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Being a former IAESTE member of Stockholm's committee during my master studies exposed me to the IAESTE world and how their members work hard on providing internships to students around the globe. When I saw this opportunity of learning first-hand about being an IAESTE intern in Switzerland, I didn't think twice before applying!

After passing a rather simple selection process, I was moving to Lucerne - the most beautiful town in the whole Switzerland! - for a 3-month internship in a multinational pharmaceutical company (MSD).



*Visiting Lucerne*

To be honest, my education in Industrial Design Engineering by UPM (Madrid) and Production Engineering and Management by KTH (Stockholm) was not focused in Pharma Industry but, after all, this is still a manufacturing industry and engineers are known to adapt easily. Moreover, the student mentality always takes you to have curiosity about new topics.

In MSD, I was included in the team of External Manufacturing for Sterile products. Being an intern here gave me insight into how external manufacturing works in the pharma Industry, how the relationships with external factories that produce and/or package sterile vials for MSD are managed and how complex the supply chains of the products are. My team was composed by international people -sadly, non-Swiss colleagues – based all over the world. I would say

that this virtual role wasn't affected by Corona that much. During my internship working from home was optional so people were opting for that. In my case, I just missed more interaction with colleagues based in Switzerland, as a Spaniard – and a newcomer- the socializing part is always important!

I consider IAESTE helped me to be in the right place at the right moment, so I was able to get one-year full-time contract in my last month of internship to give support to a new external factory in France.

Those months of internship provided me with the background and trainings needed - SAP ERP system training was provided- to slide smoothly to my new role as a Supply Chain Specialist. This ERP platform is used to trace different raw and final products during their respective supply chains as well as how the movements between production side and final market.



*At the former MSD offices - when restrictions allowed us to go to office*

In the personal part, I am very glad that thanks to IAESTE I have met a really cool and (hyper)active group of friends with who I have been able to explore almost every corner of Switzerland and try all the possible activities (from hard hikes, swimming/ dipping along the seasons, bouldering, via ferratas till Stand Up Paddle (SUP)).

This experience has helped me to grow as a person. There is no place I'd rather be.



*Views from Rigi*





*My second room in Winterthur*



*Dipping by Mt. Pilatus*



*Views from Schilthorn*



*Interlaken ridge hike*



*After SUP-ing in Thunersee*