

Report of the Summer school, Bor, Serbia, October 2016

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I had a rare opportunity to attend to the 6th International Symposium on Environmental and Material Flow Management in Bor, Serbia. Although the symposium was relatively short for us, because of we were also attending the summer school organised by the RESITA Network. This journey took place from the 2nd to the 7th of October. The agenda of these few days were really crowded, but were also enjoyable despite the fact that I and those who were keeping me company had very little time to look around.

We were traveling by car and reached our destination, Hotel Albo on the edge of Bor, around 4:30pm. After a short introduction we had to present our country to the other participants of the summer school. There were students, apart from us, from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, and lots of them from the Technical Faculty in Bor, University of Belgrade. The next day we took part in the symposium and before the lunch break we could present our papers to everyone on the conference. After the opening ceremony and morning session we began the summer school session, which was about innovation management for technical products and intellectual property. We had lectures about environmental friendly passive and active houses, creativity techniques, eco entrepreneurships. We learned about business models and how to plan them. These lectures continued on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday afternoon we visited a small company named Limes close to the town of Pirot. We managed to see the factory and the process stations where cosmetics and other useful things have been made from flowers and natural materials. We could also visit Pirot and take a short evening walk in the town. On our way back



to the hotel, we sorted out ideas we had come up with during the day with a small group. On Wednesday two experts came from the University of Belgrade and gave us lectures about innovation and intellectual property and even helped us with our case study and business plan. At the evening,



we had a large dinner, where everybody could talk with each other and what they could achieve, after that I could enjoy the night with the students in Bor.

On Thursday, with the lead of the local students and the Bulgarians we went to sightseeing in Bor, where we could see the building of their faculty, the town centre and enjoyed a nice cup of coffee together. We also visited a stalactite cave and a small lake half an hour from Bor with the teachers.

This summer school was a wonderful experience. I could learn many things from a

new perspective at first hand. Also I have gotten to know a different culture, a different part of the world and a lot of people, who I hope to meet again someday.