

IUW Jena 2010 – Dozentenfeedback (Stand 6.5.2010)

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Here is our feedback on IUW Jena:

- + perfectly organized
- + the students got the credit for all of their work
- + flexibility: BBQ was changed due to the weather – a company came in and provided excellent food
- + all of the workshops were well-prepared
- + excursions made up for missing students and teachers (due to the volcano)
- + excursion to Buchenwald and Weimar was brilliant
- + the €10 tickets/Weimar ticket were great
- + the coordination of the welcome evening Sunday was wonderful
- + the live music was fantastic
- + farewell party was very nice
- + the mensas were very good
- + we were fed day and night
- + the hosts were wonderful

The negative feedback is almost non-existent:

- Although the city rally was a great way to get to know Jena, it was too long, and one host/guide provided no information whatsoever
- Some workshop presentations were too long, some not well-prepared, some not presented at all
- Final session was somewhat chaotic, some groups were not well prepared; choir was too long; the awarding of certificates part was too long

Best wishes,
Carolyn

Prof. Dr. Irene Hiebinger, University for Applied Sciences Upper Austria, Linz (Austria), Fachbereichsleitung Soziale Kompetenzen

Summaries of the impression of IUW Jena:

All in all the organization of the conference was great. The comprehensive topic of the IUW in Jena provided workshops with different aspects of social work and offered participants the opportunity to choose a special field. The small and permanent working groups in each workshop ensured a good and effective working-atmosphere and forced lectures as well as students to take their preparation seriously. The request for the students to prepare the chosen topic with regard to their countries made it possible to discuss, to reflect and to compare national standards and qualities of social work.

The offer of field-related excursions was enriching and delivered an insight into the practical knowledge in addition to the theoretical discussions. Last but not least the program with regard to the social activities was a great pleasure for us and gave us the opportunity to get to know each other in a pleasant atmosphere. We enjoyed the good food, the individual and private talks as well as the theoretical exchange.

Many thanks for the hospitality and the well organized conference. We really enjoyed the program and the good atmosphere during the IUW in Jena.

Irene Hiebinger

Prof. Dr. C. Spatscheck; Hochschule Bremen

Lieber Thomas,

wir sind alle wohlbehalten und mit guten Eindrücken aus Jena zurück nach Bremen gefahren. Vielen Dank für die gute und engagierte Organisation der International University Week in Jena. Sowohl unsere 6 Studierenden als auch wir beiden Lehrenden fanden die Teilnahme an der IUW sehr inspirierend und bereichernd. Durch die IUW wurde die FH Jena zu einem Ort der vielfältigen internationalen Begegnung bei dem sich Studierende und KollegInnen aus den beteiligten Hochschulen fachlich und persönlich austauschen konnten.

Wir waren besonders beeindruckt von der guten Organisation, dem hohen Engagement der HelferInnen und GastgeberInnen, die unsere Studierenden sehr persönlich und herzlich empfangen haben, die Feste und Empfänge immer mit einer persönlichen Note und Liebe zum Detail gestaltet haben. Nicht zuletzt durch dieses persönliche Engagement wird die Jenaer IUW in besonders guter Erinnerung bleiben werden. Und aus anderen Erfahrungen als Organisator weiß ich, wie viel Aufwand dahinter steckt, ein größeres Helferteam an solche mehrtägigen Veranstaltungen heran zu führen und bei der Stange zu halten. Als Kollege war ich auch sehr beeindruckt, wie viele Lehrende aus Jena bereit waren, in Englisch zu unterrichten und sich für die Woche frei zu halten. Aus dieser Sicht scheint auch die Integration der IUW im Studiengang sehr gut realisiert zu sein. Wir können uns nun die IUW aus Jena als gutes Vorbild für die nächste IUW in Bremen nehmen.

Vielen Dank an alle Beteiligten und Beste Grüße aus Bremen,
Christian Spatscheck

Dr. Camilla Nordberg, Swedish School of Social Work, University of Helsinki (Finland)

Dear colleagues,

Thank you for the well organised and inspiring days in Jena - it was well worth the swim! The backpack has already been used for the most varied things.

Already at this point I would also like to ask you to seriously consider coming to Helsinki this autumn. We would be very delighted to host you as a visiting lecturer.

All the best from Helsinki,
Camilla Nordberg

Drs. Hilde Bloemen, Kath. Hogeschool Leuven (Belgien)

Dear Thomas

Thank you and your students for an interesting week. I mail you a brief note because I have too much work.....

The IUW was perfect organised! The system of 'student hosting student' is import in this exchange. Our students have experienced how students of Jena live, eat and most of all think about studies, social work, policy and live in general! The time they spend together they had a lot of conversations.

The role of students in this IUW was very important. They showed us that they can organise activities very well.

The participation on the workshops has given the students the possibility to think and discuss important issues of social work. The input of social workers from Jena has given new information how to deal with problems of 'Rechtsextreme Gewalt'.

Kind regards Hilde Blomen

Hanneke Sulman, Hanzehogeschool Groningen (Niederlande)

Dag Thomas,

Het was een geweldige week. De organisatie was perfect en ik ben opnieuw onder de indruk van jullie gastvrijheid. Dank aan jou en de studenten . Wat ik tot nu toe terug kreeg van mijn studenten is dat ze het een interessante en erg leuke week hebben gevonden. Ik heb ze gevraagd zelf nog te reageren (ik stuur hun reacties naar jou). Zelf heb ik met plezier mijn workshop gegeven.

Een volgende keer zou ik het interessant vinden om ook een workshop te kunnen bijwonen van een van de collega's.

In de toekomst kom ik graag weer naar Jena.

Hartelijke groeten,

Hanneke Sulman (Groningen)

Lecturer Sarina Reekmans, XIOS Hogeschool, Hassel (Belgien)

The International University Week in Jena was a very interesting experience. We had the opportunity to make new contacts, visit Jena, exchange ideas and information about social work in different countries.

It became clear that some of the lectures couldn't make it to Jena because of the consequences of the ash cloud for the planes. This was unfortunate because some of the workshops had to be cancelled or someone else had to fill in for the responsible lecturer. But finally all the workshops went great so the consequences were very well handled.

The students of Leuven first explained how social work in Belgium is organized. In the workshop participated students from Belgium and Germany, so we compared how social work, and more specifically the treatment of young delinquents is organized in both countries. This caused very interesting discussions. In the end of the day it was clear that you have to handle each client (delinquent) as an individual and search for the best way to handle with his or her deeds.

Overall the international university week was a very interesting and pleasant experience. It was arranged well and we were well received.

Regards Sarina
