

Feedback IUW Jena 2015

During the IUW Jena 2015 altogether 110 participants – 41 international and 45 students of Jena, 12 international as well as 12 lecturers of Jena – have taken part in an interesting program including several social-cultural and group activities, field visits and excursions.

The evaluation has shown that nearly everybody was very pleased with the organization, the academic content as well as the social cultural program. Below we documents the individual feedbacks of international lecturers who have participated within the IUW Jena 2015

International Lecturers:

We were very much impressed by the thoughtful way things were organized in every detailed aspect. Memories go out to the interesting key note speakers during the first afternoon, the lovely (mostly homemade) catering all through the week, the most interesting workshops we attended and of course the opportunities we were given to get to know life as it is in Jena. Furthermore the kindness of you and your organizing committee of students have made a deep impression on us. The way your students took care of ours and hosted them in their own student housings has been unforgettable. Last but not least I would like to mention our visit to Buchenwald. It was so nice to be able to take sufficient time to let sink in what exactly went down over there only 70 years ago. I noticed that my group of students were, in the best possible way, really struck by this experience and I'm sure it will play a significant part in the way they perceive all kinds of obvious themes.

By the way, the other week I had dinner with the group I came to Jena with, and it was just lovely to notice the sheer intensity they brought back all the wonderful memories of our visit to Jena. Most of them still are in frequent contact with some of the foreign students they have met. Isn't that just great?!

Kind regards,

Jelco Caro / Hogeschooldocent / Erasmus coordinator / Hanze Hogeschool Groningen

Thank you very much for hosting us in Jena.

Our special thanks go to the wonderful students group who just knew how to let us feel comfortable and how to spread a cozy atmosphere. They were so engaged!

The week was full of academic program as well as social-cultural contacts.

So IUW is an important conference for the exchange of culture, nations, universities and students, to think and work together. The topic "Diversity and Innovation" attended us the whole week through various workshops and field visits, for instance about participation in youth and community work or on the field visit to a living home for elderly suffering from dementia.

Personally it was my first time in Jena and I liked it very much being as close to Goethe and Schiller and Anna Amalia.

We brought a lot of knowledge as well as experiences back to our home University in St. Pölten, Austria.

With warm regards,

FH- Profin Mag^a (FH) DSA Christine Haselbacher, St. Pölten

The international week was a good opportunity for students from different countries to learn together in small working groups, to know and to use a new learning ways/methods. For lecturers it was excellent time to discuss about social work and social policy developments/perspectives in European countries and also to share/exchange a teaching methods.

Thank you very much for your concern regarding our colleague. Again, thank you for organizing this interesting international week.

Best wishes.

Dr. Aino Kiis, Tallin

Me and the students arrived well back in Belgium. Again: thanks a lot for the excellent organized conference (also to your students). The manner in which both students and teachers were informed in advance by mail and via the website was perfect.

Both the reception and farewell were excellent organized to the last detail (thanks also to the cooperation of the students). In terms of content it was also good. A variety of themes where I could make out my choice and I learned a lot.

All the best and good luck for the future social workers of Jena in their lifes, professional as well as private.

Dr. Frank Cockx, Leuven

I would like to congratulate you for the excellent work of you and your nice team! It has been a very enriching experience. The students from Málaga are very pleased of having been part of this International Week.

Prof. Dra. Marta Ortega Gaspar, Malaga