

Live the dream: go



The 7th ESTIEM Council Meeting took place from Nov. 30th to Dec. 5th 1993 in Kaiserslautern, Palatinate (Rheinland-Pfalz). Three members from the local WIV-student group attended the quite exhausting meeting.

ESTIEM stands for European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management and is an apolitical democratic association aimed to develop and foster contacts among European students of IEM and to increase the opportunities for students to study and work abroad. Presently, there are about 43 members and associates in 19 states: Austria, Belgium, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, and Sweden.

ESTIEM was founded at the WIV congress in Berlin in November 1990, with Graz being a founder member; the official ESTIEM language is English. The administration is mainly done by a five person board, whose members are elected for a year on the biannual Council Meetings.

The main ESTIEM activities are:

- CORS (Catalogue of Recognizable Subjects),
- EEMA (European Engineering and Management As-

sociation), including professors and managers,

- ESTIEM Alumni (association of graduates),
- ICP (Inter-University Cooperation Programmes within ERASMUS),
- publication of the ESTIEM magazine and the Study Guide,
- TIMES (Tournament in Management & Engineering Skills),
- ESTIEM-vision (Seminars),
- Company contacts and
- Case - studies.

Party - life and singing are not neglected, too. We could feel the proverbial "ESTIEM - Spirit" during the various activities.

Besides, we had some time to see the infrastructure at Kaiserslautern's University of Technology, which is quite young, being established in 1970, with the TU Linz as a partner university in Austria.

Two experiences were of special interest for me:

- Firstly, especially in northwestern Europe and Germany, the local student groups have lots of members (up to 300) and students join them at the beginning of their studies. This is not the case in Graz, because students rather concentrate on passing

their exams in their first semesters (don't they ?) and consider it as a time-consuming risk joining the student group, which it is not. In my opinion it would be useful and profitable especially for younger students to experience the work in the student group.

- Secondly, especially in Scandinavian countries and Germany, English is quite a common language of teaching, with many professors having been abroad for several years and doing English lectures.

So, if you are studying Industrial Engineering and Management (Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen) and like to

- travel to European meetings and see other universities,
- communicate with students from all over Europe and get to know their approach to student life,
- join in international student work,
- experience the process of European integration and
- influence international opinion-leading, come and join the WIV student group at the TU Graz (room 153) and then, go ESTIEM!

By the way: the next ESTIEM CM will take place at Enschede, Netherlands, from April 5th to April 10th, 1994.

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