

Summary of Feedbacks from the DESY Summer Students 2012

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Compiled in a hopefully unbiased way
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We had 90 summer students at Hamburg
54 returned the feedback questionnaire.
MANY THANKS

The students were asked to comment on the following topics :

- Administration / Organisation
- Housing
- Work in the group
- Lectures in general
- Specific lectures
- Tours, events, ..
- What I liked
- What I did not like
- Further comments

Administration / Organization

- Excellent
- Easy and quick, no problems (Most frequent comment)
- I think your administrative procedures are really well designed
- Criticism:
 - had to wait weeks to get a reply to my emails.
 - give students some info about Visa procedures
 - would have been nice to be informed about the specific program in the mail of affirmation.

Housing

- Hostel is fine. I really like it =) (Most frequent comment)
- Criticism:
 - Very noisy, building works starting around 6 in the morning
 - Hostel not designed to host so many people.. kitchens are always overcrowded (dirty kitchen)
 - Air-deodoriser to clean our dishes
 - Not enough washing machines

Double rooms:

- unfair that double guest rooms have only ONE table
- Not so good, very small room for two people
- Wooden hostel:
 - No wi-fi and no hot water at night
 - I wonder why there were no girls in the wooden hostel.

Work at DESY

- Lovely
- Fantastic, I had incredibly good supervisors, always willing to teach me and help me with my difficulties (Most typical kind of comment)
- We have obtained a lot of nice results and are going to publish a paper
- My group's been the best... always felt like I'm really part of the group.
- Criticism:
 - Really interesting. However, I would have preferred a closer work with my supervisor. Sometimes I felt a little bit “left alone”.
 - Project was not related with the topic they applied for

Lectures in General

- The general lectures were really nice (frequent comment)
- The program was in general very varied
- Criticism:
 - The only bad thing I can think off.. doomed to fail, since we come from different backgrounds at various stages of our degrees... Style was very similar to conference and update talks....Shorter lectures, and a more teaching style is required.
 - Offer lectures at a basic and advanced level.
 - Lecture attempted to cover such a large amount of material that there was not the opportunity to thoroughly understand the concepts.
 - Maybe some lectures should be replaced by tutor sessions for exercise sheets
 - Some more theoretical in photon sciences.

On of the personal recommendations sent before this years program to the lecturers:

Concerning the lectures styles: We want to encourage the lecturers to follow the recommended **sandwich scheme**:

20-25 minutes lecture

3-10 minutes students activation

20-25 minutes lecture

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The activation phase can be many different things, e.g. small interactive (paper) exercises, discussions among the students, some stimulating questions, Quiz, etc.

Specific lectures:

Favourites (best rating):

Accelerators by Castro

QCD by Kogler

Computing in in HEP by Aplin

Astroparticle Physics by Tluczykont

SR Production and properties by Gehrke

plus many others.

Tours , Events

- DESY Tour was great (Most frequent comment)
- XFEL – not a bad tour
- Criticism:
 - I wasn't able to visit XFEL
- Concerning XFEL tour: sorry for making many of you so unhappy.. the idea originated too late (end of july) and the XFEL people spontaneously agreed to offer two tours.. for the first time ever!

What I liked

- I loved working at DESY.. is a completely new experience in my life and I wanted me to have the opportunity once more to work here.
- Working atmosphere at DESY, would like to come back here.
- Welcoming atmosphere around DESY. Most of the people are very willing to help and to talk to you when you ask them anything.
- The whole experience! It provided a nice insight into what working in as a particle physicist may be like.. I
- The atmosphere of study here. Free but hardworking.
- International environment, my group, other students, my project, **Hamburg**
(frequent comment)

What I liked

- The atmosphere amongst the summerstudents was great.
- That everything was possible. My supervisors.
- The project was brilliant.
- Meeting new people and talking about their culture
- Greatful for suggesting and encourating such a social aspect to the program, as this is very important fo feel comfortable and integrate, and something that Hamburg is perfect for at.

Liveability ranking and overview 2011:

The Economist Intelligence Unit's Liveability and ranking overview, part of the Worldwide Cost of Living Survey, quantifies the challenges that might be presented to an individual's lifestyle in 140 cities worldwide.

Country	City	Overall rating		Culture &				
		Rank (100=ideal)	Stability	Healthcare	Environment	Education	Infrastructure	
Canada	Vancouver	1	98.0	95	100	100	100	96.4
Austria	Vienna	2	97.9	95	100	96.5	100	100
Australia	Melbourne	3	97.5	95	100	95.1	100	100
Canada	Toronto	4	97.2	100	100	97.2	100	89.3
Canada	Calgary	5	96.6	100	100	89.1	100	96.4
Finland	Helsinki	6	96.2	100	100	91	91.7	96.4
Australia	Sydney	7	96.1	90	100	94.4	100	100
Australia	Perth	8	95.9	95	100	88.7	100	100
Australia	Adelaide	8	95.9	95	100	94.2	100	92.9
New Zealand	Auckland	10	95.7	95	95.8	97	100	92.9
Switzerland	Zurich	11	95.4	95	100	92.6	91.7	96.4
Japan	Tokyo	11	95.4	90	100	94.4	100	96.4
Switzerland	Geneva	13	95.2	95	100	92.1	91.7	96.4
Japan	Osaka	13	95.2	90	100	93.5	100	96.4
Sweden	Stockholm	15	95.0	95	95.8	91.2	100	96.4
Germany	Hamburg	15	95.0	90	100	93.5	91.7	100
Canada	Montreal	17	94.8	95	100	90	100	92.9
France	Paris	17	94.8	85	100	97.2	100	96.4
Germany	Frankfurt	19	94.7	85	100	97.2	91.7	100
Denmark	Copenhagen	20	94.4	85	100	95.4	100	96.4
Australia	Brisbane	21	94.2	95	100	93.5	91.7	89.3
Germany	Berlin	22	94.0	85	100	97.2	91.7	96.4
New Zealand	Wellington	23	93.8	95	91.7	95.4	100	89.3
Norway	Oslo	24	93.4	95	91.7	88.7	91.7	100
Luxembourg	Luxembourg	25	93.3	95	100	90.5	83.3	92.9
Netherlands	Amsterdam	26	92.8	80	100	97.2	91.7	96.4
Belgium	Brussels	27	92.7	85	100	91.4	100	92.9
Germany	Munich	28	92.6	85	100	97.2	91.7	89.3
US	Pittsburgh	29	92.3	85	91.7	90.7	100	100
US	Honolulu	30	92.1	90	91.7	88	100	96.4
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	31	92.0	95	87.5	85.9	100	96.4
US	Chicago	32	91.8	85	91.7	94.4	100	92.9
Germany	Dusseldorf	33	91.4	85	100	93.5	75	96.4
France	Lyon	34	91.3	85	100	88.7	100	89.3
Spain	Barcelona	35	91.2	80	91.7	94.4	100	96.4



What I did not like

- The weather
- Nothing
- Canteen food
- Salary payments at the end of the month

Further Comments

- I want to tell you how much I enjoyed my time here: both in terms of work and play, but especially in regards to work... Finally I would like to say 'thank you very much for this wonderful opportunity, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time her' :-)



A fascinating analogy

**The Beatles,
A newly
formed band,
coming in
summer 1960
to Hamburg
for 48 shows
'learning the
basics of
showmanship'**

Kontinent betrat



und eine damals weithin unbekannte Band aus Liverpool auf der Bühne der Indra. Ihr
nals noch in der Besetzung mit Pete Best und Stu Sutcliffe waren sie erst am Tag
kommen. Dies war der erste von insgesamt 48 Auftritten, bei denen sie die
Grundlagen des Showmanships erlernten und von einer talentierten aber schüchternen Band zu einer lokalen
Sensation wurden.
Ihr weiterer Weg ist wohl nicht nur jedem Musikliebhaber bekannt: Es war der Beginn einer einzigartigen
Weltkarriere.

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THANKS

to

- Administration : Mrs Hoppmann, Mrs. Pettersson and all others involved in V2
- International Office : Mrs. Killough and her crew
- Hostel : Mrs. Hummerjohann and her crew
- The Guides
- The Lecturers
- The Supervisors
- And all others behind the scene

AND TO

ANDREA SCHRADER

The summer student program ends today afternoon

I suppose some of you still have some work to do,
since I did not yet receive all work reports.

Please deliver yours still today.

Thanks to YOU, Summer Students 2012 for

- Your interest in DESY and its research
- All your (active) participation in the lectures
- Your superb project work
- The very nice presentations given today
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Yours Olaf, Doris and Andrea!