

ESTIEM Regional Coordination Meeting in Graz, 15th-17th December

The organisation known as ESTIEM (European Students of Industrial Engineering and Management) was created to increase communication and cooperation between students and institutions of technology in Europe within the field of Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM). The IEM concept rests on the integration of technological understanding and management skills. The studies provide analytical capacities, engineering knowledge and practical management experiences, which make IEM students valuable since they are able to do business while understanding the underlying technology. ESTIEM is the only Europe-wide organisation of IEM and represents today through its 66 member groups over 40,000 students in 25 countries. Founded in 1990, it aims at establishing and fostering interrelations among students of IEM. Our Local Group Graz (LG Graz) was at the beginning one of three member groups.

The objective of Regional Coordination Meetings (ReCoMs) is to discuss ESTIEM issues on the regional level, increase cooperation among nearby local groups and create ideas for the future development of ESTIEM. The meeting is led by ESTIEMers and also acts as a platform to promote central ESTIEM ideas to the Local Groups. In December the ReCoM took part in Graz.

First evening, all participants had a chance to show their high skills in per-



forming and singing during a karaoke show. Sometimes even changing microphones didn't help, even though we suspected that one mic is better than the other one. Although an automatically generated result from karaoke program didn't show it, definitely the winner of whole "competition" was Filip from Novi Sad.

Next day, as we were already integrated, the official part went very smoothly. Together with Aleksandar Nedeljokovic from Novi Sad, Anna Marszalkiewicz presented all basics of their organization: general ESTIEM introduction, PR presentation, open positions in ESTIEM etc. Afterwards participants had a chance to feel like a Project or a Committee Leader during solving the short case studies. Although nearly all of them were freshmen, they managed it very good and presented solutions, which would make even very experienced ESTIEMers very proud.

During the last day of work ESTIE-Mers concentrated on communication in ESTIEM. They focused especially on information transfer between the Local Responsible and members of Local Groups and discussed daily problems of the Local Responsible and Local Group members, especially in the Eastern Europe. When the whole work was finished we started sightseeing in the beautiful city of Graz. We showed all the nicest places in our city, such as the museum of modern art, Armoury of Styria, Mur Island and tower clock. Last day was very sad, as all participants had to leave Graz. All participants were saying goodbye to each other at least one hundred times.