



Europe comes – we are going there, was the motto of the “Eastern Europe Week”, which took place at the Technical University Munich (TUM) from the 2nd – 9th May 2004, to mark the extension of the European Union.

As a contribution to this, the Alumni & Career Service and the Eastern Europe Department of the TUM have organized an “Eastern Europe Alumni Forum”, in the course of which TUM cooperation projects with Eastern European partners were presented. The purpose of the forum was to provide an opportunity to share experience, to intensify existing contacts and to create a network connecting academics, students, former and current guests from Eastern Europe and the chairs of the TUM.

As a former DAAD scholar (German Academic Exchange Service) at TUM, I participated to the organized scientific activities, together with other 42 academics/ students from Bosnia-Hertzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Italia, Letonia, Lituania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Ucraina as well as with representatives of the TUM.

The “welcome” speech presented by dr. Hannemor Keidl, Vice-President of the TUM, was followed by the presentation of TUM and of the international contact network TUM. Afterwards the cooperation projects between TUM and the Eastern European countries were described. In this context, I presented the paper entitled “The

Projects of the Occupational Health Department of the Public Health Institute Iasi/Romania”, with special focus on the projects performed in collaboration with the Cellular Biology Department from the Faculty of *Life Sciences* of TUM. This presentation was followed by comments on the projects, which were extremely useful, mostly because many participants have had concerns close to those of our institute: dr. Liscic Rajka from the Institute of Medical Research and Occupational Health of Zagreb, prof. dr. Kirso Uuve, who is specialised in air pollution problems in Estonia and prof. dr. ing. Meyer-Pitroff R from the Environmental Energy and Techniques Department of TUM.

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I also consider as extremely interesting the debates of the round table with the subject “Markets and Opportunities in the Middle of Europe”, to which participated representative of different universities, enterprises and foundations. During the last day of the Eastern European Forum we visited representative faculties of TUM and the oldest library of TUM, with a book stacks of about 200.000 samples. I also consider as impressive the number of magazines, which are about 900. Most of them can be found in an electronic form and accessed on the address:

www.ub.tum.de.

I left Munich with a lot of useful information, which are to be transmitted to the my colleagues from all over the country, and also with the conviction that around 1500 km to the west as well as around 1500 km to the east from the borders of our country there are many partners willing for collaboration.

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