

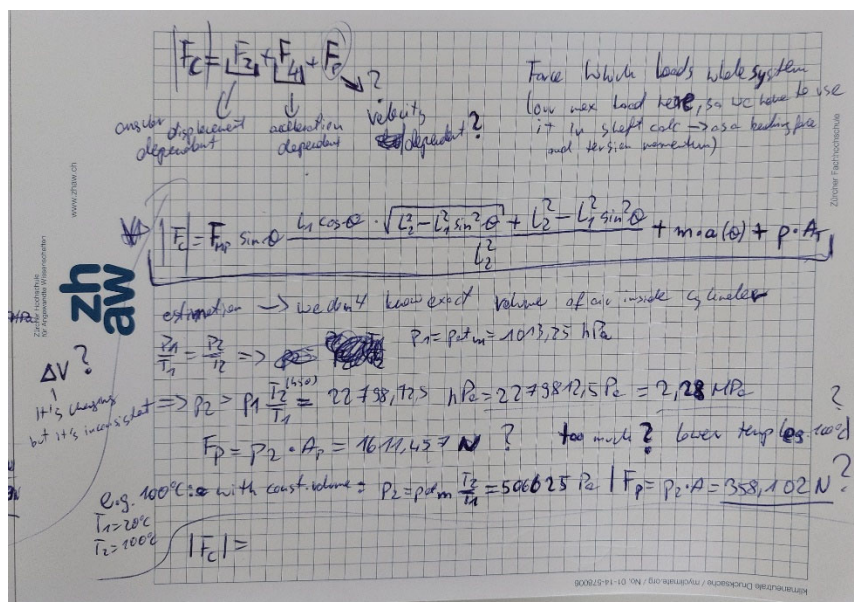


Hello

I am Patryk and I did my internship at ZHAW, at R&D department in Winterthur.

1. What are you proud of?

I'm proud of myself that I made this internship abroad and I did well at work. I'm really happy that my supervisor appreciated my work and also I'm so grateful for him, because he gave me demanding tasks and I had to think a lot (a bit struggling as well) about solutions. In addition, I learned some German and I understood a bit of Swiss German which is much more difficult than High German. Below are couple of my calculations.



2. How did traineeship influence your professional development?

It affected a lot. Finally I got to know what I want to do in the future. So, it showed me sort of career path and fields that I want to develop in. Especially I designed powertrain for a drilling robot and also made some dynamics and kinematics calculations and I found it really attractive yet demanding and satisfying tasks.

3. In which ways does Switzerland differ from your home country?

There are plenty of differences in comparison to Poland. Switzerland is so clean, I mean streets, pavements and so on. Trains are always on time and you don't have to bother about 6 minutes train change at the station because you will make it easily. In Poland streets are not so clean and trains are usually delayed. Also in Poland we don't have coffee breaks during the work (and also including our work time) and we have only 1 lunch break which is included.





In addition, in Poland we are working 8 hours per day, not 8,4 hours. Moreover, in Switzerland after accomplished some goals at work, there is Aperro and we don't have it in Poland that often (usually once a year).

#### 4. What does IAESTE mean to you?

IAESTE is really close to my heart since I'm a member of my LC in Wroclaw for 4 years so far. It's something more than only student organisation, it's about the people, trainees and projects we simply make (also national meeting with other LC's in our country). It's a personal development, especially soft skills like team work, leadership and so on, so you are well prepared for professional work in the international environment. Also meeting new people who inspire you to do more, to get away of your comfort zone. It's also about relationship and helping each other to overcome obstacles and moving forward in the personal growth. IAESTE in Switzerland is awesome! You are so helpful and patient. Moreover, you are so active and organise a lot of special weekends for trainees and you are well organised, so I appreciate it a lot. I'm so happy that I could make my internship here, in Switzerland. Couple of photos below.



















