

Report - EFORT Travelling Fellowship

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17th of October 2010 at 19:00 in Seefeld hotel lobby in Zurich was the first meeting of the group of the autumn travelling fellowship. The meeting was before we walked to the Latino restaurant which was about 3 minutes walk from the hotel. We were about 16 fellows from all over Europe, except me from Sudan; each one of us was quiet and a little bit shy during that meeting and walk. Then we spend about 3 hours in the restaurant before we were walking back to the hotel which was totally different as all of us talking to each other and it was a friendly feeling. I am saying these to explain how fast it goes to create a relation bond between fellows.

The programme made by the organising society was done almost as planned which was very exciting and interesting. Before we go to Switzerland some time I thought this will be very tough days and full of activities we have to do but when we were there I feel like this is very interesting and there is always a lot of subjects we discuss together regarding training, economics, tourist, social lives, etc. in each fellows country and all the time we discovered different things.

From the second day of the programme we start doing our own programme which was organised by us as we became more closer to each other so we liked to spend more time together, so every day when the programme organised by EFORT was over which is usually around 11 at night and when we came back to the hotel we start going out again by ourselves, we nominated a fellow which was the one from Italy to organise and lead us during the night shift of the programme this was very exciting, interesting and funny. All the nights we chat and had fun then we went back to the hotel late at night to have few hours to sleep before we start the next day programme.

All activities either scientific, social and entertainments were great but there were some special and unique things happened to me like it was the first time in my life to see and live in SNOW in Davos, and all other fellows were surprised about this, so they asked the bus driver to stop the bus for a while then we went out of the bus and they start to throw me with snow balls and taking a lot of photos with me.

The last night in Geneva was special as we went to a nice place where we got a lot of fun; there were magic shows, dance shows and party this was after we got dinner and certificates in a wonderful restaurant with Prof. Pierre Hoffmeyer and Dr. Lorenz Büchler. During that night some fellows started to say goodbye as they should leave back home early in the morning and these were sad moments and we wish if we can stay for more days but at the end we have to say good bye.

A lot of time I am thinking to find disadvantages or suggestions to send it to the organising office in EFORT so to improve the Travelling Fellowship but really I couldn't because it was GREAT & FANTASTIC.

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