

Kassel Master Student in Electrical Communication Engineering attends “EUREL Students Meeting in Graz (Austria) 5th – 7th of June 2009”

According to William Hazlett, one of the pleasant things is to go on an excursion. The same was experienced by me when I visited Graz, the 2003 cultural capital of Europe, this year, for a students’ meeting for electrical engineers from all over Europe, and participated as a member of the VDE YoungNet regional Kassel.



Standing on the ‘Grazer Schloßberg’, while taking rest during the climb

After a seven hours long and tiring drive from Kassel through Bayern and picturesque Austria, we took our breakfast in the Youth hostel on Friday morning and paid a brief visit to the city centre. The start was very good, and I was amazed by the historical buildings and the street ways of the downtown. The programme began at 2 p.m. where I happened to meet different students from different parts of Europe. There we had lunch together and little formal conversations with one another. This was followed by a brief lecture by the coordinators, thus welcoming the guests, and a show act. Afterwards, the organizers showed us some historical places and buildings in the city that were very old, but still preserved in a very good condition by the city administration. Some of them were the ‘Landhaus’, ‘Rathaus’, ‘Jakominiplatz’ and ‘Kunsthau Graz’. We visited in particular the city centre and the famous peak in Graz, ‘Grazer Schloßberg’ (Castle Mountain with clock tower).



The peaceful "Murinsel", on the mighty river Mur

Meanwhile, we were also fortunate to have a guided tour through various parts of the Technical University of Graz, along with brief introduction to the structural organization of OVE and IEEE Graz. The visit to the laboratories and the workplace is worth mentioning in this perspective. The university mirrored to quite some extent, a modern, state of the art look, with an impressive technologically advanced outlook. We returned back to the hostel after that.

The next morning (Saturday) began with an inspiring demonstration of the Faraday's experiment in the high voltage laboratory, with the help of lightning strikes on an automobile. Some volunteers were selected among the audience for the said purpose. Afterwards, there was a long day, full of football. Meanwhile, there were also some small games like small juvenile throw and blowing balloons. This was a very exciting time of the event, though quite tiresome and exasperating in the end.

The evening started with prize distribution ceremony and afterwards we had our dinner with barbecue. Then the summer night party began in which along with the participants of the meeting, many students of the University of Graz also took part. This continued late night along with drinks. This marked the end of the second day.

On Sunday morning, after breakfast, there was a small lecture from representative of the University of Passau, in which she presented recent work on driving safety technologies for the prevention of accidents on road. This tutorial on advanced safety techniques was quite inspiring and informative for me. This was followed by a small lunch and then we started our journey back to Kassel, through the mighty mountainous Austrian land. I took some spectacular photographs of parts of this splendid, awe-inspiring and breathtaking paradise on earth.



Group photo of our Football team and Athletics: Throwing hard disks



Attending lecture during the programme

I congratulate VDE, IEEE and OVE for organizing a sizeable gathering and converting it into a memorable occasion for me. I would like to thank them for providing me a chance to participate in such a wonderful get-together, and look forward to such events in future as well.