”.

Hoping to make better and at least one international event per year is our goal. We’ll see you there. When there’s a will there’s a way.

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Power Your Future

Workshop

1st - 8th September 2007

How to do a workshop, à la “most-western-point-of-Europe” style:

Arrange some lectures in the Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources thematic and a few organizers, add 15 participants, put them on a plane, train or car, send them to Lisbon... almost forgot, spice up with some visa before this... pour some Porto wine or Moscatel, maybe a drop of Ginginha (for flavour) and then let it rest.....

NOT!!! :) No sleeping, a day walking and sightseeing in a beautiful and sunny Portuguese Sunday, night party at a disco in the “old” expo’98.

Early start of a 5 hour day of lectures and debate. The subjects: Bio fuels, Hydrogen Cells, Electric Vehicles, Urban Eolic Turbines, power flow control systems, nuclear and renewable energies debate. These lectures, even for those who were not from the energy area, gave an important contribute for a future engineer.

After the lectures, relax a couple of hours then... the night time! Some got to know the city in a “special episode of lost” :) then great music and really cool place in river side (in the Alcântara docks) after it was time to go home and sleep... not that much. 9 a.m. rise ‘n shine, start preparing for the middle-of-Portugal-trip that lead us to the Alqueva dam Hydroelectric Power plant and the “Hercules” Photovoltaic park (the largest and most innovative one in Europe nowadays, probably the world). After enduring some 40 degree afternoon in the middle of our country, we head to Faro and then... cool off.



Next morning, some lectures for a good day start. No money to invite lecturers? Not a problem, all you need is good and active participants. Add non-EESTECers

to the participant list if needed, and someone from the Int'l board or comitees. After lunch break and some relaxing time on a coffee shop to complete your digestion, head for the Ocean. You're in the most south-western country of Europe so... you're always close to a nice beach. Enjoy the sand, sun and water for some hours and then get ready for the night. Mix an event party on a crazy bar, a group of EESTECers, lots of alcohol, nice music to dance and a group of English girls and you'll surely have a night to remember (even drunk).

- Hey, what time is it... I'm getting tired!
- 6am.
- So... that's why...
- You have 3h to sleep and get sober 'till the lectures start!
- Ouch...

Day number two in Faro, day number one in your new lives. Lectures count with an important set of speakers and focus on subjects like: Energetic efficiency in buildings, Environmental Awareness and Kyoto Protocol. After lunch, have a nice informal debate on CO2 emissions and the Kyoto details with the president of Quercus (Portuguese Environmental Association). With that done, take the rest of the afternoon to chill out in a coffee shop, rest for a while or take a shower to replenish energy because there's another long night coming really soon. This time change some of the ingredients: keep the bar and the event party, change the drinks, sound and add a lot more people, stir it up (don't shake) and serve it with a lot of water for the hangover next morning.

You thought everyone went to sleep? No way, nights are too long and mornings are far too short. Early start with interesting lectures on Ocean Energies. Lunch and pack, we're headed to the Science Centre. Try to cook lots of food on solar ovens on a cloudy day and have fun learning about solar kitchens and solar energy cooking while at it. Afterwards, build your own solar ovens and play with the Science Centre toys for a while. Clean everything up, pack your stuff, go home for a quick shower, stop by a gas station to get some drinks and head to the beach for the last night. Chill out on the coastline, exchange souvenirs, drink a bit more and do a lot of crazy stuff. Then head home because you can finally rest some hours.

- What?!? It's 5am already!?
- Yeah, looks like it's still not today that we're going to rest...
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LC Lugano

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Dependable Swisstems Workshop, 4th to 11th March 2007

About us:

We are the group of students organized in a local branch of EESTEC with 21 member out of which 5 active members. We have organized a workshop 'Dependable Swisstems' in March 2007. We are closely collaborating with IEEE local student branch that is in the process of establishing. Our main sponsors are University, local governmental office for international educational relations and ABB.

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Dependable Swisstems Workshop

Workshop

4th - 11th March 2007

What do you think first on mentioning of Switzerland? Cheese, chocolate, Alps, organization, rules, interesting, boring... As organizers we tried to present Switzerland to participants of the event as it is. They could feel the spirit of this quite unique European country and share with us the struggle of local students for more understanding for students and their needs.

As usual welcome party, city tours, Uni campus tour and visits to local tourist attractions make us show to the guests our living and studying environment and in the same time get to know each other. During the working days we visited several clubs and restaurants... The local tradition of relaxing with drinks during 'Aperitivo' and dinners in typical 'Grotto' reviled to the guests the common way of living of local people. Unfortunately, all clubs close at 1am, during the working week, and the only remaining gathering places were our homes. Besides strict ban to have any kind of noise after eleven in the evening we managed to make several 'household' parties (and also the same number of warnings from the agencies that own those flats. ;) The course of 'Dependable Systems' has been over on Friday by presentations of the teams involved in projects. This was the end of academic part of the program and we could all relax and enjoy the rest of the event. The weekend finally brought more fun and entertainment. We restitute everything that was not available to us during the hard working five days. Going to best local clubs and discos (using special EESTEC tricks to enter elite disco 'Casablanca') had been following. Cruising the beautiful lake Lugano coupled with visit to the mountain pick 'Monte Bre' provided to us view of Lugano from the 'water and air', where from this city looks even more beautiful.



The final evening brought international party where all participants tried to

present the best food and drink from their countries. The farewell party followed... EESTEC spirit got the chance to boom out and we all got crazy and drunk! The only guys who were calm and sober that evening were our members who were patiently collecting memory cards with photos, making DVDs and asking 'half to totally' drunk participants to fill-up feedback forms. ;) Next day, everyone was leaving and we've been recovering and cleaning up the mess. :(

Big thanks to all participants and all our members that help this event to become true!

Participant report

Marija Stojadinovic, LC Niš

My name is Marija, I am from LC Nis and 'Dependable system' workshop organized by LC Lugano was my very first EESTEC event. I didn't know what to expect except hard work since I was going to Switzerland. And I was right... The workshop was very intensive but very interesting and well organized. There were 4 days lectures and during these days we were working on project, which we had to present on the last day. The lectures were given by Professor Miroslaw Malek and they were focused on dependability and references to timeliness and security. While working on the project, professor was helping us with it and we discussed our ideas on how some details can be changed, what can be improved... The participants as well as organizers were very friendly, talkative, and it was a pleasure to work with them.

The part that I liked the most is that we were sleeping at students' houses that I like very much, not only because the houses were very comfortable but we felt closer to the people we were staying with especially because they were trying to and succeeded to be great hosts. What was also very interesting for me is trying cuisine from this part of Europe.

And what can I say about the city... It is hard to describe it with words because you really have to visit it. Lugano has beautiful especially because the lake Lugano and mountains that surround it. It is very popular city for tourists and now I know why. :) It was very interesting for us when we went cruising on the lake when we could enjoy beautiful sights of the city and surrounding mountains. Very special treat for us girls were numerous shops that were calling us and some of us just couldn't escape it. It paid off latter when we had to go out in the evening. It was

so nice to go to a cafe near the lake and wear your fresh bought clothes :) (girls, what can I say)

The EESTEC-ers from LC Lugano did a great job with this workshop, all the time during workshop was well organized and fully planned, without any gaps, but at the end, we expected that from Swiss people. :) This week in Lugano was just perfect for me and all that I owe to LC Lugano people. Thanks guys and I will never forget you!



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Number of members: 67

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Jobfair (local event), 26 - 29.11.2007

New Year aka. Balcan Case study, 29.12.2007-2.1.2008

About us:

At the congress in Budapest, Ljubljana, together with Rijeka, became the organizing committee for the next congress. So most of our work was marked with that goal. Due to that, we didn't try to reach our yearly norm of workshops, but only focus on smaller events. In november we made a fair share of found raising with the organisation of the Job Fair. Not to leave international level untouched, we also organised a small unofficial event to show EESTECers the LC Ljubljana way of the New Year party. After the new year all of our dedication went to the congress, with occasional breaks, such as visiting our friends from Sarajevo.



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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Sunny Spain Revolutions, Benicassim, 11th - 18th July 2007

About us:

LC Madrid is one of the founders of EESTEC, and one more year, the only LC in Spain. But we still resist. Now we are in a kind of transition, with a mix of young and veteran people (some time ago, the youngest were almost like a veteran).

We continue 'living' in our old (and great) local in our faculty. This year we have modernized most of our equipment, especially monitors (the faculty was going to throw them away). We have continued organizing our summer event: Sunny Spain. Probably this was the best Sunny (we know, all the years the same story, but it is true).



We hope the future continue being as good as everything is going now for the LC.

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Sunny Spain revolutions 2007

Exchange

11th - 18th July 2007

There was no choice... we had to do it again. So the Sunny Spain came back with some revolutions.

First of all, we decided to change the location. The old place, near La Manga, was good, but when the night arrived, we had to travel 2 km to reach the big parties. But this time we chose a place in Benicassim. In this way we could go partying at night walking, no need of cars.

This change of location had implicit the change of camping. The new one was fantastic, we had a entire zone for us, so neighbours couldn't disturb us (and the other way :P).



Some participants arrived to Madrid on day 10. They had a dinner of typical spanish dishes in the centre of the city, continuing with the ingestion of some alcohol. Others participants passed the night with the eestecers on internship that we have in Madrid. The next day, all this people went to Benicassim by bus.

Five slovenian people arrived at Benicassim by car, all the way from Slovenia to Spain. And finally, a pair of italian guys arrived by train from Valencia's airport.

Then, with all the people accommodated, the Sunny began. It was a cool week, full of water, beach, food, party and laughing. We used to go to the beach near the camping (5 min.), but two days we went by car to other place, a few kilometers away, where we were able to do (try) windsurfing. Other popular activity was the volleyball. Benicassim's beach is provided with some beach volleyball's courts, so we took advantage of this to play and eat sand. There was also a big swimming pool in the camping, perfect for having a fresh morning.

When the sun's light died, we filled our stomachs in the dinner, and we get prepared to go partying. First we moved to a small pub with a big terrace, where the alcohol started to flow. Later, the rested people returned to sleep, and the rest went to the discotheques. The last night one of them had a foam party, and the results were... photographs speak themselves. But before this, we invented a new drink, but no one remember what it was made of (it had at least pieces of cake and a lemon)

As I say, it was a great week: friends, fun, food, sun, hot... And this year? We don't know. But at least we have had 3 fantastic summer events, being this last probably the best of all.

And finally one question for the participants: Do you still wear your sunglasses at night? :P

Participant report

Nejc Župan, LC Ljubljana

Uff, only after a few hours Christina started to wake people up, because we were going 30 km away to a whole day of wind-surfing, body-surfing, rowing and other activities that one could do at the seaside. In a zombie style we got up and packed ourselves in the cars. Once we were there the fun began :)

Sunny Spain Events are famous around Spain because every year around 10 people are *trying* to learn how to surf. Resulting in numerous falls, swearing and generally funny behavior :). This year it was even more hilarious since the waves were not so innocent as previous years. Christina managed to get quite a few bruises and so did some of the others. There were also some attempts of volleyball and football which lasted only for a few seconds until some of the players (me :P) started to feel lazy under the scorching sun. However, the trips to local bars to get some cervesa were - surprisingly - quite successful :).

Because of certain reasons I didn't get much sleep during the night so I had some catching-up to do during the day. The rest of the time was spent washing clothes and then packing most of the stuff. We also went to the beach for the last time. Generally, we didn't do anything special for the whole day, because we were all awaiting traditionally the best party at EESTEC events: the farewell party. And this time the prognosis was even better, we were going to K'sim on a FOAM party! Couldn't wait! :)

Last day. Time flew by and before we knew it was already 4am :D. Sh*t, gotta go to that foam party! Quickly, get dressed everyone! Whoosh! We poured last drops of the above mentioned cocktail in a plastic bottle and began a half an hour walk to K'sim. We finally got there well past 4:30am. Some didn't want to pay the entrance for the foam party but at the end everyone was convinced and we all got in. But there was no foam, WTF?!!. Then someone told us that the foam starts at 5am. LOL! Parties usually end at 5, not start! I smelled a great party coming up :D. Me and Pero quickly ordered some Cutty Sark Cola, just to tune in with the vibes of the place :) . The music was great, by the way, electro and house. A great party starter :) . Then we waited ... and waited ... and waited ...

Suddenly the music stopped ... for a few seconds ... and BAM! the foam just started to fly in from the ceiling. The DJ put on Jump Around and people went nuts! The whole place was trembling! Then some more punk-rock songs. Crazy! In a matter of minutes the place was full of foam. Somewhere it was over our heads! But mostly up to our knees or waist. They also had like 10 showers in one corner of the disco squirting water on the people dancing under. Funky! My mission was to make sure that no-one was un-foamy. I made regular tours to the center, directly under the foam-machine, to get loots of foam on myself and then ran back to our group hugging girls :D. Wet clothes soon flew off! Bikinis time :cool:!!



The sun was already shining but the party went on! Till 8 or so. Wet and tired we stayed till the end when the security almost threw us out. We ate some pizzas at the place nearby and then went slowly home. Back at the camping we ate again :) and then collapsed on our beds. When undressing I figured out that my sneakers leaked color and my feet were all yellow, wtf!?:

And it was over. The Sunny Spain Revolutions Event. :(

LC Munich

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Number of members: 30

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Intercultural Competence 2007, 1st - 9th June 2007

About us:

In June we were proud to organise the workshop Intercultural Competence which worked almost perfect, which was a really great success because the whole team was replaced. Our main supporter was Texas Instruments, where another Greek EESTECer already did his internship, so it was a great possibility to get to know the company while we visited it during our workshop.

In addition LC Munich concentrated it's activities to gain new members and by increasing the popularity. That's why we were able to send a lot of members to different workshops, which was a new all time record. As the new term started in October we had a enjoyable presentation for all new freshmen, which was able to motivate new members to have a look inside „EESTEC“. Especially the movie of events some members visited in the summer suited perfectly, because it showed the students that university is not only hard and boring work.

Right now we are planning our next workshop and are hoping to welcome some of you in Munich in 2008. Stay tuned.

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Intercultural Competence

Workshop

1th - 9th Jun 2007

Even before the official start, our participants from Budapest which already arrived were hosted well by one of our students. It was quite early in the morning, when our workshop officially started with the arrival of some participants. The bus was a bit faster than normally and that's why LC Munich had the honour to wake up early and welcome them in our beautiful city. During the day they had the chance to make their first steps in Munich and several went shopping. In the evening the rest of the participants arrived by plane and after a shower they joined the dinner and were able to introduce themselves to other participants at the Welcome party.



On Saturday, the 2nd day we organized the traditional Bavarian breakfast, white sausages and pretzels. On the city rally they were able to discover the most famous sights, like the “Frauenkirche”, “Stachus” and the “Englischer Garten”. At the end we joined the popular beer garden at the “Chinesischer Turm”. In the evening we showed them Munich’s nightlife which they enjoyed a lot.

On the 3rd day we’ve had a hiking trip and saw some beautiful countryside landscapes and a monastery up in the hills where they make a hell of a beer. At night we had the chance to relax again from the hiking trip and went swimming.

On the next morning we visited Rhode & Schwarz, one of our sponsors. They were able to show us a lot about their philosophy and strategies. Information on the the attitude of a powerful german company were especially useful. And we certainly won’t forget the great lunch at the company which helped us concentrate again.

Our premium sponsor, “Texas Instruments”, was the aim of the journey on the 5th day. Beginning at the presentations till the amazing guide through the company,

we were really thrilled to visit this company. We got some really interesting facts and we got a great impression of the way of life at this company. Even the lunch was delicious and everybody enjoyed it. The presentation about “Sales and Marketing” was really interesting and gave us a new view of selling products. One of LC Athens is now applying for a internship at Texas instruments. At night we had a barbecue at the Isar river, and enjoyed the great sunset.

As for sightseeing, the most unbelievable place is the “Deutsches Museum”. It’s a museum of technical sciences and achievements and the biggest in the whole world which is a great experience for every engineer. Some of our participants were that amazed, so they held in there the whole day. Other people wanted to visit the “Allianz Arena”, Bayern Munich’s famous football stadium. At night we joined a Karaoke party and everybody showed as that they are real Superstars!

On the 7th and 8th day, we had our workshop about Intercultural Competence. We learned about other cultures and that it is hard to behave in the right way. We had also a lot of games where we had the task to interact with each other or solve some problems without speaking which is quite hard if everyone are from another country. The most exciting one was when we were separated in two teams and had to play roles of American and Arabic businessmen having a negotiation. We were really shocked about the different experience if two total different ways of life are colliding. At the 7th night we had the International Evening and ate food from every participating country. Especially the gulas from Hungary was amazing.

On the last evening we had a lot of fun on the Farewell party and were able to party for the last time. It was really an absolutely lovely pleasure for everyone of us. In the end, we were really emotional and depressed because it was time to say goodbye.

I am looking forward to see you again and we should certainly meet again. It was a great pleasure for us to host you.

Participant report

Vladimir Petric, LC Belgrade

Lady and gentleman from Serbia arrived on first day a bit earlier than others (4 A.M.), so that Christian from LC Munich had to be totally kind to take care of us. In those early hours we were amazed with the beautiful birds’ twitter on the streets

(not usual for such big cities, I think).

On the 1st day we got introduced to other participants and had good time at the Welcome Party. Guys from LC Munich were excellent hosts. They knew that we in Serbia have a saying “No meat – no meal” and always either prepared great meals for us or took us to restaurants. And Thomas from their LC always kept on persuading us to drink more alcohol...

On the 2nd day they made us their traditional Weißwurst Frühstück (white sausage breakfast) with Weißbier (white beer, I loved it). I liked their food, even asked Christian for some recipes. Afterwards, during the City rally, we had a task to find someone in the very centre of the city to boil us an egg :). The point of it was to show us how kind German people are, I think. In the first restaurant we got in, we were able to find help! In the evening we went to a big new popular discotheque. It had stages with different kinds of music. I had never believed that I



would have a chance to dance to the sounds of hip-hop and R’n’B with black guys dressed up like those in MTV videos and beautiful black women...

On the 3rd day we’ve had a hiking trip and saw some beautiful countryside landscapes and a monastery up in the hills where they make a hell of a beer. In the evening, we went swimming. There were pools with Jacuzzi, ordinary ones, even an external pool with heavenly relaxing warm water and fresh air from outside. Afterwards, while we were waiting for the subway train to come along and pick us up, we gathered up dancing one behind the other in a “chain” of people singing “Lambada”. When the train arrived, we danced into it, and kept on doing so inside of it.

As for sightseeing, I think the most unbelievable place was the “Deutsches Museum”. It’s a museum of technical sciences and achievements. Thomas from LC Athens was crazy about it. At first I thought it was going to be one more boring museum to yawn in, but as soon as I went in, I just couldn’t leave. Made a short pause to get out for lunch and then rushed back in with Ivan and Sanna, whereas Vladimir and Ivan went on a tour of the grand “Alianz Arena”.

A totally new experience for me (apart from bowling, that we went on during the 4th day) was visiting such great companies as “Rodhe & Schwartz” and “Texas Instruments” are, and learning about their business philosophy and strategy. It was even more interesting for participants who have a major in analogue technologies since that is the main line of production in these firms.

In the evening of the 5th day we had barbecue at the river bank of the Isar river. It was so relaxing playing the guitar by the river and singing along. Some punk kids with crazy haircuts joined along, too. At first I didn't take them seriously... I couldn't guess that it would end up with me enjoying a conversation with one of them and Petra and me giving him love advice! And he was a fine young kid.

The Intercultural Competence Workshop was surprisingly interesting. There were lots of games and the final one, being also the most exciting one, was when we were separated in two teams and had to play roles of American and Arabic businessmen having a negotiation. While Rares (LC Munich), who played the American boss, was absolutely frustrated, tense and yelling around, Marcus (LC Munich), our financial advisor, was cool, constantly smiling and felt like sleeping a bit, too. So it was a different experience for everyone of us...

At the International Evening everything got eaten (and everybody got drunk) very quickly. After tasting the gulas made by Akos and Joseph (LC Budapest), I told them I wanted to marry them both...:)

The last day, after the Farewell party where we EESTEC-ers all hugged each other good-bye we got all so emotional and blue... On our way back to the hostel a cute 15-year old girl came to us (Sergej, Marjan and me) and asked us if we knew the way to the place where she lives. (The subway works perfectly, so she doesn't know how to get there on foot)! She didn't have much of a good time at a party she had been at, so she was also kind of feeling down. So we talked about it a little as we walked... And when we were near to her home she surprised us all by giving each of us a great warm hug for good-bye! It was just one more new experience to confirm it isn't true that the Germans are cold and reserved. It only appears so.

I am looking forward to seeing all of these friends again and to have such memorable times like this. Thank you.

LC Niš

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Number of members: 60

Events organized in 2007/2008:

biZbuZZ IT seminar, Niš (Niška banja), 22 – 28 October 2007

About us:

EESTEC Local Committee Niš was founded in 2001. and is one of the three LCs in Serbia. Currently, EESTEC LC Niš has around 70 members, which also includes alumni members (people who had been in EESTEC during studying, and have finished their studies). Around 30 members are active, and are entirely committed to keeping the EESTEC spirit alive at the Faculty of Electronic Engineering in Niš and in the city of Niš in general. We organised numerous events. Two most known are “Modern web technologies” and “bizbuzz IT seminar” We have good relations with other student branches such as BEST, AEGEE, AIESEC etc.



We, in LC Niš, believe that being an excellent electrical engineer does not only require technical skills, but social skills as well. Because of that, we pay extra

attention to this kind of skills. We also think that studying is nothing without having fun! That is why we try to combine and make the most of both of these in our exchange programs.

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biZbuZZ: Internet Marketing

Workshop

22nd - 29th October 2007



IT SEMINAR - Niš
24 - 26. oktobra 2007.

The sweet smell of success in organizing workshop „Modern Web Technologies” was crucial in deciding on what kind of issues should our new workshop deal with. In October, 2007 we organized “Bizbuzz –Internet marketing” which covered topics such as internet marketing, branding... Some local companies helped us with the organization of the biggest IT seminar in South Serbia - “Bizbuzz-Internet marketing”.

The idea of “Bizbuzz-Internet marketing” was to gather businessmen, owners of the small enterprises in Serbia (especially in South Serbia), programmers and students in the same place. EESTECers got the opportunity to attend lectures given by some important people in Niš and South Serbia. (Un)fortunately, these lectures were held only on three days. :)

Like all good hosts, we organized a welcome party for our dear guests. It was a private party - only special guest were invited :)

We had a great time, a lot of good music, dancing, alcohol drinks... Since we didn’t have to get up early in the morning the following day, the party lasted until dawn :) :)

What’s the better way to get to know some city but City rally! This time, one of the tasks was to find a place (kafana) where Serbian national drink rakija is served. Since it was a cold and rainy day some of participants decided to stay in kafana and drink rakija for the rest of the city rally :) Of course, the best team got some awards. During the exchange our participants visited the most important monuments in Niš such as The Skull Tower, The Fortress, The Concentration Camp and the biggest cigarette factory in Serbia, Phillip Morris. They had meeting with some managers of this factory who organized a nice factory tour for them and a delicious lunch :) We did our best to be at our guests’ service, so every night we took them to different places. Of course, kafana (traditional Serbian restaurant where Serbian food and drinks are served) was inevitable! :)

Even though EESTECers are tough, we though that our participants would be very tired after a lot of parties, clubbing and lectures so we took them to a SPA

center. This SPA center was on the first floor of the hotel in Niška Banja where our seminar was held. A half an hour of swimming in warm, radioactive water and the kindness of the employees of this SPA center (good looking girls and guys:)) were enough to make our dear participants feel like new persons and ready for the weekend.

The weekend was reserved for the barbecue and Geek Olympics. Geek Olympics became a tradition of our workshops. It's hard to explain what Geek Olympics is, you should come and see. Let's say it's a kind of sport activity with old, useless computers. The points is using your imagination, and do things to the computers you'd never dare to do to your new one :) That day passers-by could enjoy the guitar music performed by some of our talented EESTECers and the smell of good Serbian sausages and "pljeskavica". After a week of having unforgettable time, it was very difficult to say goodbye to our guests. The most important thing is that we all stayed in touch. We became real friends.

Participant report

Piotr Kozaryn, LC Wroclaw

On the 22.10.2007 I traveled to Nis in Serbia to take part in the Bizbuzz event prepared by LC Niš. The topic of workshop was "Internet Marketing and Branding". I chose it because of very interesting lectures I hoped to participate in and because it was connected with business I run in Poland. Unfortunately this part was (the only) disappointing. It turned out that the official seminar is in Serbian :(and only little lectures were prepared for English-speaking participants. But obviously lectures are not so important during EESTEC exchange, maybe even the less important and organizers prepared lot of other very cool stuff.

I visited lots of interesting places: Philip Morris Cigarettes Factory, The City Fortress, The City Center, Concentration Camp, The Skull Tower, Niška Banja and lots of crazy pubs, bars, discotheques and kafanas. The first great task was city rally – simple and popular in EESTEC way to show participants some parts of the city and tell them some stories. I got it all – lots of fun, a little bit of history and of course – the first prize for the fastest team. Then we went to the cigarettes factory and that was my first time in life in such a place. I would call it "Factory of Death" hehe, but in fact it was very interesting to see how it all works. Nice

experience. After that we had lectures in Niška Banja which is a very nice SPA place. We got some radioactive bath over there. At the end of the event we had a little bit more sightseeing. Unfortunately, the weather was very bad and we



couldn't see as much as it was planned. This means I will have to go back there again. :) That day we went to the Concentration Camp and Skull Tower. I found this second place very interesting and I was glad to hear a little bit of Serbian history.

During the whole event we had lots of crazy parties, which was obviously great. Even greater is the fact we went to lots of different places. So we went to the normal club, traditional Serbian Disco Club, some “rich-people” club and my favorite – Kafana. I enjoyed all those parties but my love was Kafana with great great barbecue food and even better drinks (dupla dunja or something like that was great). I had great time during those parties – thank you LC Nis!

We spent one day on some sport activities also. That was called Geek Olympics. We moved a little bit, destroyed some computer stuff and ate some good food and sang few songs. All that made us a happy people.

At the end few words about my host. I was standing in private house with Serbian family. That was great. My host – Bojan has great family and I enjoyed living with them. Especially meals and home made Rakija. Thanks for all that to Bojan and LC Nis. See you in Wroclaw!

LC Novi Sad

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Number of members: 125

Events organized in 2007/2008:

1. Elektrijska Exchange 2007 – From 11-May-2007 to 20-May-2007
2. EXIT Noise Summer Exchange - From 12-Jul-2007 to 15-Jul-2007
3. Internships in a company called INDAS for 4 people
4. Play with CELL - From 13-Oct-2007 to 21-Oct-2007
5. Konteh 07 (Fair of job opportunities) – From 11-Dec-2007 to 12-Dec-2007

About us:

So another year passed, and our LC can be proud of what we accomplished during that time. We were active both on local and international level, organizing exchanges, workshop, job fair, programming contests, presentations for local



companies, trainings for our members, motivation weekend... And as a reward for the hard work during this year our members traveled and visited almost every LC in EESTEC and enjoyed the EESTEC Spirit.

From the international events we have organized 2 exchanges, one workshop, and we managed to provide 4 internships in a company named INDAS for automation and computer science students. We had fun with 2000 students on Elektrijska (annual gathering of electrical engineering students with 47 years

tradition), then we partied a little on EXIT 07 summer fest (EXIT got the reward for the best festival in Europe, on the UK Festival Awards 2007), and when it finished we started preparing for the Play with CELL workshop. On that workshop we showed our participants the beauties of Novi Sad, new and modern programming technologies and LC Novi Sad Spirit :) And for the finish of our year we left the organization of Konteh – a fair of job opportunities. So you can see, a lot of hard work and parties in our LC.

This year we worked on nourishing and upgrading our cooperation with other student organizations such as BEST and IEEE Student's branch. And this year we finally got our EESTEC office at the faculty.

So I think I said enough, if you are interested to know more about our LC, come and visit us, and we will be more than happy to host you. :)

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Elektrijada Exchange 2007

Exchange

11th - 20th May 2007

Elektrijada is an annual gathering of electrical engineering students with a 47-year tradition. It is usually organized in May at one of the most beautiful tourist centers in South-eastern Europe. At last Elektrijada 2007, there were about 2000 students from more than 20 universities all over the Europe, mostly from Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Slovenia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Germany, Romania and other European countries.

We had 4 participants. They gathered in Novi Sad on Saturday 12th of May in the morning. This day passed by in presenting Novi Sad – visiting its tourist sights, some even went shopping:), exploring popular cafes in the center... In the evening, there was a national dinner organized by our member Biljana – where the participants could try some of Serbian traditional food. Afterwards, we watched Eurosong competition – which was very exciting since the winner was Serbian singer – and so we had even more reasons to celebrate and have fun :) This evening we went to traditional music of Vojvodina called “tamburasi” and had a great time.

The next day was reserved for sleeping :) and packing for Elektrijada. In the evening, all students from Novi Sad who were going to Elektrijada gathered at the train station to start the trip – Elektrijada has unofficially started with a great party in a train! What followed were incredible 5 days at the seaside in Čanj (Montenegro) with having party every evening, watching sports’ competitions during the day, hanging around with friends at the beach... :) We also had luck to celebrate our participant Dragana’s birthday – she was very pleasantly surprised with her birthday cake. :)

Unfortunately, the trip back to Novi Sad was not as good as going to Čanj – guess all the people were too tired after everything. :)

Participant report

Filippos Glaros, LC Athens

I arrived in lovely Novi Sad one sunny Friday morning. That is of course if you consider the time from 13:00 till 14:00 to be morning, which in case you are an undergraduate I am quite sure you do.



All of the days I spent in Novi Sad really good with a broad and interesting range of activities. We visited the fortress of Petrovaradin and the museum hosted in its grounds. We went to the swimming pool (yay!) and of course there was the tour of the town. Quite a lot of things given our time frame. And of course partying and large volumes of low potency phycotropic

drugs - you can call it alcohol – were there to make our nights even brighter. "Oh mommy, look at all those shiny lights!"

Eventually, we had to leave and make our way for Čanj. This happened on Sunday night and it proved to be quite an experience. I mean you don't really get to see every day a whole wagon packed with students partying and getting seriously wasted on their way to their destination - I mean, even a cop was drinking with us :). Thank God that we managed to grab an eye-shut at the early hours of Monday, but then again it was quite short-lived.

Upon arriving in Čanj we were shown to our rooms and from there we were released from the caring eyes of our hosts and let to freely roam on the jungle going by the name of Elektrijada. Here I must pay homage to our generous hosts who saw fit, that even though their people got to sleep packed one on top of the other having to share a bed with at least another person, the seven guests that where eventually invited, each had a bed of their own. Thank you guys, greatly appreciated... for real.

The situation in Elektrijada can easily be described as totally chaotic, in a good manner. The partying would start from the early hours and in most of the cases

would last until the early hours. :) But alas, this old fart that happens to be the author of this badly written report fell quite short of the expectation projected onto him by his hosts and would repeatedly return to his bed ahead from his companions. I blame my age :).

The sports themselves really picked up during the last days of our stay there and became very interesting and highly competitive. I must point out here that to my surprise there was no, and I mean NO, animosity amongst the various teams playing. I really had a hard time understanding this in light of the fact that any kind of competition here would eventually lead to couple of small "skirmishes" amongst the players and their fans ... but then again it is to my understanding that not all people in this wide world can grasp the true spirit of competition. :) Efforts made by me and a fellow Greek to make things more interesting miserably failed due to the lack of understanding of the Greek language by the people present at the various games. Then again given the average size of the people there and their volumes in retrospect I don't see that as a bad thing. Next time I will buy a really good phrase-book though ... and will practice my running as well.

The beach itself was really lovely. And most of the other people there seemed to share this point of view. Almost all of the time it was highly packed and active. Here even though I am practically itching to make various comments regarding the wonders one could stumble upon there, I will refrain to do so in fear of high-velocity low-flying papučas coming my way.

And of course the last day proved to be the most interesting in terms of both games and partying. Pretty much everyone was somewhere getting drunk and dancing happily. This of course led to a wagon filled with people dangling between the borderline of life and death on their way back home. But that wasn't such a bad thing in light of the fact that I too needed that much coveted sleep.

Our lovely journey ended at the train station of beautiful Novi Sad with people coming out of the train, smelling of the true EESTEC Spirit - alcohol breath, read eyes, barely walking, slowly talking and on the verge of collapse and catching a high fever. The doctor said "Why you my boy have a strong case of EESTEC Spirit, you better lie down and take it easy for a month ... or two. I will prescribe you some suppositories".

Goodbye and thanks for all the fish. Filippos over and out!

EXIT Noise Summer Exchange

Exchange

12th - 15th July 2007

Traditionally, EXIT Noise Summer Festival was organized on Petrovaradin Fortress in Novi Sad in July and LC Novi Sad has also traditionally organized exchange which purpose was helping EESTECers from other LCs in finding most suitable accommodation and getting around Novi Sad. EXIT festival lasted for 4 days, and on the first day our guests and members of LC gathered to make pre-party for exciting 4 days that were to follow.

EXIT 007 took place from 13th till 16th July. Being in Novi Sad in “EXIT” days is really special, because there are so many young, cheerful people from all around Europe (and even other parts of the world) eager to party and have good time. It is always held on Petrovaradin fortress with more than 20 stages with all kinds of music, where some of the most famous musicians performed. This year, each night about 40-50 thousand people visited EXIT. In order



to take part in EXIT festival 10000 people only from Great Britain came. EXIT is rapidly gaining international recognition and proves that music is a universal language that can connect and bring people together and make the world a better place.

UK Festival Awards 2007, together with Yourope, the European Association of the 40 largest festivals in Europe, has awarded EXIT as the Best European Festival.

Play with cell 2007

Workshop

13th - 21th October 2007

Workshop “Play with cell” started on 13th October, Saturday when most of the participants had arrived. We had 19 participants from LCs: Munich, Krakow, Tuzla, Skopje, Istanbul, East Sarajevo, Rijeka, Eskisehir, and observers: Zagreb, Nikosia and Osijek.

On the first day in the afternoon there was organized visit to Sremski Karlovci (cultural and historical small town on Fruska Gora – mountain very near Novi Sad), after which all participants and more than 30 people from LC Novi Sad went to mountaineers’ house on Fruska Gora where the dinner was preparing. After



the dinner it was time for the Welcome party! :) We had a big party with free drinks which lasted for hours and hours... Second day was dedicated to sport (organized table tennis tournament) , relaxing in the nature, getting to know better with each others’; and after the big barbecue in the evening one more party had begun.

On Monday, after the breakfast, participants arrived in the students’ dormitory – place where they’d be staying for the following week. In the afternoon they applied for City Rally which some of them took very seriously – who’s going to be the winner would become very important :) In the evening we had party at local club.

On Tuesday we visited Serbian capital city – Belgrade. LC Belgrade gave its best to make this day interesting for our participants while exploring the city and having a great Yacht party on Sava river.

On Wednesday some of participants went bowling, and in the afternoon they visited Petrovaradin fortress – famous for its history and famous for the EXIT festival, too. In the evening there was a big students’ party in a local club.

On Thursday lectures started, they lasted during Friday and Saturday morning. They were about Cell Broadband Engine - or Cell as it is more commonly known - a microprocessor designed to bridge the gap between conventional desktop processors and other, dedicated, graphic-processors. They were held at Novi Sad Institute for Information Technologies (MicronasNIT) by experienced professors and assistants, enrolled in many practical, commercial projects.

During these days parties didn't stop off course – even more, they became better and wilder ;) I guess it was because people became closer while getting to know each other – and it was clear what was the goal for both participants and the organizers – to have fun at the parties as much as they could. :) On Thursday we went to Vojvodinian national music “tamburasi” and later to a legendary Novi Sad's club “Pipping” – all of the participants later mentioned this as one of the best nights. On Friday we had a “regular Novi Sad going out the city” :) where first we went to a very popular pub and later to biggest discotheque in Novi Sad “Baltazar”.

On Saturday afternoon some of the participants decided to prepare themselves for the Farewell party which was that night (went to sleep), and the braver ones :) went to organized skating with our members.

And in the evening – the crazy Farewell party! According to my personal experience, I must say that this was the craziest party I had been at. Everybody were having fun not like it was the last party of the workshop, but like it was the last party for a few following years :)

We were very pleased to hear positive feedback from our participants. This workshop was a week great spent by participants, but I must say as well by organizers – “we had great time partying and hanging around with our participants.”:)

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- Montenegro Summer Exchange 2007 (all-over Montenegro, 13-21.08.'07.)

- Motivation Weekend (on local level) Vucje '08 (Vucje, Nikšić, 2-4.02.'08.)

About us:

As new Bord took the leadership in may 2006. LC Podgorica started some reforms and its growth. Since then, we have recruited over 70 new members and several important events.

In 2006 our LC became a member of the „Informal Student Organizations Network” that connects major organisations in Montenegro (such as ELSA, IASTE, AEGEE) which task is to improve students’ standard in our country.



Our work is separated in two levels: local (mentioned above and takes a lot of our time and energy) and international. As a member of a European student community we are doing our best to contribute EESTEC, especially trough our summer exchange. Truly, it is the only event of international type we do, but (as one our college said) we do it to be best.

Of course, we are thankful to our sponsors, especially, to our biggest supporter: ETF Podgorica (our faculty).

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Montenegro Summer Exchange 2007

Exchange

13th - 21th August 2007



This exchange started with a fourteen-hour-long trip by train from Niš to the capital of Montenegro. Thanks to my friend Yogi, I somehow managed to survive the trip.

On the railway station in Podgorica we were greeted by couple of EESTECers who took us to „Plavi dvor” students’ dormitory where we were staying. The first day of the exchange was planned for meeting all the participants and resting from the trip. In the evening we went to a welcome party, where we met all the EESTECers. The party was excellent, thanks to lots of drinks and good music.

We spent the second day on Zeta river near Podgorica. The atmosphere was relaxing and pleasant, thanks to the boys with guitars and cold Nikšić beer of course. And when it came to barbecue, Niš EESTECers were in charge, of course... hehehe... In the evening we went to a city pub were got drunk as lords... that’s the only thing I remember...



On the third day we went to Tara Mountain on rafting. That was an unforgettable experience. The descent lasted for about 3 hours, which was couple of times interrupted by short swims in cold Tara. In the end, we went to a kafana where we ate and had a nice evening with good food and music.

We spent the next day sightseeing. In the evening we arrived in Kotor, where we spent the rest of our exchange. Those were the hard days. We had to around ten kilometres per day, carrying cans of beer in order to survive high heat. The parties in the evening were great. What I’ll certainly remember is cruising through Boka Kotorska and swimming in the sea. Those were the best days on the Montenegro seaside.

The last day we spent in Podgorica where the Farewell party took place. The party was great, but little sad as well since we knew that the day after we had to go home and end this unforgettable ten-day-long partying.

Dušan Ristić, LC Niš

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Number of members: 82

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Rijeka Summer Exchange, 18th – 25th July 2007

Rijeka Carnival Exchange, 1th – 4th February 2008

About us:

LC Rijeka was founded in 1999 on Technical Faculty of University in Rijeka.

Until today we have organised many student exchanges, and in the last couple of years it has become usual for us to organise two events annually. It is Rijeka Summer Exchange, which takes place usually in July and Rijeka Carnival Exchange which is held during the International Carnival in Rijeka in February. Those events have become very respected in EESTEC community and every year we have



more and more applications for participation. Our LC is run by five board members helped with board assistants and other members, who have all together made great effort in organizing EESTEC annual 2008 Congress whose organisation Rijeka was given, together with LC Ljubljana, on EESTEC 2007 Congress in Budapest. Our cooperation with other student organisations on our University is admirable. Specially good connections we have with AEGEE

Rijeka and IAESTE Rijeka. We have organized motivational weekends and motivational parties with both of these organizations and it proved to be for the mutual benefit.

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Carnival

Exchange

1st - 4th February 2008

Rijeka Carnival Exchange 2008 lasted only for four days, but I think that despite of that, it was a great success and a nice experience for all its participants.

Carnival in Rijeka is internationally much respected event. I think that it's enough to say that it is 3rd world's largest Carnival, after Rio de Janeiro and Venice. Its long tradition made it very famous and respected throughout the world. Every year, Carnival in Rijeka grows larger and larger to the point where this year there were more than 10 000 participants and more than 150 000 viewers. Participants of the Carnival are divided into groups, and every group has its mask which they have created by themselves. Our group counted 120 members and we were masked as Simpsons Family.



From the very morning of Sunday 3rd February we started to party and it lasted till long into the night. Bad weather conditions didn't bother us at all. It was raining all the time, but we had a lots of canisters of "liquid" to fight the rain. And we won, of course :). Main part of the Carnival took its place around 3 PM when we walked down the main street in Rijeka singing and dancing, presenting our mask in front of thousands of viewers. Those who can remember, say that it was "interesting":).

For the end I would like to say that this is an event that deserves to be visited. I invite everyone who likes to have a good time (you are masked and cannot be recognized, so... :)) to visit us next year. We can guarantee lots of fun, and everything that goes with it.

Participant report

Peter Lamut, LC Ljubljana

Carnival Exchange in Rijeka was a very nice experience for me and I am glad that I have participated in it. It lasted for four days and it was very interesting. Our hosts showed a great hospitality towards us and made our stay in their city very pleasant.

We were stationed in home of Red Cross Rijeka, and the accomodations were good. On our arrival we had some problems finding it but with help of our hosts we manged :). Home of Red Cross Rijeka is stationed very close to the sea and allthough it was february and it wasn't possible to swim it was a very nice view. At the time of our staying in Rijeka there was also a student exchange organised by AEGEE Rijeka and their participants were stationed at the same place as us and it was a good opportunity to meet even more new people.

As our hosts explained to us, the Carnival in Rijeka is one of the largest Carnivals in the Europe and even in the world. When we saw all the masks, more than 10 000 of them partying together, we were convinced. Night before the Carnival we went to a pre-carnival party. It was a great party, and apart from the Carnival itself, it was the best part of the exchange. Day after, waking up was a very difficult thing to do, but it had to be early because the preparations for the Carnival started very early. By preparations I mean waiting for our turn to walk down the street of Korzo and present our mask. It may seem boring to wait half of day for our turn, but I assure you, it was the best part :). All the masks are partying together during that time and it passed in instant. Our group was masked as The Simpsons. Guys were Barts and girls wre Lisas. We also had one (and unique) Homer and Marge. The Carnival itself was a great experience and very unique I would say. The after-carnival party lasted till long into the night and it was also a great fun.

For the conclusion, I can only say that I had a relly great time in Rijeka and I reccomend every EESTECer who has a chance to visit Rijeka to do so. Especially in the time of Carnival because it's a great party and a chance to meet new and interesting people.

Rijeka Summer Exchange 2007

Exchange

18th - 25th July 2007



Rijeka Summer Exchange 2007 was the first exchange that I was part of as an EESTEC member. I've heard many stories from the older members of LC Rijeka how the exchange is a very exciting thing. I must admit that I was a bit skeptical about it because it was my first real EESTEC event and I didn't know what to expect despite all the stories.

During the weeks before the exchange we were very busy taking care of everything that had to be done such as accommodations for participants, food, field trips, parties... Being a PR of our LC my job was to design a logo and other things like ID card, T – shirts... I must admit that I've learnt a lot about fund raising, contacting sponsors and other public relations matters during those weeks.

First day of the exchange the participants were arriving all day long and in the evening there was a Welcome Party. It took place at the beach, there were torches for light, music and drinks for atmosphere (to make the introductions easier :)). It lasted all night long and I think it was a real success. Other days, we were at the beach during the day (after all, it was a summer exchange and the sea, beaches and sun were the most important part of it). There were parties every night, and due to

the fact that it was an exchange, not a workshop (no lectures) the participants had more strength to party :). Concerning the field trips, we took the participants to the island of Krk, towns Crikvenica and Opatija (one of the most popular tourist resorts in Croatia). There was also an International evening where every LC was given a chance to represent their own country with food and drinks that are specific for each one of them.



The days were passing and it became a great fun to spend the time the participants. I couldn't believe that the end of exchange was approaching. When I'm looking back, I can say that during those days many new friendships were made that lasted till today and will last for a long time. A Farewell Party was something special and of course the most emotional part. We partied all night (as every night before) and at the end it was very difficult to say goodbye to those people who grew to my heart during that week of exchange.

I must say that the Rijeka Summer Exchange 2007 was a very special event for me, because it showed me how great thing EESTEC is and how it REALLY connects people. It encouraged me to become even more active in EESTEC activities and to visit as many events as I can.

For the end, I would like to invite everyone to come to Rijeka because I think they will have a great time and have a chance to see many interesting things and meet many interesting people.

Participant report

Dejan Curcic, East Sarajevo

The summer holiday had just started and it was a perfect time for going somewhere at the seashore during these warm days. Thanks to being proud members of EESTEC, the three of us from East Sarajevo were given a chance to participate in Rijeka Summer Exchange (abbreviated as RiSEx). After we had heard a lot of remarkable stories about this event, we armed ourselves with positive energy and all required beach stuff and went there.

After a thirteen hours long bus trip we were practically impossible to be impressed by anything, but anyway, Rijeka seemed to be an interesting city at the first sight. Placed on a seaside, at the slope of mountains, the city has a unique position. It's also situated on a river and a channel. There are many different parts of the city, such as: the center which is full of old buildings and the crowded Korzo street, the industrial part with a harbour, the old part...

During the following days, we visited many small places with great beaches, such as Kostrena near the city, Baška on the island of Krk, Ičići where we had night swimming and beach sports, and Crikvenica where we had an opportunity to swim during the rain. We also visited the Faculty of our hosts, fortunately without any lectures. We just remembered how classrooms, tables, boards and computers look like. Out of the other activities during the days, it's Gradina castle on a hill above the city...



After we were accommodated at the Red Cross hostel, we got to know each others. The welcome party was a real specialty; it took place on a beach enlightened with torches. The pleasant atmosphere was enriched with appropriate music, so the party lasted the whole night. However, it didn't take us a lot to meet the other side of Rijeka: it was late in the night, and the temperature was still too high. From day to day we had to get used to this heat.

good to mention driving in a tourist two-storey bus without a roof, driving in a local speedy mini-train up the hill, doing some incredible things during the city rally...

Finally, nightlife was various. Every night we were doing the same - drinking beer and having a good time with friends, but on the different places. Sometimes it was a beach, sometimes discos, clubs and pubs, but many times we would end up on a citysquare, spending the last drops of beer, wine or whatever. Farewell party was traditionally the most emotional, but the most relaxing at the same time. It lasted till the dawn, when the first 'good byes' had to be said.

What else to say, because the words can't do that, but, a great unforgettable time we had there. Thanks everyone for being a part of it. We could only wish this to happen again.

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

myPowerful Software, 12th - 19th August 2007

About us:

First, I would like to start this short article with the line „JLC Sarajevo never sleeps “and you will see why!



The idea about starting an organization EESTEC in Sarajevo was born in July of 2006. On his own initiative and with the support of IEEE Student Branch Sarajevo, our college and today's chairman Faris Nizamić visited conference „Tesla-never ending story “and came back enchanted by EESTEC SPIRIT and with will to pass all of his enthusiasm on others. And he

succeeded. First members of JLC Sarajevo are now's Board. Only six months later, we became JLC on congress held in Budapest in March this year. First thing we did was of course the celebration party, which gathered all of our members. We symbolically called it “Celebration of JLC Sarajevo zero's birthday“. At that time we successfully ended process of registration for which we waited so long.

One of our first tasks was preparation for Elekrijada held in Montenegro that we did together with STELEKS, which is also one of the student's organizations on our faculty. Our part of the job was sport part, and we did it pretty well. But at the end we all agreed that the most important thing for us is being able to go on Elekrijada after 15 years of missing from this great event.

After existing for one year, and pretty successful work behind us, we were ready for the biggest project that was about to be organized by JLC Sarajevo. We were ready for our first, baby Workshop.

Governed with things they have experienced and learned through many exchanges and WS, our most active members have started to plan our own WS which we called myPowerful Software. And it happened between 12th and 19th of August, 2007. We had 15 participants from all over the Europe. And yes, we don't like to talk about ourselves all in the superlatives, but you can ask our participants what they think (or just read what Marija and Marko wrote) about our event and Sarajevo. I'm sure the answer would be the same - THE BEST. Our event was all about EESTEC spirit. We have to thank, for making our little dream possible, to the leadership of our faculty and of course our main general sponsor BH Telecom.

After our event successfully ended, we had a lot of plans for the future, but the first thing was to motivate our new members, to make them more helpful part of the team, so we organized some motivation parties, that had huge success and now we are up to 74 members.

Last but not the least thing we did was exchange called "Enjoy Sarajevo" held between 13th and 16th of December. 10 students from LGB Zagreb came to Sarajevo for five days, and we all took different trainings each day of their stay. Of course huge parties were thrown for them every night, and together we celebrated our faculty birthday. It was all about fun and learning. We are very proud to show one of the ways how EESTEC can cooperate with other student's organizations, and how to share but also get new knowledge.

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myPowerful Software

Workshop

12th - 19th August 2007



After couple of months of preparing JLC Sarajevo can finally be proud of succeeding one of its biggest goals for this year: organizing workshop "myPowerful Software". First day was reserved for picking up the participants. After they would have been taken to the dorm, well organized group of guides was already waiting for them and taking them to a walk trough the city, while waiting for the others to come. After traditional Bosnian dinner in one interesting restaurant, the welcome party started. Good mood and lots of drinks caused the party to last almost until the morning.

The second day started with interesting lectures on ETF (Faculty of electrical engineering). It was enough just to see faces of the participants, as well as the organizers, to know that they didn't have more then few hours of sleep last night. Even though, they were ready for sight-seeing in the afternoon. The night started with a small "nargila party" (just to get in the mood :)) and after that experience they were refreshed. At midnight "happy birthday" song was sang to one of the participants, Marko Obrknežev, delicious cake was eaten and the party continued in a salsa club, were we all had a chance to show our best moves.



Just like the day before, the third day started with lectures about softwares in power engineering. One of the lecturers showed us how power engineering and telecommunications can be combined (and we got a chance to see what was going on in his apartment in Paris and turned on the light in it). After that we had a chance to hear some great tips about FR from the ex.ch. of EESTEC Int. (the guy whose birthday we were celebrating last night). In the afternoon we went to see the shortest, but the most famous war tunnel, "Tunnel of hope". Because of lack of sleep we were all tired so night swimming and hot tub were exactly what we needed. After all the pool exercising what would be better than "sarajevski

cevepcici" on Bašcaršija. Mmmmm. After we regained our strength our next destination was the club ... and the party continued.

In the morning, the next day, the bus was waiting in front of the dorm, so the trip to Boracko lake started. After setting the tents everyone immediately went swimming, what was followed by "games without borders": jumping in bags, football, throwing water bombs, etc. Night in camp could be described with few words: camp fire, guitar, song, wine ... you get the picture ;) But surprise, surprise ... in the midnight three guys jumped in the camp in their underwear with champaign in their hands. These were our special guests from LC Ljubljana, ready to have a great time, as always.

Next day, after packing things up, we went to visit Violeta factory in Grude, where we had a chance to see the newest technology combined with innovative ideas of a leading team. Some of the participants even went on a job interview ;). After that, we continued our trip to Mostar. Unfortunately, we couldn't talk no one into jumping from the Old bridge. We came back to Sarajevo a little bit after midnight. And you know what comes next ... party of course.

On Friday we had to continue with our lectures in the morning. That was a chance for VC IA, Marija Jemuovic, to hold a presentation about motivation in EESTEC. After lunch we had to burn all the calories so we had a sporty afternoon. It included pins and bowling ball. And I can proudly say that women were much better, actually more precise, than man (after learning some of the rules :)). After visiting Olympic stadium Koševo, we had to get ready for the dinner and opening ceremony of Sarajevo Film Festival. Even though they didn't meet any of the celebrities, SFF was one of the things participants liked the most (at least that's what they've told us). After watching the movie, applauding to the director and the actors it would be very rude of us if we hadn't come to the SFF After Party. Like all the other nights all we asked for was a good place (Trasa), good music, "some" booze ... and we were ready to go.

For all those who were able to wake up Saturday started with presentation of ISBIR (held by our participants from Ankara) and "Team building" presentation (held by ex.ch. of EESTEC Int., Borut Ceh). After learning some new and very useful things participants finally had some free time. Some of them spent it shopping or sight-seeing, and the others sleeping. After all they had to prepare for

the Farewell/International night.

The idea to have International night and Farewell party together turned out to be excellent. You know how it goes. After presenting each LC (Ankara, Belgrade, Novi Sad, Skopje, Tuzla obs. Osijek, obs. Zagreb, and our guests from LCs Ljubljana, Rijeka and Banja Luka) , trying all that delicious food and all kinds of drinks, hour and a half after starting with an International night we were all quite "happy", in other words ready for the Farewell to start. All I can say is that that's the night that's gonna be remembered.

So .. it' Sunday again, time for the participants to pack their bags and leave our city (we hope not for long). In those 8 days we didn't just party together. We have met some new people, got to know each other and develop some EESTEC friendships that we hope are gonna last for quite a long time. But we were not very sad while saying goodbye that Sunday. Because we're EESTECers and we know we'll meet

Participant report

Marija Jemuović and Marko Obrknežev

Motives to come to this workshop were different for the two of us. Marko actually saw the very first plans and preparations for this baby event of JLC Sarajevo, so he had to come and see the results himself. Not only that, but he had to persuade Marija to join him there, who is always indecisive about which of the adorable EESTEC events to choose.



From the moment we got to the ground of Sarajevo, seeing Mr. Head-organizer with his big American car, we knew this event will meet all of our needs. Soon we found ourselves in the nice dormitory rooms, presuming that we won't see those beds very often. We found out that we were right, the moment we entered fancy restaurant, seeing all the familiar faces again and meeting new promising ones. It was called Inat kuća (Stubborn house), where we tried out wonderful traditional Bosnian cuisine. After that we went to unexpectedly good Welcome party, where

drinking contest provided our need to be noticed, by Marko drinking twice as much as others and Marija out drinking her opponent.

Lectures were pretty interesting and Red Bull promotion was very helpful to keep our attention high. After lectures, we went to sing a couple of songs to our eternal president Marshal Tito in front of the faculty building. Marija was looking forward to seeing Miljačka River, but she failed to see it, although we crossed it three times. We finally saw the square where Gavrilo Princip killed prince Franc Ferdinand, about what we have learnt every year since we started our school in the early 1990s.

Tomorrow, after another set of lectures, we went to see War Tunnel that connected besieged city to the outside world. In the middle of the movie about the war, Marko got frightened by the planes taking off from the nearby Sarajevo airport. We all tried to carry 35 kilos backpack through the tunnel and we all hit our heads. After that heavy experience, we relaxed ourselves in Spa center where all the organizers were over-sighted by Semir, who gave them negative points for the fun they shouldn't be having. Some participants had problems with "unhydrodynamic" shape of their bottoms, which prevented them from speeding down the water-coaster. As soon as we heard that organizers' plan was to bring us to beds, we decided to show our resilience and EESTEC Spirit by going out anyway.

That affected our state next morning, so we had to sleep all the way to Boračko Lake. When we got there, right away, the participants were forced to do some gaming, which Marko, together with Daniel, avoided, by sneaking out only to grab some sleeping on the nearby meadow. As a cosmic justice, they were prevented to sleep by giant ants. Others, who weren't so foxy, were almost killed by Adnan, who hit Elena with the water balloon to her chest, so she fell down in deadly pains. After that, Marija almost ruined her team for the slowest jumping in the bag you could ever think of, but luckily the other team had one player more, so her team won. Lovely day was finished beside the camp fire with a sound of guitar. After we started the tribute to Djordje Balasevic night, led by Sanja, the master Jeday of Balašević, three almost naked men with champagne came in and started spraying everybody around. You guessed correctly – Slovenians had just "joined" us in the well-known style.

Company visit got a bit longer than expected, because it was interesting to participants, organizers and company employees themselves. Some of us almost ended up working in Grude, small secluded village in the middle of Herzegovina. Later we visited beautiful Mostar town and crossed the famous bridge. That evening, inspired by the whole atmosphere, the authors of this text joined in the holly matrimony and said the faithful “I do”.

This event was also marked by many interesting EESTEC trainings, held by the authors, Huseyin, Gohkan and Borut and it was covered by many TV and radio stations. Some of the newspaper journalists were also covered by us. Later on, we went bowling, where we could show our sport skills and experience the joy of drinking 1L beer glass seen before only on Oktoberfest! After that, we had a privilege to enter the opening night of Sarajevo Film Festival, so we all wore our best suits. Everyone said they liked the movie, except Marija who was waken up by the applause to the main actors after the projection. Marija’s opinion was that movie ended really suddenly.



Last day of our stay, we went to see the turning-around cafe on the top of Avaz Hotel. At first, we were feeling a little bit dizzy and we realized why they had to put numbers on the tables. Otherwise, waiters would have trouble finding the right table. Farewell was alluring . Organizers were so kind to provide us with the live performance of Nela and slaves of Afrosobnian origin Tumba and Bumba, singing the mega giga hit – “Nishta nishta ispod nemam nishta” (“Nothing, nothing, underneath I have nothing”).

As for the conclusion, we would like to say that we never thought that this event will be bad, but outstanding hospitality of JLC Sarajevo crew made it magnificent and unforgettable. People are what make an event better than the others. JLC Sarajevo were those who proved that.

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

- Feel The Energy 29.04 - 06.05 2007, Skopje and Ohrid

- EESTEC Happy Hour 26.05.2007, Skopje

- Plone my web, 01 - 09.12 2007, Skopje

About us:

The members of LC Skopje which have worked really hard to organize a workshop from the field of alternative energy sources, named „Feel The Energy“, that took place in Skopje and Ohrid from 29.04-06.05.2007, are extremely proud



to the success this WS has become.

Although we had struggling problems to raise money for this event, at the end we had two golden sponsors, ELEM - main electrical energy producer in Macedonia and Makstil - a steel factory in Skopje from the Duferco group, and our outstanding partner, the Norwegian Embassy in Skopje, that has come forward in helping us with the preparations and realization of the

In this manner, we are deeply sorry about the cooperation that was planned to be realized together with IEEE SB Skopje, but was called off because of financial problems in the middle of the preparations. We can add that we are ready and will try to cooperate with this organization that has similar interests with EESTEC in the future.

The EESTEC Happy Hour activities are becoming a tradition since it is organized with a lot of enthusiasm by our members. We are not having problems with the creativity that this event involves because the main aim of it is to make people happy and smiling at least for a moment, which is considered to be a very honorable thing. :)

Next project was the „Plone my web“ workshop which was held from 01.12 – 09.12 2007 and after seria of similar workshops in Ljubljana this was the first of that kond organized in Skopje. The workshop was made with some help from LC Ljubljana whose members were a lecturers on this workshop. Although we had a short period for prepering this workshop the worshop was quite a succses.

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Feel The Energy

Workshop

29th April - 6th May 2007

Sunday, 29 April 2007. Some kind of annoying melody was ringing in my ears. It took me 5 minutes to realize that the melody was actually my alarm. It was 5 am. “Feel The Energy” workshop started. Half hour later, Duško came to my place with his car. It was time to go to the railway station and wait for LC Krakow to arrive at the station. Before that we had put two posters “Feel The Energy” on Duško’s car so everyone could know that we were having event :). After two hours spent in the waiting room girl’s voice on the speaker told us that the train from Belgrade will be here in 5 minutes. That’s was our train. We went to the platform. We were standing there with our LC Skopje flag. We took them to the hotel where they were accommodated. Sunday was arrival day so we spent the day driving back and forth to the bus/railway station and the hotel.



After the dinner we went to a welcome party. The party started, drinking alcohol already started:), people started dancing etc.

Monday was the day when we visited one of our main sponsors “Makstil”- steel factory. Participants had chance to see the process of producing steel. First, we had a short presentation about the company and after that we started with the sightseeing. Before we left the factory we had had a great lunch there. Next thing was the city rally where the participants had to finish 20 tasks: finding monuments, singing Macedonian songs, counting windows etc. During the night we took them to the rock club Marakana with rock band playing the most famous rock songs. Every one was jumping around singing with the band, drinking...

party ended at 4 am.

Tuesday was a non-working day so we had nothing special on the program, so we decided to take them on hiking. The task was to get on the top of the Vodno Mountain, but only few managed to the top, the rest stayed in one of the resting places in the middle of the mountain, drinking bear (they just couldn't resist the very best taste of our Skopsko bear). After the dinner, participants were taken to a kafana "Ganza" where they had an opportunity to hear live performance of mandolin and guitar duo singing Macedonian traditional folk songs. The night continued in a club called "Ballet" and finished in the hotel rooms where Zyta from LC Krakow had a live performance guitar show.

Wednesday - another day for visit. This time we went to ELEM A.D. Skopje, company that produces electrical energy in Macedonia. First in the headquarter we had a presentation and then on a bus we went to visit hydro power plant, practical view of how energy is produced using cheap renewable source – water, in a picturesque landscape, by using the latest technology. After the lunch participant went back to the hotel and had free time till the dinner.

Thursday, the lecture day. After the long night party it was hard to make the participants get up and prepare for lectures. But they were obedient and really nice crew and after the breakfast we went to the faculty. First lecture was about renewable sources: water, sun, wind and fuel cells and their use in the world. Second was about Micropower system modeling using Homer (Micro power Optimization computer model). After the lectures we had lunch and after that free time (organizers didn't)... Evening was wine tasting night. Our guests were: our sponsors, professors from our faculty, students from other organizations and the participants. We had presentation of the EESTEC International Board that was having HOBOM at the same time in Skopje, as our guests, and a big EESTEC cake for our two Birthday Boys (Ammar from LC Istanbul and Duško from LC Skopje). The atmosphere was at the top level because of the sprinklers and the dim lights while introducing the cake. Then we went to a night club "Trend" and afterwards to a discothèque "Hard Rock" and stayed there till 4 am...that night I think we owned the club... The DJ was playing music just for us, people were looking at us, we were dancing on the dance floor...we had soap bubbles and paper chips over us... Great evening! :D

Friday, another lecture day and the last day in Skopje. The lectures were about

geothermal pumps and about energy marketing. After the lectures we went back to the hotel and prepared for leaving Skopje and going to Ibiza...ups...sorry, I meant Ohrid. :) There were 50 people in the bus...19 participants 20 organizers and 11 non EESTECers, our friend who wanted to feel the EESTEC spirit. It the bus there was a lot of our spirit: alcohol, singing all kind of songs, telling jokes...1/3 was already drunk when we left Skopje.:)

We stoped in Bitola – a town near Ohrid and had lunch there and two hours of sightseeing. It is very beautiful town full of historical monuments and participants had chance to see part of our history.

After 3 hours, the journey to Ohrid continued. About 5 pm we arrived in Ohrid and we were accommodated in a nice motel near the center of the city. 9 pm we had dinner combined with live performance of Macedonian music. 10 pm we left the restaurant and went in the night club and had an awesome party there.

On Saturday we took participants to sightseeing. We visited St. Naum's monastery near the lake (one of the organizers held a little presentation about the monastery)... After the presentation some of us took a swim in the lake, just to mention that water temperature was about 9 degrees and the weather temperature was 15 degrees... what can I say... EESTEC spirit. :) At 5 pm we got back to the motel and prepared for beach party with barbeque.

Sunday was the last day in Ohrid. Before leaving Ohrid, we went to visit Tzar Samoil's fortress, Plaosnik and St.Kaneo church. After the lunch, we went back to Skopje. We had a Farewell party and then after-Farewell party and then after-after-Farewell party (we had two after farewell parties :)).

Monday was departure day...:) Sadly we had to say goodbye to our new friends...It was my pleasure to be organizer of this event...I can only say that I had a great time during our event.

Before I end this report, I want to mention that we had the craziest bus driver in the world ever! Few of the things that he did: backward driving uphill; :) Letting a girl (Zyta from LC Krakow) taking control over the bus in motion on a highway and driving the bus while he was drinking in the back of the bus...!?! (Please don't press charges over LC Skopje for having so much fun and/by jeopardizing participants lives :D) You know, after every night out, it is usual to go back home

with a taxi... Well, we had a bus! :)

Participant report

Jacek Zanko, LC KRAKÓW

It all started on Sunday morning when our train arrived in Skopje two hours late. Duško and Cvetan were waiting for us with huge “EESTEC LC SKOPJE” flag. Few minutes later, we were resting after our trip in a very nice hostel which was situated about five minutes on foot from the center. At the hostel, we got our keys to the rooms. Everyone was put into the room with people that have never met before. It was a good idea because we got know each other very quickly. On the “Feel the energy” workshop there were people from Serbia (LC Belgrade 1, LC

Niš 3, LC Novi Sad 1), Bosnia & Herzegovina (LC Banja Luka 2 LC Sarajevo 1), Slovenia(LC Ljubljana 2), Turkey(LC Istanbul 2), Bulgaria(LC Sofia 3), Poland (LC Krakow 4) and of course... Macedonia - LC Skopje (I forgot the number:)).



Personally, I was very impressed with the organization and preparation of the entire workshop. Everything was perfect, starting from bags, posters and T-shirts with logo of “Feel the energy” workshop, along with delicious meals and suppers in good restaurants to finish with the bus waiting for us near the hostel to take us at the trip to Ohrid lake.

Two times we have visited Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies in Skopje to attend the lectures. Lectures were very interesting and we found out many new details about renewable sources of energy. Lectures were well prepared and they had been presented with slideshows.

To see in real how renewable energy is done, we visited ELEM – the company that produces energy. After a lecture in their headquarters, we made a small trip to one of their water power plant. It made great impression on us, firstly because of the

location – it is situated in the mountains and the road to power plant goes on very high cliffs, secondly because of used technology. Every equipment was new and high class, everything could be steered from the one main room.

We had also visited Makstil – steel company, which was one of the main sponsors of Skopje workshop. For most of us it was the first time to see melted steel. We saw nearly whole factory and got to know the process of how the steel is made. After all, representatives of Makstil invited us to the meal which was perfect! We tasted many of the Macedonian specialties.

The other day we had to finish City Rally where we had to complete 20 tasks. The game was very funny. We were singing with the policeman and looking for many places like fortress, stone bridge, old railway station or Mother Theresa monument.

We had also trip to the cross which is located on the hill of the Vodno Mountain. The interesting thing about it is that the cross is visible from nearly each place in Skopje.

After five days in Skopje we went at the trip to Ohrid lake through town called Bitola. The bus was full. It was about 20 participants and more than 20 friends from EESTEC Skopje. It was great that so many people from EESTEC Skopje were with us all the time.

These two days in Ohrid will stay in my mind for long time, because it was never ending party which started on the bus just after we all entered into it.

In Ohrid we were sightseeing, than we had grill at the lake. There was also a trip on the boat. Some of us were swimming in the lake which temperature was 11 degrees! Each evening like in Skopje, which I didn't mention before, there were crazy parties until the morning.

For me this was the first EESTEC event I participated and I think it couldn't have been done better. I love to travel, meet new people and see new places. All of this things I found there. If you don't have to sleep more than 4 hours a day, and you really "FEEL THE ENERGY", then workshop in Skopje is the best choice for you.

Plone My Web

Workshop

1st - 9th December 2007



Why do we need the Next Generation EESTEC Portal?

EESTEC had a working web site. Why would we need to work on and develop a new one, right? Wrong! With web technology growing fast every day, programming web sites is happening even faster, and an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science students' organisation does not need to follow an old and well known web structure, but needs to develop (and improve upon) a new one. Only a few years ago, web sites were simple, and there were only a few applications that could have been used, and all of that was managed by one person. Our "old" web site with years became unmanageable. Nowadays, one good structured students' organisation's web site has a CV system, an event application system, mailing lists, a forum, a gallery, etc. All these applications can be downloaded and used as they are, but we needed them implemented and tailored to our needs. At the same time, the site had to be simple enough for



regular users to work with. For three years, EESTEC members Rok Garbas, Florian Friesdorf, Marina Plavšić, Mirko Raca, Jure Forstnerič, Nejc Zupan, Andrija Prčić and 27 members of the IT team (skilled in Plone) were researching and starting to build the Next Generation EESTEC Portal. This would be a portal that offered members and companies a way to connect, ease the work and improve the

communication of EESTEC members, and also improve the skills of the developers.

EESTEC has just released its Next Generation EESTEC Portal. There are still many things to be done, but the main goals have been achieved. The content management system (CMS) Plone is what makes the site easy to use for everyone, not just programmers and developers. Let's first explain what a CMS is. It is a system for managing pictures, text, pieces of websites etc. (so, in a word,

content). Blog systems such as Wordpress and various Wikis are examples of content management systems.

With the new web site we are able to offer companies a new side of EESTEC, a CV system. With it we can offer members jobs and internships after finishing faculty, or master and PhD studies. EESTEC gains a completely new dimension with this. The work, experience and soft skills a student gains in EESTEC, when linked with company job offers, become a very good future opportunity for the EESTEC member. The same applies to companies, because they will have a hard working employee that has developed many skills during their studies.

Members on the other hand get contacts and job offers, which are very important after finishing the studies. Finding a good job and connecting with companies is crucial for our future, and now it is now becoming a reality.

How did the Plone My Web workshop begin?

It all began in Ljubljana, in October 2006, and continued with the second edition of the Plone My Web workshop, also held in Ljubljana in February 2007. All together 15 participants learned to work with and develop the next generation EESTEC portal. The main organisers and lecturers from Ljubljana (Rok Garbas, Nejc Zupan and Jure Forstnerič) had the idea to make the third PMW in another city. They remembered a few people from Skopje that might be able to organize it. So after a phone call to Macedonia, the story continued. 4 weeks after the phone call, from the 1. to the 9. of December 2007, 12 participants from all over EESTEC and 3 lecturers from Ljubljana came to Skopje.

The main goals of the Plone My Web workshops were the development of the Next Generation EESTEC Portal (NGEP), teaching participants to work with it and develop it, and to recruit participants to help with the release of the NGEP by the end of the year 2007. Plone My Web isn't just about the work, it is about EESTEC, the adventure and the excitement a participant and an organiser feel. The IT team works like a family, days and nights, at home, in cafés, and wherever there is wireless - even in the streets - walking and programming. When someone finds a bug in the program or has some question, there are at least two people at four in the morning ready to help and solve the problem. Plone My Web is getting to know people that share the same passion for programming and EESTEC. The association gives to its members a new

meaning to being a student. It gives them an opportunity while studying to also work on something, like this web portal, and see it in action. It is the non-academic experience that IT members get when working on this web site that is very important for their future. When they finish faculty, they will have knowledge which will help them with their job and with working in international multicultural teams.

Plone My Web in Skopje!!!

Jure: The traffic in Ljubljana was horrible, typical Friday afternoonish, so we (Nejc and I) managed to leave around 16:30, instead of the optimistic 14:00. Well, we managed to get stuck in some more traffic. We crossed the first border OK, contacted Andrija and Nemanja, told them we'd be in Belgrade at 22:00 (instead of the original 21:00). Weeellll... Not Quite. We were a bit late (it was just one hour, and it was because of the Croatian fog!) The poor bastards had to drink beer (the horror)!

We got underway in Belgrade, and stopped in Niš for some foood (pljeskavice), then drove towards the border. And kept driving. Then drove some more. Nemanja and Andrija were starting to have doubts whether or not this border even existed. I kept saying 'just ten more minutes', and 'it's just around this corner', but, obviously, it wasn't. We came upon the idea that they had hidden the Serbian-Macedonian border from us, the sneaky bastards. But, thankfully, we finally found it and even managed to cross it without problems.

We got to Skopje around (Elena: at 6:00, and they said they'll be here at 3:30)... Anyhow, after a couple of wrong turns we found the train station and our incredibly awesome driver remembered where Elena lives! (Yes, I rock). My 3 passengers weren't convinced and went across the street to check, but Elena proved me right :) We had coffee for breakfast (there was also some food involved as I recall).

The rest of the workshop was comprised of an introduction, the installation of Plone, its basics, developing add-on products, making a skin, etc. Just to recap, the workshop pattern goes something like this: sleep-eat-work-work-eat-work-sleep-eat-party-get drunk-party

If your name is Nemanja, then the pattern goes like: sleep-eat-loose jacket-work-

eat-get drunk-loose second jacket-get drunk some more- etc. (you get the picture ;)).

If your name is Rok you were Ploning on your Apple.

So after days of lots of eating, lots of working, lots of partying, not enough of sleeping, we somehow survived till the end.

Elena: Getting to know Skopje, the real spirit of the city and partying with organisers, were all a part of the to-do list for the 9 days of staying in Skopje. They saw the old Turkish part and its mix with the new metropolitan part of the city, few fallen balconies in the very centre of the city, and lots of sun. This was a perfect for organizing; all we did was buy mandarins and apples, and made all of the participants' wishes, large or small, possible.

The arrival was... interesting. Rok and Elma called me one day in the middle of the night, and just said: "we are at the bus station". I wanted to scream, but... what the hell... I told them, where I live (3 minutes from the bus station, first white building - can't miss it), and they arrived 45 minutes after that. God knows what they did for so long. So... while some participants were, hours earlier, others were hours late, some even took other people's luggage at the airport (looks like light gray and black are almost the same colour) or came with an entirely different plane. But, they all arrived.

The first thing what participants experienced was THE TEST. The test is not complicated at all, but it was very funny to see them all panic. 11 boys walked around the room stressed out how everything will work out, Elma unlike the boys was calm... or had a bit of a hangover from the night before. We didn't send anyone home, they didn't dare to come unprepared. Participants worked (a lot), and while they were working, organisers played football, or went to the near by concerts, or just simply enjoyed watching participants suffer...

Every day had a routine: sudo get_up-breakfast-lectures-lunch-lectures-dinner-get_drunk-breakfast-lectures-get_drunk ;)..The organisers understood 0,002% of the things the IT team talked about during the workshop. The conversations were coded and all you could hear was: python, zope, apt-get install program, console, -ls, Kubuntu, mkdir, root, permissions, foo...you get my point.

Night life meant relaxing from the hard work, it was partying even harder, dancing, swimming in a hot open-air spa, singing... And the Wine tasting night was a way to say - thanks for coming to the participants, and huge thank you to the sponsors. Wine was perfect, consequences were headache, and few can't stand straight moments.



As for the end... it-was-great-we-all-survived-somehow!

Jure Forstnerič, LC Ljubljana
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LC Sofia

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Black Sea Exchange Kiten 2007 (exchange) – 08.07.2007-16.07.2007

New Year celebration (local event) - 30.12.2007

About us:

LC Sofia was born on the Cosenza Congress in 2003. We have organized so far 7 events and among them the Congress 2006 in Sofia. We are an LC which is under the jurisdiction of the Students Union to the Technical University of Sofia. LC Sofia managed to participate in several foreign events this year: The congress in Budapest, local events in Skopje and .

From 8 July 2007 to 16 July 2007 we proceeded Black Sea Exchange Kiten 2007. There were 12 participants from 4 LCs. It was really funny and we had a great time! We decided also to make a small local event to celebrate the coming



of the New Year. In this event took part members of our LC, alumnis and other people, who were interested of EESTEC, some kind of potential future members. Meanwhile we made activation and motivation campaign, several presentations for the students in relevant faculties in our university, propagated some fliers, brochures and posters about LC Sofia and EESTEC in general. We are developing our website and looking for new challenges to get through. We have some

agreements for cooperation with different companies like National Electricity Company, Schneider Electric, Nokia and some of the Bulgarian mobile operators. Referring collaboration with other student organizations, the Student Council of the Technical University - Sofia is our strongest partner and supporter, and we work together through the whole year. EESTEC FOREVER!

Black Sea Exchange Kiten 2007

Workshop

9th - 15th July 2007

As all of you know, we keep on organizing summer exchanges at the beautiful Black Sea every year, and some of you have already been our guests. We are really glad to have you at our events, to share amazing moments with you and discuss problems concerned in our field of study. Every one of you is valuable for us and we want to make a special invitation to all of you, who are interested in taking part in our next events. We spent really great moments and shared such a fun with some of you that summer. We would like to thank all of you who participated in our recent event. For the rest of you, who didn't have the opportunity to be our guests, we will say 'cheer up, guys, we are organizing Black Sea exchange next year again'.



The welcome party was great, we started drinking at the hotel, after that we moved to the most amazing disco in Kiten – Zangador, and had much fun. Everybody was sharing the 'happiness' (i.e. 'some bottles of tequila'), everybody was having fun, some were begging for more vodka, everybody was dancing, and only few survived :)

All of the students had their time to present something which they are interested in. everyone managed to grab the audience. That part of the event went perfect. There is no participant who missed to get some sunburn and to go in the salt water of our sea. The beach of Kiten is terrific, the water temperature is fine, the chicks are hot (and that's the most important). But no matter where the next Black Sea Exchange will be, you'll always be satisfied.

One day of the event was scheduled for a trip to the beautiful town of Sozopol. There we had lunch in a decent restaurant at the top of the rocks above the shore, went for a two-hour cruise with yacht, roamed around the town and enjoyed the

outstanding ancient houses in the old part of the town.

There was an international night. It was organized on the beach, under the moonlight... Lots of international alcohol and 'sharing' the happiness again... And, of course, the farewell party: hugs and kisses, many gifts, everybody got drunk for the last time at the event...

LC Tallin

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Number of members: 117

Events organized in 2007/2008:

International SummerCamp In Estonia for IT-students

About us:

LC Tallinn (better known as Lapikud here locally) is a student organization for Tallinn University of Technology Informatics students. It was formed 23rd of February 2002. First international event was organized in August, 2004 and in Madrid (April 2005) LC Tallinn was officially born! Our biggest event is the International SummerCamp held in August but we have many other smaller events, where sometimes people from our neighbour countries like Finland and Latvia participate. Of these the biggest and most international have been our WinterDays and the IT-Triathlon. The most important event for getting new members is in September, when we introduce ourselves to the new students and let them get to know each other better and have them run around the campus doing different tasks. There are also smaller events like movie-nights or excursions to the local IT companies like Skype. The more informal events are our Christmas party and the birthday and main assembly of our organization in February where the new board is elected. Our primary partner organization is



MUG.ee – the local Microsoft Users Group. The main sponsors for our biggest event – the SummerCamp have been Skype, Microsoft, Webmedia, Apprise and the university.

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SummerCamp 2007

Workshop

6th - 13th August 2007

The 4th International SummerCamp in Estonia for IT-Students was held on 6th-13th of August this year. We had 22 people from 12 different countries over here in Tallinn for a week of fun, games, competitions and education.

What did we do? The first thing was of course the opening ceremony at the rectorate of our university where representatives of the university and the sponsors said a few words and welcome packages were given to our guests. Next we headed off to Kannu pub, where evening continued in an informal manner, with games and lots of beer.

On the next day we had some seminars by Microsoft and a presentation about using RFID and a "Smart Shelf" by SmartFID. For the next excursion we had to bring warm clothes with us, because we went into tunnels beneath the city walls. It was about 10 degrees, when it was really warm outside (for Estonia), 30 degrees. It was interesting to see and the most adventurous of us went to explore a part of the tunnel that hadn't been restored yet - it was full of water and dark, but they made it back.

The next day was Wednesday and then we went to see the new offices of the company probably all of you know about - Skype. First we met with different people who work at Skype, who told us what they were doing there and how they feel about doing it. One of them was Antoine, who came to Estonia



during the first SummerCamp in 2004 and decided to stay here to study at TUT, then was asked to work at Skype. He told us what he liked in Estonia and at Skype and did it in a really inspirational way. Afterwards we got to see their offices, which looked really nice (raise hands, who has a billiards table and a huge TV set in their offices). Next we went on a tour bus to see the city and had a stop at the TV tower, where we enjoyed a magnificent view of Tallinn and its surroundings.

After some free time and dinner our guests set off to the pubs of Tallinn, where they warmed themselves up with beer for the exhausting club night.

Despite intensive clubbing we had to wake up in the morning, although not too early. Breakfast was eaten in the hostel rooms and then we had a presentation by Microsoft again. We also got to know each other more thoroughly, since each participant and the organizers gave a short presentation about themselves: where they came from, why were they studying IT and how they see the future of them and IT. It was really interesting to hear what people in different countries learn and how their universities are organized. It was also interesting to hear what the IT industry looks like in countries all over Europe. While in Estonia companies grab students from the 2nd and 3rd year to work for them and pay them well, in some countries students are only studying and then after graduating find a job. Oh well, after hearing about all these things we were ready for the City Rally - doing different tasks in the Old Town of Tallinn (some of which involved alcohol ;)). When running around the Old Town was completed, it was time again for clubbing, this time in a different club.

Because of all the clubbing we let our guests sleep a bit longer on Friday morning, before heading off to Tõrvaaugu, which was our place for the weekend. Before getting there, we had a short hike in a bog, which Estonia is famous for. Since we were in no hurry of getting to some place on time, we could just lazily sleep in the sun on sand or swim or do whatever we wanted. Some of the participants had a job to do. They cooked a dinner! They did it very well, noone got poisoned, really! They enjoyed cooking and the rest of us enjoyed eating the food together with them afterwards. One of the highlights of our event is the International Night - that's the reason we ask our participants to bring food and drinks from their countries with them. It has always been a great experience and lots of fun. Same this year, we enjoyed great sweets and salty (really tasty) salami from Hungary, cheese from Italy.. and all other delicious food. But we didn't only eat, there were different drinks that we got to taste. Who doesn't know what raki or ouzo are!?: :) These were only a few of the drinks, there were too many to remember.

After difficulties with waking up on Saturday morning, we had breakfast and the Adventure Game started - the game consists of orienteering in the forest with a map and going through checkpoints where teams get different tasks. Like practicing their aiming ability by throwing CD-s into a bucket. Dinner and lunch were also made by teams of participants, Everyone went in the sauna when done

eating - even the people who had never seen a sauna. At first they thought that we Estonians are some crazy people, going in a really hot room, throwing water on a fireplace and sweating a lot, how can anyone like that? But after experiencing it by themselves they also started to like it. So we were successful by teaching people what a sauna is and making them like it!

Sunday was the last day of our event. In the morning we woke up, ate and got back to Tallinn, where people had free time for shopping or sleeping or doing whatever they wanted to do. In the evening a farewell party was organized at Glehn's castle. It has become kind of a tradition that somehow we get each year a guest who has his or her birthday on the day of the farewell party. This year wasn't different, so we sang "happy birthday" songs in many different languages. It was sad to see all these wonderful people from all over Europe (and India) leave, but maybe we will meet at some other EESTEC event or they will come back next year on their own. That's what Dalia and James did, our participants from last year. They came to Estonia on their own during the SummerCamp and took part in our events.

It was great to see so many happy people and our team here felt really good making it happen, seeing that everyone enjoyed the event. The weather was also nice here, since the week of SummerCamp was the hottest in August here. Lets hope that we have the same luck next year, with good weather and wonderful guests!

Participant report

Kristina & Jelena

A knock on the door waked m up early...Watching the clock I realized that it is only 5 minutes left to leave the hostel... My luggage was not packed, I wasn't prepared and I had a headache because of the clubbing in the Old Town the day before (it's good to have so much free mineral water here).

After all I packed my luggage and played bowling in the hostel corridor (it's good to have so many bottles of mineral water here).

The bus was waiting for us, we got in and it drove us somewhere... I woke up when the bus stopped and realized that we were in the middle of a forest, in the middle of nowhere and the organizers with serious faces said that orientational game will be

to find the way back. I thought that they were joking, but they really left us there and the bus left with all my beer.

We started walking through the forest and then through the swamp. I asked locals to tell me more about this place and was really surprised to know that this swamp is one of the most dangerous places in Estonia and if someone got lost here there would be 99% certainty that they will not be found, ever.



Finally, we got on the road but there was no bus waiting for us (Oh, my beer!) we were sitting and waiting. Organizers stopped the car to find the way and driver had something as attractive as beer, they had laptop. It was a sign that the situation will be changed to the better, so the bus arrived and we came to Torvaugu. We went swimming and took our beer with us, we were just chilling out.

One group of participants made very delicious and beautiful dinner and then the International Party started. We were sitting in Indian wigwam and we tried national meals and drinks of different countries. It was GREAT & I Liked IT!!!

LC Tampere

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

Wappu exchange, Tampere, 25.4.-2.5.2007

About us:

LC Tampere is basically a small group of active members, who are interested in international work. We have usually one event per year and some members go to



other EESTEC events all over the Europe. We don't have enough people to organize really big events but we try our best to have at least one exchange or workshop every year. Our biggest sponsor is our Faculty. Also Microsoft and Nokia have been sponsoring us in past. We have also some co-operation with other international clubs in Tampere (BEST for example) and we try to make some co-operation with our

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Wappu xchange

Exchange

25th April - 6th May 2007

25.4. - 2.5.2007 LC Tampere offered EESTECers a chance to try the Wappu experience. To the average Finnish person Wappu is just another holiday among many. That day is traditionally known as a celebration of workers and students. For us "teekkarit", students of Tampere University of Technology, Wappu is a two week long chain of events. Apart from celebrating Wappu, we had an international evening, visited a local business, got to know Tampere and of course spent some quality time in sauna. Our seven participants were from LC Budapest, Bucharest, Ljubljana, München and Niš.

Our exchange was supposed to start with a grill out, but although the weather was the best we could offer, nobody wanted to stay in the rain. Instead, we went to the Guild of Electrical Engineering's guild room and got to know each other – and some locals – better. In the afternoon our programme involved the Wappu movie, where all our participants sadly could not come due to late flights. The ones who were there had not had time to get adjusted to the atmosphere and were surprised by the rowdiness of the audience: a theater full of students thumped, danced and shouted comments depending on what the plot of Blues Brothers – or audience – demanded at the time. Some cherished the tradition to dress up accordingly as a nun or a black suit, but most favoured the usual dress code for Wappu – decorated overalls colour coordinated according to the wearer's guild. When the last participants had arrived in the evening, we went to ERASMUS-party at our sauna, Mörrimöykky, where our guests were amused by the fact that we'd fused a disco and a sauna in the same building. The party went on way past midnight, but in the end everyone found their way to their hosts.

The morning was slow partially because everyone hadn't adjusted to the Finnish time, but in the end we got ourselves out and via the grand opening of a local shopping mall we went to our university's campus to listen to music. We also visited the Guild of Information Technology and many of our guests bought blue overalls from the Guild of Electrical Engineering so they would fit in better. :) After the operation we had lunch and played Tennis with Wii. We then got to know the downtown of Tampere by shopping and sightseeing. We had planned to go to a

student party at a local nightclub Emma in the evening, but since we came there too late, the line was so long we couldn't get in. After a while of wandering, we found ourselves on the nice leather sofas at an Irish pub. Then we decided to go recharge for the next day and at least some of us got a very exciting car trip back home :)

Friday morning started a little better and we were at the university before noon listening to a local band in the Gardenparty. Our next stop was VTT aka the Scientific Research Centre of the government, where a VTT employee and an alumnus of EESTEC had arranged a private tour for us. First we ate lunch and after listened to an interesting bit of a global fusion power plant-project. We also saw a part of a reactor which is to be built in Tampere and watched computer



simulations. The project leader was very happy to answer all our questions and was also interested in the backgrounds of our guests. After a very agreeable couple of hours we rested a bit and headed back to the university. This time we went to our school's bomb shelter aka Bommari. People had gathered there to dance traditional dances such as waltz. We spent a few hours in the Bommari dancing, playing bingo and drinking beer. Afterwards

we went to have dinner and in the evening we went to a club called Huuma, where we partied almost until the morning.

We slept in on Saturday and just enjoyed ourselves in good food and company. In the afternoon we went to the university to watch toy car competition, where the contestants guide their car through the rally course by flicking it forward. It was loads of fun and our international team nearly won. Telta Pystyssä – party was held in the evening. Three Finnish bands played in a big tent. We were a little cold because the night was surprisingly cold (the temperature fell below zero). Some of us had to shiver outside a while after the party as well, because one of our hosts realized they had taken a key to their bike with them instead of a key to their house. Luckily the janitor was willing to come and open the door even in the wee hours and we all got to bed.

We began our Sunday with a tour of Hervanta (the part of Tampere our university

is situated). First we went to see the landscape from the top of Hervanta's water tower, where we saw numerous flats, a lot of woods and a few lakes. Afterwards we enjoyed jelly doughnuts and sima – a traditional Finnish drink for Wappu – in the tower's cafeteria before exploring the landscape slightly lower. We concluded our tour in the biggest and no doubt the ugliest student house called Mikontalo. Everybody knows you're not allowed to jump in the elevator, but boys decided to do that nonetheless. As a result, the elevator jammed and the three guys who were in it got out only after the repairman came. They still seemed to enjoy themselves :) After that episode we went downtown to Tearoom to International Evening, where everybody had brought something from their homeland or -city. So we had a nice evening which we spent in the sauna, playing board games and billiards and of course trying out wines, beer, sausages, candy, food and bakery products. In the end we got a lift home, which was calmer than the previous one.

Monday was the day before Wappu and all the highlights were at hand. This time we started early and, warmly dressed, headed for downtown and old church. There the "wappurieha" and the order in which the guild's first years would be "baptised" as teekkarit in Tammerkoski-rapids were declared. Right after that it was time for Pölökäljaviestit. In Pölökäljaviestit teams of four people go round the old church in various different set ups and – of course – drinking the assigned amount of pilsner in each round. We took part in it with our own EESTEC-team and came in second! The afternoon was spent downtown drinking beer, getting to know new people and going around the marketplace. In the evening we ate pizza and gathered EESTECers for a few before going back downtown before midnight. There we headed for Hämeensilta-bridge where Suomineito-statue gets her own hat, which is also worn by all the students, at midnight. It's an event which includes tons of champagne, which usually is mostly ON people instead of IN them. When people started heading away from the bridge, we decided to get back to Hervanta in our own party, away from the cold, because the line-ups to all the bars were huge. Despite the no-sleeping-during-Wappu rule, we slept a few hours during that night.

Tuesday was the day of Wappu – the reason for this exchange. Around noon we went downtown to see the Wappu parade in which the first years go through the city with thingamajigs which related to current events and which they'd built themselves. The parade ended at Tammerkoski, where the first years eagerly waited to be dipped in the piercing cold rapids. From that moment on they were

officially called "teekkari". We watched the parade and the screaming, wet younglings until we got hungry. We decided to fire up the grill and, not surprisingly, the afternoon was spent with sausages, beer and good company. In the evening we had a farewell-party and we also visited the Wapunkaato-party, the last official Wappu-party.

All in all, the week was a success and I'm sure even the most slow minded realized what Wappu is.. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and remember to invite us in turn to your Wappu-parties! :)

Participant report

Cristina Balan, LC Bucharest

You have the chance to visit Finland for the first time in your life? Just do it, because I promise you it will worth to come here. You wonder when it's the best moment to have a trip to Finland? That's not a difficult question...when Wappu is celebrated. Wappu it's unique as an event and you have no other chance to see so many students together at parties, on the street, almost everywhere. This is something that you for sure would like and I'm glad I had the chance to experience



it.

Finland in this time of the year is wonderful, long days (between us you can really miss the darkness if you want a good night sleep), unpredictable weather (warm during the day, extreme cold during the night...) If you still haven't seen the outfit during this event you really missed something. We were

so amazed about every patch on their overall and we tried to identify each faculty after the colors the students wear.

And if you managed to get here, after such a long trip you should not miss the most popular thing in this country ...yes, you read my mind, I'm talking about sauna. We had some sauna parties and combined with some good food (as we had at the international evening) it's even better.

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Number of members: 15

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Wappu exchange, Tampere, 25.4.-2.5.2007

About us:

LC Trieste is member of EESTEC for long time, but for different reasons it has not organized events and was not so active on international level. LC Trieste is officially recognized in 2006 at the Congress in Sofija.

At the beginning it was very hard to find new members, to motivate them and make them active. This is still one of the main problems of our LC. We start having open weekly meetings discussing about the LC, where non eestec-ers could come and look how we work and maybe become new members.

For now we have 15 active members. Fortunately we have a good relationship with some professors and departments of the University of Trieste. LC Trieste

is also in collaboration with the elder brother IEEE sb Trieste and with some other students' associations, here in our University. We have organized some local event with IEEE sb and parties for local found raising.



LC Trieste has 15 active members and has continuous monthly meetings. From the Congress in Sofia we start being popular in our university (Università degli Studi di Trieste) and quite active at international level. We are trying to spread EESTEC around in new Universities and presenting it in all non EESTEC events.

Now we have a brand new web page hosted in the university's portal, and our own office. In our meetings we discuss about the most general problems, the EESTEC visibility and about the future events. This year was full of problems for our LC, that impeded the preparations of the long time planned event. Our LC is in good relationship and collaboration with the other students organizations in Trieste.

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JLC Tuzla

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Number of members: 15

Events organized in 2007/2008:

- Linux as alternative – 5th - 10th July 2007

- Many internal parties to motivate and activate our new members

About us:

EESTEC JLC Tuzla was founded in summer 2006. First as observers, and then in March 2007 we officially became an JLC. Since then we organized one event and our members participate in many events organized by other LC-s around the Europe. We met many new friends, learnt many interesting things, partied a lot :) and these are the most important things for every EESTEC-er.

Our EESTEC center is placed in our Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Tuzla, and till now we have about 60 members, and we are planning to include some new members. We also established good relations with many important companies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, our sponsors and friends are IEEE, BH Telecom, Solana Tuzla and many others, and they help us to organize our only event. At the moment we are working on promotion of EESTEC in our University and we are also planning a new event.

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LINUX as alternative

Workshop

5th April - 10th July 2007

Entire event lasted 6 days, from 5.6.2007 – 10.6.2007 and the number of visitors, except 25 participants and lecturers who had come from all around Europe (Poland, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia and BiH) was over 150, during the 3 days of seminar.

It should be noted that despite very good performance in English from all lecturers on seminar, the biggest round of applause went to young Sergej Kasumovic who had a remarkable lecture about Voice Over IP technology. The lecture has introduced the world of VOIP technology as an alternative way of communication in real world which is available and acceptable for all people. Also we have to mention Kristijan Smiljanic for outstanding topic about Firebird and use of databases for Linux users, especially the use of Firebird versus other databases.

It is also important to mention that the event was broadcasted on Television of Tuzla Region and on the website <http://www.tuzlarije.ba/>.



Despite the activities related to seminar, the organizers of this event had placed in the time of leasure a visit to Solana Mueseum, Neolithic establishment Panonica, a trip to nature complex „Muška Voda“ near Kladanj and a visit to Folklor Night which was held in Town Square in the purpose of introducing visitors with culture and customs in BiH.

Entire event would not be possible without our sponsors and we would like to mention some of them: Summer University in Tuzla, SOROŠ Fondation, City of Tuzla, Solana Tuzla, BH Telecom, Luna Bazar, Student Union and many others who had in their own special way contributed to fullfillment of student rights through affirmation on Summer University and gave us the opportunity to

exchange experiences with the rest of Europe which was the main goal of this seminar.

Complete list of our sponsors can be found on our website <http://www.eestecz.fe.untz.ba/>, where you can also get additional information about our organization.

Participant report

Wiktor and Mateusz

Last July we (Asia, Ewa, Magda, Mateusz and Wiktor) travelled to Bosnia and Herzegovina to take part in the event arranged by LC Tuzla. The topic of workshop was “Linux as an Alternative”.

We obviously decided to help our EESTEC friends, and prepare a lecture for them. Of course lectures are the most important part of the event... but we have to remember that LC Tuzla has arranged “a bit” more interesting tasks. And parties of course.

We visited the biggest salt factory in Bosnia. We saw the museum of salt. Our friends organized a picnic in the mountains and of course we had an occasion to swim in the most salty lake in Europe. Every day we had a chance to taste local food and drinks. We will never forget the unique taste of warm Tuzlansko Beer.



Obviously I didn't name all the attractions, it would take too long. We all gained a lot of experience, not only in Linux stuff, also in knowledge about great country of Bosnia. We also became regular smokers, because everyone were sticking cigarettes up our mouth all the time. We made new friends for years. EESTEC Spirit!

LC Wroclaw

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Events organized in 2007/2008:

"The future of wireless networks", 24.02.2007 - 02.03.2007

About us:

Our LC is becoming a real family after we have made a workshop in 2007 – ‘Future of Wireless Networks’ by 4 people. It was really exiting and motivating. In the same year we had hand over. Despite we are a small LC, we have participated in 5 events. We have been to Skopje, Famagusta, Tuzla, Krakow, Belgrade and Nis (Thanks a lot for the warm welcome ;).

We have meetings once a week in Tawerna – local students’ club because we are still working on an office at university. Our activity has been noticed at Students’ Activity Forum on our university.



Nowadays we have 9 active members working on the next workshop – ‘Microcontrol your mind’. It will be held in few days after the Congress.

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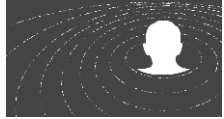
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The Future of Wireless Networks

Workshop

24th February - 2nd March 2007

*The Future of Wireless Networks
Workshop 2006 - Wrocław*



It was our first organized workshop. We invited 20 people and 19 of them participated in that unforgettable event. People from Athens, Belgrade, Budapest, Delft, Hamburg, Ljubljana, Novi Sad, Sofia and Sarajevo.

The main goal of that workshop was considering the wireless networks and its security. We had lectures and laboratories provided by our professors.

First participants arrived on Saturday. They couldn't wait till the welcome party, where all the people would meet each other. The second day, on Sunday, we altogether went on a trip around Wrocław. The weather was excellent so the trip was successful, everyone was excited.

From the beginning of the week we started with our lectures and laboratories, which stayed till Thursday. In the meantime we visited the best sights of our city and University. We were at Wrocław Centre for Networking and Supercomputing as well as The Hall of High Voltage, which made tremendous impression.



Nobody forgot Karaoke Party at Tawerna club, where we won all the first prizes and discovered music talent. Everybody was so delighted.

Not to overwork our brains and body with all the laboratories and parties we went to the skating-rink and then to climbing wall. One of our Alumnis - Maro helped us to start adventure with climbing, he was a mountain rescue team member. Finally after one week everyone went back home. To sum up it was really exciting for us and for the participants (we hope) workshop.

Participant report

Hi, my name is Alex Sicoe, I'm from Romania and I was one of the participants of the first international event organized by EESTEC LC Wrocław: THE FUTURE OF WIRELESS NETWORKS. I recently received an email from Tom, one of the organisers saying and I quote "I'd like to ask you to write some short memo... I know it was a long time ago". Well, just for the record, no matter how much time will go by, I'll always remember that awesome week in Poland because it had it all.



It had a very well organised academic side where we learned interesting things about new technologies like the MIMO router and the CAPANINA project which still interests me. The socials were exhaustingly delightful. I never had less sleep in one week as Mateusz and Piotr worked hard not to leave us any spare minutes. They showed us many attractions of Wrocław, a huge city with lots of history embedded within its walls (not mentioning Polish women some of the most good looking I'd ever seen). They took us, skating, climbing and taught us how to dance in Taverna. We all resonated by the same simple law: QUICK QUICK SLOW... QUICK QUICK SLOW.

But on top of all those, The Future Of Wireless Networks had a certain charm to it and that was given by the participants. Each from a different part of the world, each having their own beliefs and backgrounds, we came together to learn to communicate and have fun. We made promises and tied bonds and we all know that they will all come through some day because "Snaps is the name of the game", "Right?".

LC Zurich

Year of foundation: 1986

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Number of members: 24

Events organized in 2007/2008:

Conquer the markets, Zurich, 17/06/07 – 24/06/07

Unofficial Event: city rally for first year students, Zurich, 26/09/07

Unofficial Event: EESTEC Skiweekend, Rigi. 22/02/08 – 24/02/08

About us:

EESTEC LC Zurich has as many members as never before in its history. Thanks to the city rally, including some parts relating to EESTEC, we were able to get the participants attention to our LC. They were invited to our next meeting after which LC Zurich had seven new members. Since last Congress in Budapest we have organized one workshop called "Conquer the markets".



Five teams competed against each other and tried to make other teams being in the red. The competition was held in the

mountains, and after these three days in the fresh air, we got back to Zurich to participate only in fun parts. This year, the obligatory EESTEC Skiweekend was mainly organized by our newbies, so they got introduced in how to organize a workshop. In the mountains we went sledding, tried snowboarding and of course celebrated far into the night.

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Conquer the Markets

Workshop

17th February - 24th June 2007

Conquer the Markets

EESTEC

LC Zurich

17th to

24th of June



Once on a peaceful summerday...in a land far far away, on a peaceful cottage in the Swiss alps, 20 could-be-world-leaders met and competed for the ultimate goal: "Conquer the Market" and "Own the House"!

The welcome party started exactly when we planned it to start, and continued as always long beyond the time it was expected to last. Thanks to Mlkkyy, a finish game which will soon rival Nokia as the most popular export product. Thank you again for this great present!

Nevertheless, after 3 hours of sleep and a Popstar-rivaling singing presentation from our CP Beni, everyone showed up for breakfast and we started the working part: A realistic Management Simulation Game (Virtual Copy Machine Company) where 5 teams competed against each other. Every team had to think about a name and motto, introduce themselves to the other teams and even buy shares. A Team even presented their way to copy by using a secret "bare skin technology".



Then the casino night hit off. After a traditional Swiss "raclette" dinner everyone was able to change their shares into chips and play roulette, poker and black jack. We had beautiful looking girls in dresses, real gentlemen with suits, dealers, gamblers, All In's, crushing defeats and incredibly lucky winners. All this, together with the best drinks, eestec-made beer and never-ending streams of breath holding moments. It all ended with an after party, again lasting way to long to be able to get up early next morning!

But thanks to a lot of EESTEC experience we started slowly again with the management game, nevertheless preparing for the great showdown waiting on the end of the second day. And then there still was our boat rally. As I wasn't able to

take part, I can only retell the myth I heard from singing troubadours: An epic battle with water guns, paddles and an ice-cold lake in a beautiful unspoiled landscape, heroic sacrifices, and an invincible struggle to stop the boat from turning all the time!

Nevertheless, everyone returned to play the last period. Up to now, Xerxes, a Hungarian-Serbian Company, dominated the market. But after a tragic dropout of one of our companies because of lacking aid from the banks (only another 40 Million Euros would have been enough...) the cards were mixed again. In the end it was a close race, but still Xerxes could win the game even though some questionable personal decisions have been made.

But like you all know, the end of the work is just again the start of an even bigger party! So we used our last evening for a perfect made lasagne dinner, a winners presentation with a surprise someone still will have to pay for and a party some nearly didn't survive. All that the author can remember is a lot of dancing, even more fun, total drunken interviews with the winners and a morning after a night before, if you know what I am talking about.

But everything has to end sometime, and so everyone was transferred back to Zurich. After getting to know the mountains, it was time to have a closer look to Zurich. What would be a better way for that than a city rally? And that's exactly what we have done. Four groups were built, coincidentally in the same formation than the simulation game, equipped with city maps and instructions. Several tasks had to be done, like making a video singing an opera directly in front of the opera house, or take a trip with the ship, before meeting at the place of the final task, which was relaxing in a park.

On the way back to the University for getting dinner, some people felt like jumping into the river in the middle of the city center. And again, with EESTEC you can learn things for life. In our case; don't jump from a bridge with sunglasses on, cause you might lose them!

In the evening the famous tram party was held. Again without stereo, but with more dedication of our voices we sang out loud till there were no trams operating. This time even an umbrella was used, to avoid beer dropping off the ceiling.

After a tough night, people deserved to sleep late. All Thursday was free time anyway, so people had the chance to go shopping, do sightseeing or go to a 5-dimensional movie. Since it was the last week of the semester, the guild of EESTEC organised a barbecue for all electrical and mechanical engineers with free food and drinks.

On Friday, there was no support of the weather, which basically meant going to the Swiss national museum. In the evening, every LC presented a typical dish from their country, which they have prepared in the late afternoon. On this international night, everybody felt like being in cockaigne. Still being tired from the days before, people went home very early.

In the morning we had to get up very early, packed our paddle boats and hit the road to Rhine. Because the weather still was not so good, everybody stood at the waterside, freezing like hell. Somehow the organizers decided not to be chickens and jump into the boats and let ourselves floating. Unfortunately in the middle of the way, it began to rain very hard. So everybody got out of the water and hid behind a small edge of a bridge pier. Luckily soon it was over, and after another one hour ride, we finally got to a park right to the shore, where our second barbecue was held.

In the evening we joined for the last couple of hours together and celebrated the farewell party in a cafeteria, which was rented. We celebrated for hours, till the sun began to shine, benefiting and enjoying every single second we were able to spend together.

Maybe that's also a reason for finding each other in the middle of the night in a swimming baths jumping from the diving platform, riding the slide, or just swimming in the pool.

Participant report

Snežana Markovic, LC Belgrade

Our trip began on Friday night by airplane. It was my first flight, so I was a little bit excited and scared at the same time. Beni, our host, was waiting for Marko and me at the airport. We went to his place, left our stuff there and went out straight away. At that time the Caliente festival took place on the streets of Zurich. I was surprised by how many young people were there. The festival was similar to ours: besides Latin music there was also lots of food and drinks.

The next morning Bora arrived, a guy from Ankara. All together we went to the Limmat River where we were swimming, playing volleyball and laying on the sun. Also Vladimir arrived in the afternoon and in the evening we went to a dance which took place in the main train station. There we tried to dance waltz, but not with much success, so we picked up our stuff and went again to the Caliente festival. This evening we had the opportunity to meet more nice people from LC Zurich.



Sunday was the arrival day for the participants. We went to the mountains where our workshop took place and there we had the chance to see Switzerland like we know it from stories and pictures: lots of lakes, hills, mountains.... We were fascinated by the landscape. The scenery was spectacular; the hills and the small lake took our breath away. While waiting for the others, we went to that lake where we were swimming and also sprayed each other with water. After all had gathered and had dinner, the welcome party started. At the beginning most of the people were talking and getting to know each other so the real party began later. The next two days we spent working. The topic of our workshop was “conquer the markets” and as you can notice, it had nothing to do with electrical engineering. We were divided in five groups with four people each and got the assignment to manage companies that produce copier machines. That was very interesting. We were competing against each others and we tried to predict the rival’s strategy.

Also every company had to hold its own presentation and after this presentation we bought stocks from the companies of our choice. In the evening we had a casino night where we got the amount of our chips relative to the market share of our stocks. It was like in a movie; we gambled, played poker, roulette... After that we continued partying and dancing all night. Some people surprised me nicely with their knowledge of dancing to the beats of rock 'n' roll. In the end of the game, Marko's company made the highest profit and won the first place after they were leading all the time. Between our managing cycles, we had breaks (vacation for bosses :) where we went to the seaside :)). We went swimming in the lake where also a boat race took place. It was not just rowing; it was running and carrying the boats as well. I was in the girl's team together with 3 others and we almost won. But our friend from Novi Sad was in our way, on purpose or accidentally, but anyway, he slowed us down and we lost time. It was a very nice time there in the mountains. We became like one big family. On Wednesday we went back to Zurich.

After we had arrived, we had a little bit of spare time to rest. I changed my host and was then at Fadri's place; Marko stayed at Beni's place. In the evening the tram party took place. First I thought that tram was rented, but no, we drove with ordinary trams. Fifty of us were getting in and out the tram while singing loudly and caring the drinks. It was fantastic!! Everybody was smiling and happy. You could feel so much good mood and energy. One interesting thing was that some passengers got out of the tram when they saw us. Regrettably the party was soon over (soon for us, we wanted more) and so we continued our parting at some club.

The next day the city rally took place. We got different tasks to fulfil. The most interesting tasks were singing in front of the opera house where some older man joined us in singing and also the task of taking pictures with people from Zürich. Besides that we got an impression of the center of Zürich. There we were most delighted by the big lake with lots of swans. There is a very beautiful boulevard that leads along the lake. And in the end of the boulevard there is a very green meadow and trees all around where most of the people sit and rest or go swimming in the lake. When the city rally was over, we went on to the "Semesterend-Event". The students celebrated their end of the semester; first on the roof of the faculty by preparing a barbecue and then we moved to another faculty building a little bit far from the center where we continued the big party with even 3 different floors. On Friday it was rainy but we still kept our good

mood. We used that day for shopping and for playing beach volley in the afternoon as the rain stopped. In the evening we had a party at a rented place where the international night took place. We presented food from our country and we also had the opportunity to try the other people's food which was good as well. I liked the salmon soup best.

On our big delight, Saturday was sunny and we went rafting on the Rhine River. We were floating down the river for almost two hours and then we landed on the German side of the river. There we had barbeque, played volleyball, soccer, frisbee and some very interesting Finish game called molkky. We also swam in the river but the current was very strong for me and so I was swimming for some time in the same place, trying to go forward. Everybody was thrilled about this adventure. In the end of the day we had the farewell party. And like all other parties, this one was also very interesting. The place where the party took place was near a swimming pool. So we took the advantage of that and went night swimming. Everybody was jumping around the pool, inside the pool and sprayed the others with water. That lasted for around 15min and then we all run out. That was so hilarious and exciting. Beside all the dancing, partying and drinking, everybody was a little bit sad. Despite the short time we spent together, we got attached to each other.

The last day I spent on the lake with EESTEC-people from Zürich. We brought the guitar with us and were singing. It was such a lovely afternoon. I felt like I would feel at home. Everybody was cheerful and smiled. Most participants left earlier. We had our flight in the evening and this time I wasn't frightened during our flight, maybe because I slept it over. I was very tired; I didn't go to bed before 5 every day, which can also tell you how good this workshop was.

I am glad that such a splendid workshop like this workshop was my first one. Thank you very much for making our stay at your place so pleasant and fantastic, for the opportunity to meet you and I hope that our friendship won't stop after

EESTEC Observers

We have new observers this year who are working hard to gain status of LC.

Observer LC Bitola

Year of foundation: 2006

Board members:

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Number of members: 12

Events organized in 2007/2008:

None.

About us:

In the past 2007 year we did not organize any events. But our members took part in the events in Budapest. For this incoming year of 2008 we are planning to organize some workshop in our city for the EESTEC members from all LC's. Also what i think that will be interesting to do is promoting the EESTEC idea to younger students by giving them lectures or organizing workshop's in the high schools. In our city there is much to see about power plants(the biggest power plant is located in Bitola). It contains everything that is interesting for future engineers. Our faculty has good cooperation with the powerplant and we are going there to fulfill the obligation of field work.



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Observer LC Patras

Year of foundation: 2006

Board members:

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Number of members: 18

Events organized in 2007/2008:

None.

About us:

Here, in Observer Patras, we are currently trying hard to organize our community. Our two main objectives are to settle matters of organizational nature and the second is to hold our first workshop. As far as the first one is concerned, we have a close relationship and cooperation with professors and are designing our official website. The only matter that is yet to be settled is of financial nature. As for the workshop, we have already discussed on the subject and we have found support from local media. We don't want to reveal any more details on the workshop. Of course, we are trying to increase the number of our members and are planning to launch a promotional campaign. Relationships with other student organizations do not exist.

Observer LC Zagreb

Year of foundation: 2007

Board members:

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Number of members: 19

Events organized in 2007/2008:

None.

About us:

So far we've registered our association and we gathered 19 members. We started to organize an event and we have only one sponsor so far but prommising contacts. We made contact with the Student part of our local IEEE and with the BEST association.

EESTEC International

Meet our Board members for the year 2007/2008

The International Board

Dear EESTECer's,

In the 22nd year of EESTEC, we are on our way to develop EESTEC and have EESTEC with better opportunities for the members. Through 22 years of development, EESTEC have changed and been restructured a lot; from a student network to a student organization with the activities of workshops and exchanges and from this point to a student association with wide range of activities, members and teams.

As we look at our mandate, we have started new steps and we have worked on improving the previous ideas and projects that EESTEC had started developing and implementing before our year like ECM, EESTEC Trainings, IT Team, EESTEC Treasurer Team, Internships, Design Team, PR list, Newsletter Team, Printing of EESTEC Magazine for the first Time in EESTEC history, more active BAs, more international teams, etc.

It's been quite busy, full and tiring year for all of us but we believe it's been worth for EESTEC and we could do most of the possible things up to the resources, conditions and members we had.

Many ideas for the future have started being implemented and there are still some new ideas that couldn't take place and will be handed over to the next years but also we believe that we shouldn't lose our concentration on the establishment of current new and developing ideas.

Chairman



First contact

I heard of EESTEC for the first time in 2004 December, from Orhan Sönmez who later became the first CP of Observer Istanbul. He was so excited of EESTEC and he was all the time telling of EESTEC instead of his trips he had just made to Slovenia and Brazil before December 2004. It wasn't long after I'd found myself captivated by this idea and later on our application for the observership of Istanbul came; I was one of the founders of EESTEC LC Istanbul. Later on the excitement and the inspiration of EESTEC had risen up with the stories I heard from my friends who participated to EESTEC events but I could

participate my first event of EESTEC in October 2005, in Budapest. After this event I was convinced that there is no cure for the addiction I have in my blood and in my dreams for EESTEC; furthermore I still think the same after having 14 events in EESTEC.

What EESTEC gave to me

I've had huge part of my life dedicated to EESTEC since I heard about it for the first time and this dedication and devotion have never left me alone during all this time. The reason I became an EESTEC member was not to travel, it was having similar people around me and learning, experiencing and sharing year by year, event by event, from welcome to farewell, with many e-mails, cultures, tasks, problems, successes and most of all with and by many friends.

During all these I've got many contacts from all over the continent of Europe and I've learned a lot about the cultural differences, about living with these cultural differences and about working with people who has different backgrounds and cultures. But above all, I've learned how to work with people in a group.

On the other side I could get to know myself better and awareness of myself and

EESTEC have increased a lot; This took me to the way of self development and also to learning how to help others to develop.

I had the great chance of being one of the first trainees of EESTEC internships and I've spent a perfect life in Madrid for one year by working in Telefónica Investigación y Desarrollo with the help of LC Madrid.

What I gave to EESTEC

EESTEC has taken a lot of work, commitment, time, nerves, motivation, energy, inspiration from me and in the meanwhile I tried to give all the professionalism I learned from EESTEC to EESTEC.

I was one of the founders of LC Istanbul and later on became the chairman of LC Istanbul. I was the main organizer of the first workshop of LC Istanbul, Get Mobile '06 and also main organizer of the first ECM in EESTEC history, ECM 2006.

I worked as the BA of EA for one year; during and before this period, I helped other LCs during their establishment period while they were observers and afterwards when they became LCs (Ankara, Eskisehir, Famagusta, Lisbon, Faro, etc.) and contacted many student groups all around the continent of Europe to have them inside EESTEC. I also visited 18 EESTEC LCs in the last two years of my EESTEC activities.

I worked actively to establish a system of Internships in EESTEC even from the first moment and have always contributed as much as I could whenever help was needed. Later on I became one of the trainees of EESTEC Internships in Madrid.

In the EESTEC Congress 2007, Budapest I became chairman of EESTEC International and carried all my activities to the international level of EESTEC with the experience and knowledge I had had in EESTEC until that time.

Being in the Board of int. board EESTEC Congress 2007 in Budapest has changed my life so much; it helped me a lot to increase my self-awareness and my awareness on EESTEC while learning many things about life, different cultures, views, working in and with international teams, professionalism, education, etc.

First of all, I'd like to thank all of my international board members, my BAs, all the members of EESTEC international teams for enabling all these possibilities and opportunities and for being with us during the whole year. I'm so proud of my board members and I believe we have done all the possible things up to resources, conditions and opportunities we had.

During our mandate, I mainly tried to focus on improving the current developments of EESTEC and in the meanwhile focus on unveiling a possible percentage of whole EESTEC potential. It was hard work and patience with strong nerves but I believe still EESTEC have much more potential than this and it's awaiting the forthcoming generations. Our aim was not only to keep EESTEC on the level it was before the EESTEC Congress 2007 and I've tried my best to carry EESTEC one step further away.

To admit the truth, this whole year was quite tiring and aging but also at the same it taught me a lot; not only about EESTEC but also for most of the skills, experience and knowledge I'll need during the coming years of my life. We worked with many people from many different cultures, perceptions, personalities and backgrounds and I learned many things from many individuals and tried to share all my ideas, experience, knowledge, inspiration and enthusiasm with all these members.

Also, as EESTEC suffers a lot from the continuity, I tried to focus on my BAs as much as possible and shared a lot of work, knowledge, experience and ideas with them. I believe most of them will redound their current levels and play important roles in the future of EESTEC.

What I couldn't

I've always wanted to increase the awareness of EESTEC members about themselves and about EESTEC but although it's been successful up to some point, I still believe there is still more work and dedication is needed on this issue. All this awareness of EESTEC and its potentials will lead us to another level of EESTEC which gives us not only the opportunities of meeting new people and developing ourselves but also creating a promising future for each EESTEC member.

Also I wanted to create a long term strategic plan of EESTEC for establishing and

anticipating the future but although the basics and principles of it has been created, still there needs to be a lot of more work and I'll handover this to the next mandate of EESTEC Int. Board.

My plans in EESTEC

After 5 years of studying and two years of internships in my university life, now it's time to move on for me and start a new life as an alumnus. My active being in EESTEC is approaching its end. I had more than three years of high activity in EESTEC both on the local and international level and it is hard to bring everything to a sudden stop. There are still a lot of things to be done in EESTEC and I'll handover all my activities as much as possible.

Ömür Göçer

Chairman of EESTEC International 07 - 08

Treasurer



Potential

A year has passed since I got elected at the congress in Budapest. This year has been quite a year. A year in which I got to know a lot of new people, new cultures and see a lot of different cities. EESTEC showed part of the things it stands for to me. Most of you know EESTEC stands for cultural exchange and meeting new people, but EESTEC stands for more.

The people I have been in contact with the most are of course my fellow board members. It was not all sightseeing and meeting new people. There was work to do. A lot more than I at first hand expected, however this also meant a challenge for me. There was a lot that could still be improved, new things to start and new developed methods which I can hand over now.

So which things were done this year? Within the boundaries of my position the biggest change I made was standardization for the bookkeeping. I looked for and found a ledger that can be used online and therefore is cross platform. With this program it is easier to keep track of the financial status of EESTEC and also what has happened in previous years. It will become a solid basis on which new treasurers can make their budget. Another big plus is the fact that with processing each receipt in the program it gets a number and when the receipt is archived you write this number on the receipt. This way it is easier to find when it is needed in the future. Bookkeeping is something that needs a lot of precision, precision that is hard to keep when there is no bookkeeping program to use. Next to that all the receipts have been scanned and saved digitally.

With bookkeeping you not only get receipts but you also have to send invoices. To make this possible you can use a template, but apprehensive to sending invoices is the fact that you need someone to send an invoice too and also something for

which they pay, something that they can get in return. This is sponsoring. That was another thing that had a lot of focus during this year. Next to a lot of effort we, we as I and my team: ETT, put in sponsoring, I made a sponsor system in which EESTEC can keep track of the history they had with the different companies. When I began all this information was in the minds of old board members, it was not written down anywhere. With this system it is possible to keep track on company contacts by writing down what you said to them over the phone and adding the emails you sent to them. This is very important because now the next board does not have to start from scratch again.

Thus with ETT we contacted a lot of companies and we found out that there was improvement possible in the things we offered to companies. Our magazine and site could use some improvement as well our events. I said earlier that most people know the two things EESTEC stands for I mentioned earlier, but EESTEC is larger than that. EESTEC is there also to exchange ideas and knowledge between our members and is there also for your career.

So my board and I tried to do a lot of improvement on these subjects. A new site was launched the magazine was printed and EESTEC's image in a whole increased, a little bit more serious without losing the relaxed atmosphere that EESTEC has. It's spirit. The foundation that was made for the career part did cost us a lot of effort and we hope that it will bring us a lot good things in the future.

Although we changed some things and made some improvements, there still is a lot to do and this was sometimes hard for me to cope with. Probably because of my Dutch nature I wanted to change more and faster than the rest of my board.

An important thing I learned from this is that this kind of cultural difference is hard to overcome and caused problems here and there, but that in the end it is possible to adopt a bit but also to get other people along to go faster.

One thing left: EESTEC go faster, reach your full potential.
Power your future!

Erik Zuidema
Treasurer 2007/2008
EESTEC International

Vice-Chairwoman for Internal Affairs



As Contact Person is the LC's link to the outer space, VC-IA is a link between the CPs and the Board. Duties of VC-IA are not strictly defined; communicating with CPs, guiding them, taking care of the Junior Local Committees, keeping the EESTEC family all together, internal motivation etc. doesn't seem very clear, right?! What you, as a Vice-Chair for Internal Affairs want to do is up to you; the basic things are not that hard. Doing more must be your goal!

Doing these basics is essential and this has been my goal for the first half of the year, but I am confident that I have done much more than that.

I have been trying to make this position more visible for CPs and LCs and to establish some things that will be easy to be followed by my successors. All the relevant email drafts have been made, all the related guides revised, a lot of Local Committees have been visited by the Board, training on Motivation and Activation in an EESTEC Team was made with a lot of effort, EESTEC Newsletter has begun to live among EESTECers... I am sure that the next VC-IA will be able to do a lot more and to implement a lot more of new ideas, with putting less effort into the elementary obligations.

As for the communication issues, together with my BAs, especially Aki from LC Helsinki and Martin, LC Ljubljana, I managed to get some order in the communication on the CP list. This was done by setting the rules and explaining them as many times as needed. The communication with CPs was increased and CPs were encouraged to have backups and to be responsive and responsible. Those who were the best were rewarded each month by becoming the CP of the month. The idea behind this new award in EESTEC world was to for the rest of the CPs to see an example of a good Contact person and to follow it, as being a CP is time-consuming, hard and very important for the information flow of the whole LC. What I didn't do is to be online on messengers more. This is what I promised

during Congress in Budapest, but it turned out to be very time-consuming and I decided to do things that seemed to me more useful.

CP list was maintained regularly and new CPs were guided. There have been many changes and the new CPs are very promising.

As for the situation of Local Committees, LC Vienna was excluded during Congress, so I informed them about it. JLC Eskisehir has become an LC. And what is very satisfactory, 15 LCs were visited by the Board, some of them even twice. This was the most fun part of being in the Board. Not only we attended Board meetings in different LCs (LC Skopje, LC Munich and LC Belgrade, and soon LC Ljubljana), we also visited LCs in Turkey, LC Sofia, LC Hamburg, LC Aachen, LC Nis, LC Novi Sad etc.

Problems LCs are experiencing are documented and classified and according of that we chose the trainings that were held during ECM and will be held during Congress. Possible solutions to the problems are trainings either during EESTEC statutory events or by encouraging LCs to organize trainings within their events. Training system will in a more efficient way help LCs overcome their problems; however, the fact is that it is up to LC how hard they will try to make their LCs strong. Unfortunately, my idea of Big Brother, Little sister program presented during Congress, didn't really live, as a lot of LCs didn't have will to commit themselves to such a thing.

As for collecting status reports and SWOT analyses, this was done twice and soon will be summarized for the third time. This will also be helpful to the next VC-IA to have a better overview of the situation in EESTEC LCs. Feedback forms have been gathered by Dražen Stanković, LC Belgrade, to whom I am really grateful for all the help I got.

EESTEC Hour was initiated and more can be read in the article in this Yearbook. This was a motivational event and for the other motivational activities, Mateusz, LC Wroclaw was in charge of updating the Activation and Motivation guide, which is made of the best practices that proved to be good in many strong LCs. A lot of Board Assistants gave their contribution to this, especially Gabi Dragoi, LC Bucharest. With help of Marko Obrknežev, LC Novi Sad, Vladimir Delibašić,

LC Belgrade and Martin Strojnik, LC Ljubljana, I made the training Activation and Motivation in an EESTEC Team, which I presented in Sarajevo, Niš and during ECM. It showed up to be a great success. I put a lot of effort into it and it really paid off. EESTECers who attended it motivated me by their comments and contribution.

As far as the rest of the guides related to the IA position, my BAs and I started to update User guide (Veronica, LC Sofia) and CP guide (Vladimir, LC Belgrade) a long time ago and they are about to be done, but it took us too much time. After this CP guide will probably not need any bigger updates (and so will not the Activation and Motivation guide), but my advice for the next VC-IA would be to update the User guide in the first two weeks of his/her mandate.

We have every reason to be proud of EESTEC Alumni this year. They showed that they still can't do without EESTEC and they are organizing even two events. One is during Congress and the other is the sailing event afterwards. Email to LCs with suggestions on how to activate alumni and why will be sent till Congress.

Mailing list structure and manual has been created at the beginning of my mandate and the lists mentioned in those documents were created and filled properly. Next VC-IA will know who is who on the CP list and will not have any trouble to find out how this is used.

Newsletter proved to be a very successful idea! Newsletter team is the team every Board member could ever wish. They were very motivated and we contributed to something new in EESTEC. The idea behind was to make better planning in EESTEC and to therefore have more participants to events, by announcing the events in advance. Since the beginning of 2008, we made the graphical versions, as we are the EESC students and need to be the best in design, too. For this, I would like to thank Elena, LC Skopje, Mehmet, LC Ankara, Clemencia, LC Delft, Ekin, LC Istanbul, Drazen, LC Belgrade and Aleksandra, VC-PA.

In order to do the better planning, Filippos, LC Athens made exam period graphs that will be put in the CP guide for the CPs to see when is the time when least LCs have vacations and breaks.

RoPs that will not take further bigger changes and that will have an impact to the quality of EESTEC. We have discussed these on all of our Board meetings and they will be made and presented during Congress. General Assembly is to approve them.

What I considered VC-IA to be was also the motivator in the Board and a team player, as every Board position is, so helping with comments when necessary is also required from a Board member. These are the things I have been involved with. I have been trying to help with communication with ECMOC and COC, as there is never enough of communication. Together with Aleksandra, VC-PA, I traveled to IKOM Job Fair in Munich and on that occasion also visited LC Munich and LC Hamburg. We also visited LC Istanbul, Eskisehir and Sofia, when going to the AEGEE Congress in Eskisehir. We had the best time ever on these trips and we are grateful for the hospitality of all these wonderful people! I have been trying to help with IT related issues and finished the part with the CP system on eestec.net. Of course, I have written a couple of articles for the Magazine and two of them for the Yearbook.

It was not easy and none of this would be possible without my Board Assistants, my fellow Board members and Gabi Dragoi, my predecessor, who handed over this beautiful duty to me. I am sure EESTEC family will only grow from now on; this will give more obligations to all future Boards, but the joy you are gaining and experience you are being given is priceless and worth breathing EESTEC.

Looking forward to meeting a new enthusiastic, promising and ambitious VC-IA!

Vice-Chairman for External Affairs



Passion for EESTEC, dedication to our values and goals, and a great love for our way of working and for the people involved, is the strongest and the most durable motivation one could have.

Three years of intense EESTEC local work on workshops, conferences, fund raising and PR activities made me one of the most addicted persons to EESTEC way of life.

A year of assistantship in the International Board , working closely with Dejan Pangercic passed. It was an intense experience, during which I learned so much, and after our 2007 Congress, it was time to continue our initial work and implement the projects that we had started.

Together with Husam, Elena, Faris, Jelena, Semir, Flavia, and others, I continued the ‘adventures’ in external affairs, and we were indeed one strong team. We contacted various groups of students around Europe, we worked on improving our connection with IEEE and IFISO, and also did some travels to our contacts in order to motivate them and teach them how to develop their group.

Also working with Tagi was so nice, as he is one of the organizers of the Leadership Summer School, the project endorsed by IFISO. And we both met in Budapest, while realizing this long term project.

Many memories come right now in my head, but maybe the one which impressed me most is when we all sat at the same table, during ECM, together with representatives from all our Observers, and board assistants. It was a warm feeling of belonging to a team, and it will always stay in my memory ,even after this year Congress.

My thanks to all members of the team, and may the EESTEC Spirit be with us for many years .

Ovidiu Moise

Vice-Chairwoman for Publications and Administration



Hello dear EESTECers,

How many times have you heard a story when someone completely spontaneously and without any intentions joined an eestec event and like caught in a time machine ended up in international board? Well, my eestec story is exactly like that.

My first workshop in Ljubljana was a trigger for this beautiful journey I have taken with EESTEC. I haven't even noticed when, after years of involvement in work of LC Nis, EESTEC became so big part of my life... and one day I woke up as VC P&A of EESTEC international board.

Being VC-PA of EESTEC International...

As VC P&A I was in charge of IT coordination, EESTEC Publications, International Bureau and Branding. I owe big thanks to all teams and committees that I have worked with and especially their coordinators that made my life much easier by working with me on all relevant issues and giving their best whenever they needed to.

EESTEC Magazine has three issues this year with double issue for the third one thanks to MC Committee LC Bucharest. Thanks to ETT and board members, it was decided that for the first time EESTEC Magazine is printed. Magazine guide is updated with help of current and previous MC Coordinators, Elena Diaconescu (LC Bucharest) and Tagi Khaniyev (LC Ankara). As for help for future MCs, there is part with tips for organization of Magazine committee added as well as

branding part important for publication like this one.

Yearbook is freshened up a little bit this year. Thanks to YB Committee, LC Nis, and its coordinator Stevan Cvetkovic, this year's issue includes reports from all events that happened in eestec since last congress both from organizers' and participants' point of view. All eestec bodies got the space in this issue as well since we are all very proud of their achievements and they fully deserve to be presented to whole eestec.

IT Team had very active working year as well as changes that happen within the team. Plone my web workshop was held in Skopje; New EESTEC generation portal was released and introduced to eestecers, ITT coordinator changed and big work started by ITT guided first by coordinator Rok Garbas (LC Ljubljana) is continued by his successor Andrija Prcic (LC Novi Sad).

VC P&A 06/07 Maria Viziteu started EESTEC Branding, the thing that has always been in some form present in eestec but never well defined. Next to Maria's work on EESTEC brand definition, my work during this year has been focused on making EESTEC visible to students, faculties and companies. After some initial work that had to be done, like making pr mailing list that demanded all LCs to delegate one person for that and researching current state in LCs, with help of my board assistants first EESTEC PR guide was made. Publication guide is updated as well and now includes all important parts that concern eestec graphical view. During second ECM in Belgrade I had an opportunity to hold a training "Branding and advertising" that helped me introduce the concept to LC representatives as well as get their feedback important for further development.

Design team was formed this year for the first time and its aim is to be responsible of international publications as well as local ones when needed as well as taking care of eestec graphical identity. It consists of 7 people and most of the things they have designed you can find in resources part of eestec international web site. Shuqru Bezen and Mehmet Tatlicioglu, (both from LC Ankara) were in charge, among other things, to collect all promotional material that was used during local events.

International Bureau is woken up after some years of sleeping. Thanks to new people in LC Madrid that took over responsibilities and its secretary Carlos Herrera, IB is active again. The team is formed, old documents that were missing

Herrera, IB is active again. The team is formed, old documents that were missing are gathered and online database is going to be ready to be used very soon. Apart from the duties concerning VC PA position it was a real honor and beautiful experience for VC IA Marija Jemuovic and me to go to IKOM job fair in Munich and represent EESTEC on AEGEE Agora in Eskisehir.

At the end...

This year has been pretty active for whole board and although, as in real life it is supposed to be, it had many ups and downs it influenced my life a lot providing me with great amount of valuable experience. Working with a lot of teams is a really great experience but it is not easy at all. Cultural differences make a significant obstacle especially in voluntary organization as EESTEC is but it is also a big challenge. Sometimes it works as you planed, sometimes not but the most important thing is to give your best to overcome all and learn something... That is what we achieved this year as a board and I am very proud of it.

Thanks Omur, Marija, Ovi, Erik, Clee, Marko, all board assistants, all team and committee members for being part of this beautiful picture. It wouldn't be the same without you.

With love,

Aleksandra Cvetkovic
VC P&A 2007/2008

Bodies of EESTEC

Take a quick look at our International Teams and Committees

EESTEC Alumni

...or is there a life after EESTEC?

The answer is: yes, and it is called EESTEC Alumni!

Why EESTEC Alumni?

Inside the EESTEC, a need to trace and keep track of our former members was identified. To address this need, EESTEC Alumni was put into life. EESTEC Alumni is a loosely coupled organization for EESTECers, who are no longer active e.g. due to graduation and starting work. Usually this is the moment one realizes that there is no longer so much time left for taking part in all the great stuff EESTEC offers.

So, why join EESTEC Alumni?

Firstly, EESTEC Alumni is a great means of keeping in contact with the friends you have hooked up with during the EESTEC activities. Wouldn't it be a waste to lose contact with all these people?

Secondly, members of EESTEC Alumni can take part in certain EESTEC activities. Particularly for younger members, this is a great opportunity to re-meet your friends. But also older EESTEC Alumni members have been spotted at EESTEC Congresses, e.g. in Bulgaria.

Last but not least, EESTEC Alumni is arranging its own Alumni activities. This year, people intend to go on a sailing trip together in the Adriatic Sea. Other such activities having taken place in recent years comprise: gathering in a Finnish cabin (including great party and sauna with direct access to the sea), or hiking in the Swiss Alps.

Have you already graduated? Or are you just about to graduate? Have you ever thought about joining EESTEC Alumni? It's really easy, just subscribe to the

EESTEC Alumni Announce Mailing-list and you'll be kept informed about what is going on. Further instructions on <http://alumni.eestec.org>.

Join now, and you won't lose contact with the great spirit of EESTEC.

Bernie Hoeneisen,
Chairman of EESTEC Alumni

EESTEC Treasurer Team



The EESTEC Treasurer Team is here to Power your Future!

We in Delft usually pick a theme for a yearbook which every writer "has to use" in his story. This is actually a nice way to start a story and give it some kind of extra decoration to the article. Because I want it to make it a little simpler for me to write you a nice story I choose to use the brand new theme of

EESTEC: "Power your Future!"

You probably haven't seen our emPowering faces around Europe much. We've mainly shown ourselves on last Congress in Budapest, we've given an workshop on accounting at the Current-€ event in Delft and the last time we were put into motion was on the EESTEC Chairpersons' Meeting in Belgrade. Luckily, people will have the chance to see us again on next Congress in Ljubljana and Rijeka. But I believe, we still haven't met a lot of EESTEC-ers around there to share our Future!

With EESTEC your Future! is at hand. You're not only getting the chance to make a trip to other countries at practically no money, you will also have the chance to explore those people within your Power engineering area, those people who are also building websites or study the world of algorithm. You can talk about programming your own FPGA, how to build SOA systems, discuss the way we use UML et cetera. Also you can visit sites on how we are going to engineer our Power in the Future! for example. All these experiences are a nice add up to your own study and will give you more experience in the field of your engineering degree while also meeting other cultures and to learn about these.

What ETT does to support your Future! is to improve contacts and possibilities for your Future! We also want to create those possibilities for these events and the

organisation to gain the financial Power Financial Power does not come from a battery, any strong potential, algorithmic exploration or heavily build SOA systems. No, financial Power comes from the eye that sees and tracks finances through an organization. Money in EESTEC for example comes mainly from sponsors, our Local Committee and in 2007 it also came from the European Union. Then this financial Power will flow to our support our activities, to support our publications, our meetings and to support back office activities that makes the organization possible. The have a sustainable Future! it is important to have the financial Power flow in the right way.

But also other financial Power is running through EESTEC. Every Local Committee has its own financial Power to organize it's exchanges, workshops and meetings. So, every Local Committee has to organize this Power to sustain it's Future! To help these Local Committees ETT help to create a sustainable financial Future! ETT gives workshops to those who need it, support them on accounting issues and currently we're even trying to create training movies to explain those accounting task to reach those who need the help in learning accounting to support not only the LC's Future!, but also to create more chances for his own Future!

To conclude the story of finances, Future! and the Power that is involved, I'd like to add that the main treasure that EESTEC has to offer is its multicultural environment. It teaches every EESTEC-er about how the world turns outside our own little country. As an EESTEC-er this will be an important asset that will Power your Future!

With the EESTEC spirit we wish the greatest Power for your Future!

René Elstgeest, Coordinator
Gerardo de Geest, Secretary
Adriaan van Buuren, Commissioner
Hugo Poley, Commissioner
Erik Zuidema, Qualitate Qua

International Bureau

My first task as Secretary of International Bureau was getting information and advice from former IBs. That was not complicated for me, since they were all from LC Madrid. I talked to Javier Liarte, Cristina Chavarrías and others. From those interviews I understood International Bureau has been inactive for few years.

People from LC Madrid also want to reactivate IB. We have been talking about some proposals for implementing this task. These proposals were:

- We voted for buying a very good professional scanner. With the old one we had to scan pages manually, and that's not an option due to the big amount of documents we had to deal with. Now the scanner have been bought and it's easier for us digitalizing documents.

- I've created an IB Team for help me with this scan task. From LC Madrid we want to develop this task at LC level, not only for the person which is elected in every Congress. Members for IB Team are now: Eduardo González, Guillermo González, Mario de Molina, Pablo Moncada, Adrián Pérez.

- In our new 2.0 Website (www.eestec.es) which I'm the main developer, I've implemented a File Manager to be able to public all IB documents online. This File Manager is finished but no published because the documents are not organized yet. I hope this Online International Bureau be finished and published while I'm still the Secretary, that is, before Congress.

What else have we done?

I've being trying to compile reports from last years from former YBC. I've also been in contact with actual YBC for getting these reports as soon as they have them.

On the other hand, I've been working with LC Delft in their project of making an EESTEC timeline with all Lcs in history and when they belonged to EESTEC.

implement some kind of relational database about participants and events in EESTEC. We're not sure now about how to make this become real, but probably it will become actual Online IB. This project will be finally presented to EESTEC in our Congress next month.

Internship Team

Since its very beginnings, the EESTEC has been known as a platform that connects young people across the Europe in a specific way. An idea exists for a long time that, besides exchanges and workshops, international internship places could be offered to EESTEC members. Being a profiled organization aimed at students of electrical engineering and computer science, EESTEC is covering target group that many companies can find attractive.

First official internship took place in Madrid, before the Congress in 2007. After those internships, a calm period set in. However, many activities took place, and 10 local committees were involved in the EESTEC Internships Programme. But it seemed hard to obtain new places, until LC Novi Sad brought some good news. Company “Indas” hosted four trainees from LC Istanbul and LC Eskisehir in Novi Sad during the summer.

In 2008, work on internships was coordinated with the efforts of the Treasurer Team. Internships are now offered to companies as a part of general cooperation offer. There are already some positive responses and we can expect more internship offers in near future. Apart from approaching companies on international level, we need to put more efforts in finding internships on local level. We need to motivate greater number of LCs to participate in the Programme, and what is more important – to work for this cause.

We already have centralized procedures for managing work on internships inside the EESTEC. This includes announcing the internships, collecting and forwarding CVs to companies offering places, and coordinating the selection process. We have some internships behind us. Now we need to get into second gear! Next step could be making of on-line database, where all members could leave their CV. Together with improved branding and, already running Next Generation EESTEC Portal, this could prove to be important asset in future partnership and cooperation offers for companies.

Only strong organization can provide competitive solutions to companies offering internship places. Internships are excellent way for motivating and

rewarding existing and attracting new members and members are what makes EESTEC strong.

Let's work together to make future closer than it looks like!

Boško Popeskov
EESTEC International Internships Coordinator

IT Team

Content here, content there, content everywhere

In today's high-tech, interconnected world, everybody has a web-site. EESTEC has one, every company has to have one, even the Flying Spaghetti Monster has one. But what makes a web-site? It's not the fancy graphics or the neat fonts. No, web-sites are there to hold content. Be it text, pictures, or (the latest trend), video, a web-site will live or die by its content.

Jure Forstneric

The problem with large web-sites, such as the one EESTEC has, is that the amount of content quickly surpasses manageable amounts. Put simply, there's just too much stuff and too few people to manage it. Enter the content management system or CMS for short. These are systems which take most of the leg work out of running a large web-site. They automate certain tasks and make it easier for users to work with the content, while at the same time being simple to maintain. One good example of a CMS in action is the well known Wikipedia. In fact, most web logs (or 'blogs' as most normal people call them) run on a simple content management system that allows the owner to post text and other media, and visitors to leave comments.

Who's Plone? Where's Python?

The next generation of the EESTEC portal (known as NGEP for Next Generation EESTEC Portal) is likewise based on an existing CMS known as Plone. This system is open source (which means free as in speech), easy to use and install, standards compliant, flexible, and works on many different operating systems. One of the most important aspects of Plone is the fact that it is licensed under the GNU General Public License. Since few lawyers will read this, we should explain what this means. Basically, it means that we can use it for free and change it any way we want. We have full access to all of the source code (as does everyone else), and anyone with basic programming knowledge can easily learn enough to help out with the adaptation.

Plone rests atop of Zope (which itself started out as a CMS), an open source web application server and development framework. It is written in Python, which is a very popular and easy to learn open source programming language. Plone runs on pretty much anything, from Windows, Linux, MacOSX, BSD... The same goes for Python, which is widely accepted as one of the easiest of programming languages to learn. In fact, many people recommend Python as a good starting point to learn programming. Python aims to be simple and readable, which makes it ideal for many different projects.

Because of all of this, Plone itself is very well supported. Many programmers work with it and improve on it. In fact, many companies also use it. Some are dedicated to Plone services, and there are even hosting opportunities made specifically with Plone in mind. This has led to fast development, and the latest stable version of Plone is already at number 3.

What's so hot about Plone?

We're glad you asked. We could fill an entire article with all of the new features and why they are so great. We might even fill the entire magazine if we tried hard enough. But we'll stick to some of the more interesting improvements. The new version makes Plone even easier to use, since it has Ajax-powered editing. What this means is that you don't have to reload the web-page to make changes, you just click on the text and edit away (provided, of course, that the administrator of the site has given you the correct permissions). The HTML editor has also been improved, among its new features is support for Flash content and the insertion of resized images. Automatic table of contents generation and character styles mean that it takes less time and effort to add content and change its style.

Another area with many improvements is collaboration between users. Two heads are better than one, right? Well, with the new version of Plone, there are many features to make working together easier. Automatic locking and unlocking makes sure that you know who is working on a document and for how long they have been working, so you don't accidentally overwrite someone else's work. It is easier to set permissions for certain users or for whole groups, to control who can do what with the content on the page. Plone also keeps track of who did what and when. Or, put differently, it takes care of versioning your content, so you can see what has been changed, and go back to the original if you wish. Workflows have been in Plone for a while, with version 3 there are a few pre-configured workflows, but it is easy to create new ones.

The newest version of Plone also interacts better with other programs and formats. It already has OpenID support, and it is possible to use free plug-ins to integrate with LDAP (and even Active Directory servers). Why is this so great? Well, it allows us to have one user name and one password for both our Plone site as well as other sites or services, such as forums. A nice addition is the Wiki support, which combines the simplicity of a wiki with the robustness, security and control of Plone. And seeing how many people work with Word and PDF documents, Plone 3 can index both of these formats, which means you can search in them as well.

Why do we need the Next Generation EESTEC Portal?

EESTEC had a working web site. Why would we need to work on and develop a new one, right? Wrong! With web technology growing fast every day, programming web sites is happening even faster, and an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science students' organisation does not need to follow an old and well known web structure, but needs to develop (and improve upon) a new one. Only a few years ago, web sites were simple, and there were only a few applications that could have been used, and all of that was managed by one person. Our "old" web site with years became unmanageable. Nowadays, one good structured students organisation's web site has a CV system, an event application system, mailing lists, a forum, a gallery, etc. All these applications can be downloaded and used as they are, but we needed them implemented and tailored to our needs. At the same time, the site had to be simple enough for regular users to work with. For three years, EESTEC members Rok Garbas, Florian Friesdorf, Marina Plavšic, Mirko Raca, Jure Forstneric, Nejc Zupan, Andrija Prcic and 27 members of the IT team (skilled in Plone) were researching and starting to build the Next Generation EESTEC Portal. This would be a portal that offered members and companies a way to connect, ease the work and improve the communication of EESTEC members, and also improve the skills of the developers.

EESTEC has just released its Next Generation EESTEC Portal. There are still many things to be done, but the main goals have been achieved. The content management system (CMS) Plone is what makes the site easy to use for everyone, not just programmers and developers.

With the new web site we are able to offer companies a new side of EESTEC, a

CV system. With it we can offer members jobs and internships after finishing faculty, or master and PhD studies. EESTEC gains a completely new dimension with this. The work, experience and soft skills a student gains in EESTEC, when linked with company job offers, become a very good future opportunity for the EESTEC member. The same applies to companies, because they will have a hard working employee that has developed many skills during their studies.

Members on the other hand get contacts and job offers, which are very important after finishing the studies. Finding a good job and connecting with companies is crucial for our future, and now it is now becoming a reality.

Can I be in your Team?

Of course, the EESTEC IT team is always on the lookout for new members. One of the best ways to get started is to take part in one of the Plone My Web (PMW) workshops. The first two were held in Ljubljana, Slovenia (in October 2006 and March 2007) and were a great success. The third took place December 2007 in Skopje, Macedonia (and it was also a great success :). These workshops have fewer participants than most of EESTEC's events, fewer than ten. The participants need to have a basic knowledge of HTML and CSS, and other programming skills can come in handy, though they are not necessary. As we've already mentioned, Plone runs on just about anything, and while most members of the IT team use Linux or MacOSX, many people first start out in Windows. Despite this, we use Linux at the PMW workshops, though we first introduce the participants to it so they can get down and start Ploning right away.

Most of the programming work being done in the EESTEC IT team is done in python, though as with any large project, we need people of different talents. Besides the programming, the site has to have a nice design and it has to have enough interesting content to actually attract our members to it. So besides the actual programming and design, we need people to write about EESTEC and to check over the writing. Someone to upload and categorise pictures, someone to write documentation. We would also love to hear any new ideas (pod-cast anyone?).

Though Plone has many features already implemented, most through plug-ins called products, we are working on our own products specifically for EESTEC. Our plan is to have a complete portal where LCs will be able to post their events and participants will apply directly through a web page. CPs will have much less

work, as will anyone looking for information about EESTEC itself or any of its LCs. Besides writing our own products, we are also adapting many of the products already finished. Another thing which is being worked on is the visual look of the site. We are following the guidelines set by EESTEC's VC-PA (responsible for publication and administration).

While the IT team keeps in constant contact via email (it has its own mailing list) and internet relay chat (IRC), there is nothing like meeting somewhere and working together on some aspect of the portal. So far we've had one working session in Ljubljana (called a sprint), with six members of the IT team present. Another sprint was planned for this autumn, though it was cancelled due to lack of time, as most of the members of the IT team also work on other projects (many of them related to Plone).

So, have we wet your appetite? Want more? You can come and drop by our IRC channel on Freenode, it is #NGEP - we have working meetings called "Online Sudnays" where we discuss work that has been done, as well as further development. We can't wait to see you every Sunday from 20:00 on.

Jure Forstneric LC Ljubljana

Magazine Committee



Hello,

My name is Elena Diaconescu and I have been person in charge of the Magazine. During Congress in Budapest, LC Bucharest was elected for Magazine Committee for 2007/2008 and afterwards I was elected to represent it.

Our initial goal was to make 4 issues of the magazine during this year but considering the circumstances we decided to close the year with 3 issues.

The beginning was a little hard but we learnt together as a team. After the first issue was uploaded on EESTEC international website, as it was usually done, second issue was finished, uploaded and for the first time printed and spread among LCs during ECM in Belgrade. The amount of feedback we got from different LCs was higher than usual and that helped us improve our work. We were aware that EESTEC Magazine was an important EESTEC publication and we tried to give our best.

While working as Magazine Committee, we realized it would be more efficient if we made working groups so we divided MC into following teams:

- Publication team - in charge of cover and layout design
- Editor team – taking care of spell checking and selecting the articles
- FR team – searching for sponsor and keeping touch with ETT for any possible sponsorship
- CP team - in charge of gathering the articles from local publication persons

The Magazine consists of 4 chapters: Life of LCs, Career, Academic and Culture. As a new idea, special chapter called Fresh News was added.

In cooperation with current VC PA, Aleksandra Cvetkovic and former Magazine committee responsible Tagi Khaniyev I worked on updating Magazine Guide. Apart from comments on regular content I added section with some pointers that might be helpful to future Magazine Committees and based on the experience I got during my involvement in MC.

LC Bucharest wishes you all the best,
And also a huge hug from a midget

Oversight Committee



Reading the RoPs, one might conclude that being an OC member is a pretty easy and uninteresting job. After all “checking financial and board reports at least twice a year” really seems like formatting your floppy discs would be more fun. In reality, the OC position gives you a whole other view of EESTEC. It makes you have all the information you need to get to the right conclusion, but not being buried with an

awful lot of day-to-day chores that for example a Board member would have to do. Metaphorically, whenever a Board member would feel like being captain of a ship sailing over stormy seas, we would feel like being the captains standing on a high cliff and having a clear view. Our duty was to tell them what we saw, and sometimes get them on their feet. As a beautiful Dutch expression says, the best captains stay on the shore. :)

The Oversight Committee would like to thank the members of the EESTEC board for their openness, willingness to cooperate and especially the patience they showed responding to all of our questions, advice, ideas and demands.

Marko Obrknezev, LC Novi Sad
Clemencia Ladeira de Abreu, LC Delft

EESTEC Spirit Never Rests

Although we had a year full of exchanges and workshops, EESTEC-ers manage to find something to do in spare time. What follows are just some of the many unofficial events organized...

LC Belgrade - EESTEC Chairpersons Meeting

10th - 16th Decembar 2007



This year LC Belgrade had an honor to be an organizer of the second EESTEC Chairpersons' Meeting – ECM. The ECM has proved to be very useful for further development of EESTEC so we did our best, together with members of International Board, to be good hosts.

In order to make this great event efficient and well planned and prepared, we invited members of International board to have board meeting one week earlier here in Belgrade and to take part and feel the atmosphere on our workshop “GoFarming!”



The ECM was held from 10-16. of December and mostly consisted of working sessions, leaving us not much time to present Belgrade to our numerous guests. Participants on the ECM were representatives of many LCs, members of International Board, BEST trainers and VIP guests, all together we had around 50 great people from all around Europe.

The most of our participants arranged to arrive on the first day of the ECM so they had chance to enjoy quiet dinner and great welcome party on the boat that was sailing on Sava and Danube around Belgrade.

Tomorrow morning, very busy and intense day started with two-hours-long sightseeing bus tour through Belgrade that finished in front of the City Hall. The ceremonial opening of second ECM was held there and representatives of city authorities, companies, media, rector's and dean's office were present. Of course, this ceremony wouldn't have sense without presence of our sleepy, but very well dressed participants and just tired (barely alive) organizers. After the ceremonial opening we had small but fancy cocktail and lunch in one famous Italian

restaurant.

Afternoon of the first working day was reserved for opening working session and presentations of all LCs. Since the Belgrade is well known for its night life we didn't want our guest to miss neither the one night without party, so we had great time in club called "Republic" in the center of the city.

Numerous useful sessions, workshops and trainings during the ECM were held by experienced members of our International board and friends from BEST. Special role in teaching EESTEC members in time management and leadership had professional trainers from Procter & Gamble.

People from different countries and cultures were discussing their ways of solving the problems that exist in all local committees and were trying to make conclusions that will help developing EESTEC on the international level. We also had a chance to become more familiar with ISBIR programme and benefits that both EESTEC and IEEE can have from this cooperation.

Looking back on the ECM now, I can say that motto of this event was "Work hard – fight with Omur to have a party even harder". Seriously speaking, we were trying to use all free time "holes" in packed schedule to relax and amuse our participants. We were using all means to help participants stay concentrated during the day and to stay awake and to have party during the night. We gave them coffee, chocolate, fruit, multivitamins, alcohol and cold shower on regular basis.

In the moment when our LC was accepted to be OC of second ECM we had a bit more than one month to do all the organization. For LC Belgrade, it was great challenge and we were enjoying in all preparations, and also during the ECM itself. We would like to thank one more time to all our participants and organizers for great time and moments that they gave us here and we hope that we will see you again here in Belgrade!

Kisses from Milica and Bojan

LC Budapest - Congress 2007

24th March - 1st April 2007

EESTEC

The Electrical Engineering Students' European Association is an organization of and for electrical engineering students from universities, institutes or schools of technology in Europe that award an engineering degree.

The primary aim is to promote and develop international contacts and exchange ideas, as well as to improve the technical knowledge of electrical engineering students. The association also aims to introduce students to the industry and the educational system of other countries. Until the Congress of 2007, EESTEC had had 33 local committees in 21 different countries.



MAVE - LC Budapest

MAVE was established in 1986. The aim of its foundation was to expand the knowledge and broaden the view of engineering students. Since the beginning, it has been a member of EESTEC. As a non-profit student organization, initially it arranged mainly short-term exchange programs. The foreign colleagues taking part in those programs were guided around Hungary and our association helped home students travel to other exchanges, workshops organized by different local committees all around Europe. Since then, as MAVE has become more recognised, our possibilities have grown, our profile has broadened, as well. Nevertheless, Budapest remained one of the most active local committees and in 2006 we were elected as the host of next year's congress.

The participants

LC Budapest hosted at Hotel Benczúr 98 guests on the last week of March 2007, electrical engineering students coming from 37 cities in 23 European countries and lecturers from the Board of European Students of

Technology and IEEE. The participants are all leaders – chairmen or board members – in their respective local committees.

Programme

The schedule of the Congress included three types of official programmes, the general meetings, the working sessions and the training blocks. The former being the highest forum of EESTEC, reports of the board and different bodies of the association - as well as the election of these for the year to come - took place at those plenary meetings. Working sessions have a different role, a specific project is discussed upon at these occasions. Training blocks aim to improve participants' personal skills, making their work for EESTEC more effective, thus more valuable – communication, fund raising and accountancy were among the topics treated this year.

The above mentioned official sessions filled most of the day, so for the remaining time, the organizers had to prepare a full schedule that made it possible for the guests to familiarize with Hungarian culture. This unofficial part included the visit to numerous monuments in Budapest – the Castle of Buda, Heroes' Square, the Parliament, etc. -, some pleasant hours spent in Széchenyi Spa, and a Hungarian Night with authentic Hungarian folk dance.

Oracle, the main sponsor of the event prepared an online quiz for the participants with a number of questions to answer every day and later Mr. Tamás Klotz held a presentation about global IT trends and the strategies of Oracle. The presentation was also interactive and those who got the correct answer for the questions asked received Oracle presents. In the guests' opinion, the presentation proved to be highly interesting, giving an insight look at the company's technologies instead of only scratching the surface and marketing. The award ceremony of the online quiz also took place after the lecture.

The organizers would like to thank Oracle for making it possible to host nearly one hundred European students in Hungary, we do hope that this successful event was only the first chapter of the cooperation between Oracle and MAVÉ.

EESTEC Hour 2007

by Marija Jemuović, VC-IA International

For me, EESTEC is really the best thing that has ever happened in my life. I have visited many different places, met many interesting people and their ways and habits and experienced tempting and unknown cultures. What I concluded is that in EESTEC we tend not to be Romanians, Serbians, Dutch or Finish. We are all



EESTEC-ers and we do gather and make Europe smile.

Our beautiful differences give colors and shades to the compact mosaic we make and EESTEC Hour is the event where we show our unity. Every year at the same time, during the same hour, all around Europe, we buy balloons, lollypops, candies; we print smilies, little flags, go to a park or a square and

try to make passers-by happy and smiled.

This was not a promotional event; this was pictured as a motivational event, where members of every Local Committee were totally free to express their creativity and contribution in making their piece of the mosaic, just by having pure fun and enjoying making people happy. By giving your new members to organize it, you give them all the freedom to prove themselves and to organize something that just can't go wrong.

2007 was the third year EESTEC organized this event and we can hardly wait for the next time to show once again that our differences are not obstacles, but advantages for making the bigger picture more colorful and interesting. However, this was the third year of EESTEC Hour and yet, not all the LCs organized it; some of them had exams, some were on a vacation, some were just being EECS students and thought of this as not geeky enough, but guys and gals, this was a very good idea and could be of use in your LC!

Looking forward to the fourth EESTEC Hour and I hope I'll get a smile just from you!

LC Budapest - Programming Contest

4th - 6th May 2007

Preface

BME International 24 Hour Programming Contest took place for the seventh time this year. The Challenge24 Contest was held on 4-6th May 2007 with the kind support of Fornax. Two student organisations were responsible for the event, MAVE (Electrical Engineering Students' Hungarian Association) and Simonyi Karoly College for Advanced Studies.



The tasks were presented by PhD students of the Department of Computer Science and Information Theory: Daniel Darabos, Andras Nemeth and Lukacs Berki, participants of previous events. Since the beginning, the goal of the contest has been to test not only the coding skills of the contestants, but also their stealth and ability to concentrate under extreme conditions. Success only comes to those who can write the code quickly, are self-sufficient and work well in a team. Participants are required to focus for 24 hours and need a good understanding of all aspects of information technology. The organisers are there to arrange and ensure that all the contestants' needs are met so that they can focus on their tasks - and forget about everything else.

Internet Qualification Round: Electronic Contest

243 teams fulfilled the conditions of participating in the electronic contest held on the Internet. The teams represented 31 countries, not only from European nations but also from – among others – the United States, Iran and China.

The organisers are happy to see many new teams entering the contest each year, as well as the familiar faces – coming mainly from Poland and Sweden.

According to the rules, the top three teams from the previous contest automatically qualified for this year's finals. The teams finishing in the top 27 in the electronic contest were invited to participate in the finals, held in Budapest. The top three among the competing teams were Jon far bestÄmma from Sweden, UPC – Mercilessly from Spain and Texas Codeboys from the USA.

The contest

On Saturday, 5th May 2007 at 8:30 AM the finals began. At the opening ceremony, Dr. Gábor Péceli, dean of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics (VIK) and the chairman of the John von Neumann Computer Society opened the contest as its patron, and István Maradi, vice-chairman of the Scientific Association for Infocommunications Hungary, and László Csanádi, head organiser, greeted the contestants. The competition started at 9:00 AM. The 30 competing teams represented 11 countries: Austria, Hungary, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine and the USA.

It is not just a game – the task

The tasks were created by PhD students of BME. Solving them required knowledge of a wide area of Information Technology, such as computer networks, artificial intelligence, computer graphics, and more.

The competition was about a spacecraft lost in space, without known coordinates, engines or radar. The teams had to equip (i.e. program) their own ship with basic facilities by means of solving algorithmic sub-problems, a huge challenge in itself! After that teams had the opportunity to develop shields, laser guns and torpedoes. The universe was occupied by the hostile Alien Kwargs that guarded treasure located on planets throughout space. The teams had to collect the treasure and transport it to banks, while in battle with the enemy who were seeking the return of the treasure. Additional points could be collected by destroying Kwargs or opponents.

If a team lost its ship, it had to take a 15 minutes forced break before restarting the game, which proved to be a huge drawback when teams were competing at the same level.

A battle map of the universe was projected in the central hall during the contest, so

the teams could monitor the state of play. Besides exploring the area, the participants had another task: to develop a space rat that was aggressive enough to beat all the other teams' rats in face to face combat. The rat championship took place after the 24 hours contest was complete. The winner of the competition was awarded extra points.

The contestants said they were extremely satisfied with the tasks. Some of the veterans said that this year's contest was probably the one they liked the most. In fact, many teams competed with each other to build space-station-like ships just for fun, though size did not matter and they were not rewarded any extra points for their effort. Some teams developed a code that expanded the size of their ship exponentially with time, but to be able to keep up with points, they also had to get back to exploring the universe, collecting treasure and conquering planets.

Vision

This year the organisers received a great deal of positive feedback again from both Hungarian and non-Hungarian professionals, confirming that there is a high demand for such a programming contest. The number of participants in the electronic contest is growing, and the first female contestant qualified for the finals this year. Many firms and well-known professionals supported Challenge24, and the organisers aimed to express their appreciation by ensuring a flawless event took place.

The teams' feedback was also positive, with the winning team from Sweden expressing their hope that the contest will be back next year.

Acknowledgement

The event was made possible by our generous sponsors. We would like to express our appreciation and thanks towards them.

LC Ljubljana - JobFair

26th - 29th November 2007



From the 26th till the 29th of November, LC Ljubljana occupied the faculty hall organizing a fair of opportunities for students and companies – JOBFAIR. Different companies and institutes from fields of electrical engineering and informatics presented themselves directly in front of the students. As an extent of the fair, we also organized 2 interactive workshops, which presented students how to present themselves in front of the companies, when applying for desired position.

We were cooperating with 25 companies, 15 of them were presenting themselves with their stands. All of them were promoted and presented in the fair's brochure, which was distributed to the students of Faculties of electrical engineering and computer sciences.



We very pleased by the positive response from everyone involved. The students have also shown a lot of interest in it, especially in scholarships and part-time jobs. Therefore we are already planning similar project for the upcoming year.

LC Belgrade - Programming Contest

26th - 29th November 2007

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EESTEC Competition of Developers

In March, 2007 LC Belgrade organized a coding competition “ <ecode>” (EESTEC Competition of Developers) in collaboration with TopCoder, a famous American development company. More than 40 young programmers from whole Serbia took part in this event. Since that we had a great number of competitors and the representatives of TopCoder were pleased with the organization, EESTEC decided to organize this event again in December.

Preparation for the competition was held on 28th of November at ETF. One of our professors, Zaharije Radivojevic, was giving lecture about java class libraries useful for solving algorithm problems. People who were there had the opportunity to see examples of solved problems.



“ <ecode> reloaded” was held on 4th of December 2007 at ETF, in the laboratory of Ivan and Jelena Rasovic. The lab was filled this time also.

Competition is divided into several stages. Stage one is the coding itself which lasts for 70 minutes and has the goal of solving 3 algorithm problems , different complexity levels in one of the available programming languages (C++, C# and Java). During the second stage the competitors challenge each other’s code ,looking for bugs and gain points.

The competitors were studnets from ETF (59%), Scholl of Computer Science(RAF - 27%) and Mathematical Faculty (MF - 14%). First place went to Kabiljo Igor, second to Stankovic Milos and third to Toroman Srecko, all students of RAF.

After the competition, lectures were held on the subject “Pexim Solutions -

Solutions without borders” and “Agile methodologies in software development - examples from practice in Mozart sport”

TopCoder is well known for competitions they organize with worlds biggest IT companies like Google, Intel, AMD, AOL, Motorola and many other. This time they provided very nice prizes for the best competitors: 4GB iPod Nano, Logitech MX Revolution wireless mice and 4GB USB Flash memory stick. General sponsor of the competition was Pexim Solutions and ASW Engineering, Mozart sport and CET were also sponsors. They provided books for the best competitors

LC Novi Sad - JobFair

11th - 12th December 2007

EESTEC LC Novi Sad is very proud to be the organizer of KONTEH07, a job fair which took place at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad on 11th and 12th December 2007. It is the second time that LC Novi Sad organizes such an event, with the purpose of promoting possibilities of finding a job and developing professional careers in companies working in Serbia, as well as helping students of technical faculties to find a job and companies to find best employees in this area. 15 companies from region participated.

More than 600 students seeking for employment left their CV. Besides an online CV database at www.konteh.org (only in Serbian), 5 PCs were set up for this purpose during the event.



The event was well promoted among students and accompanied by presence of the press. Coorganizer of the event was IEEE Novi Sad and IEEE-ISBIR project; we had 2 guests: Yasemin Baser from Turkey and Andreas Koltes from Germany, who held presentation about ISBIR project during KONTEH. We had support from our University, City Government and Government of Vojvodina.

In LC Novi Sad very first preparations for KONTEH started half year before the fair. The organizing committee consisted of 7 people. There were teams for FR, PR, IT and logistics, each numbering more than 10 people, and the full number of EESTECers from LC Novi Sad who helped this project to come true is more than 60.

LC Belgrade - JobFair

After successful organization of previous two job fairs, organizers had challenging task to meet and exceed expectations that people had for this year's event. Last year, 22 companies participated, more than 1000 people left their CVs in our database, and, most importantly, many young people were employed. Each year, "JobFair – Create your future!" is organized in cooperation of EESTEC LC Belgrade and BEST LBG Belgrade. Partnership with BEST LBG Belgrade, as an organization that gathers students of technology, allows this event to cover students from all technical schools and departments of universities in Serbia.

Idea of "JobFair – Create your future!" project is to connect successful companies that operate in Serbia with students and universities. Goal of this event is to offer job and internship opportunities to technology students in Serbia in order to diminish and eventually stop "brain drain" problem that is significant issue for Serbian economy.



Besides leaving their CVs in an on-line database on official website, visitors could use 15 computers set up just for this purpose during the event. The biggest asset of "JobFair – Create your future!" is opportunity for visitors to meet with HR managers from every participating company and discuss career-building opportunities with them. During the event, a number of workshops had been arranged (by professionals from HR and PR consulting agencies), in order to help students boost their self-confidence and improve personal communication and presentation skills. This way candidates have better chance of getting the job or an internship that they find interesting.

Each time, organizers of the fair are putting up something new to provide more benefit. This year, for the first time, round-table discussion "What should I do after graduating?" was organized, aiming to offer solution for problem of

unemployment among young people with University degree. Participants of this discussion were representatives of Belgrade University, government's National Employment Agency, NGO involved in higher education reforms, and one student representative.

More than 60 people were actively involved from both EESTEC LC Belgrade and BEST LBG Belgrade in massive PR and FR campaign, which resulted in 42 companies that participated this year. We had more than 4000 visitors in two days. The biggest expositors were Microsoft, followed by Coca-Cola HBC, who was also official drink supplier of the event. After closure, our database counted over 2000 CVs, and the most important is that just two weeks after the fair many people had already started working for some companies, which makes us believe that number of people that will get a job or an internship will be much bigger than last year.

“JobFair – Create your future!” became a well known brand in Serbia, and is recognized as the biggest event of its kind for technology students, and as one of the biggest job fairs in Serbia in general. EESTEC LC Belgrade is looking forward to sharing its experience and best practice with the rest of EESTEC, as well as exchanging ideas with other LCs that are organizing similar events. Both Serbian and English version of official website can be found on www.jobfair.org.yu.

Boško Popeskov, Head organizer

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