



Destiny - that I think is the best word to describe the way that had led me to my traineeship abroad. It all started when my university friend related me that she started to collaborate with IAESTE, and that she heard it is very interesting and gives many profits. I thought why not. I joined LC Kraków at AGH University and during my work I decided to go abroad ☺ and that is what has led me to Basel.

At first I felt a little lost, especially that I don't speak German or Swiss German. So I was a little confused with all those things I had to do at the beginning, but Anna Käte – in whose home I am living – told me everything, if I had any question – she knew the answer ☺ so just after few days I felt like home.

-=Work=-

I work in Schönenbuch at Institute for Applied Plant Biology. The task that is my responsibility is really close to my faculty – Environmental Engineer – but in the same time very developing, gives me another look at the same problem, and moreover gives me the possibility to have comparison between methods used in Poland and in Switzerland.

But what is also very important for somebody new, almost from the very first day I felt there like 'at home'. Everybody was so kind and indulgent. They were translating everything for me into English, easily explaining everything and treating me like equal worker.

Thanks to this job and the kindness of my employer it was also possible for me to see a little of Switzerland – as their plots are placed all over that beautiful country of cheese and cherries. ☺

In sum I think I could never dream about better job for me ☺

-=Social life=-

I was one of the very first trainees in summer 2007, so at the beginning it was a little hard, as I was living alone and a little outside of the city center. But it didn't take me much time to find some friends. In my job there were some really nice almost my age girls – really funny and easily to get along with – and of course as new trainees started to come and participate in weekly meetings I believe it started the best time for me – I am sure I will remember it for ever! Now I am traveling, getting to know the Swiss culture and having much fun.

So I think I already can say I got to know a little Switzerland, I met some friends from all over the world and got work experience I would never get from books in Poland.

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