

Actually I did not choose MET because I wanted to be environmental technician. I could imagine, that spending few months in three countries all along in international fellowship and learning things I considered more like a hobby, will be more beneficial to me than continuing a career at my former university. And indeed I was right – you never know what is around the corner. I have learnt a lot



but things one wouldn't learn at a standard university. This course was a real school of life apart from being a study programme. There are many aspects of the course worthy to mention:

- ✓ The study programme was full of excursions to the industry or companies supporting lectures; we did plenty of presentations on a wide variety of topics so we must have learnt this skill even unintentionally; we carried out small and big projects in groups using different techniques depending on the country, learning team spirit and patience. I find these skills very useful in any field in the future and they have already contributed to my success – getting a PhD position.
- ✓ The time of the course was generally widening my horizons – recognition of social and administrative systems in the countries, managing small problems on strange land, getting friends with people from different cultural background with their dissimilar way of thinking. This experience taught me tolerance, acceptance and flexibility and I am even a part of very happy Polish-Cameroonian relationship :-)
- ✓ Furthermore the amount of work under time constraints taught us organizational skills, efficiency and prioritization. We worked hard, often 8am-10pm at school but at the same time we had rich social life with parties, tourist trips, friendships, relationships, game or pub evenings, etc. This intensity of life gave me an impression that it was more than one year even though time ran very fast.

I remember this time as a big adventure, which actually is addicting. I have noticed that even though MET course is finished for me I continue with MET lifestyle. I got a PhD position at De Montfort University, which requires spending most of the year in Switzerland. I am working there in international team and I have acclimatized surprisingly quick and well. Besides changing again the country didn't involve my stress but curiosity. Even though I got my position due to my previous education, I am convinced that without skills I learnt during the MET course it couldn't be possible.

Having completed my degree in Agricultural Engineering in Cameroon, I thought of continuing a career in the area of Environmental Technology and Management. I decided to take the MET course because firstly the modules outlined were in line with my ambitions and secondly, the fact that it is hosted in three countries made me think that it could be a good opportunity for me to get to learn different approaches to environmental problems and cultures.



The MET course has really contributed a great deal to my library of knowledge. There are a lot of commendable aspects which make the course special. The back one of the course - project oriented learning actually helped to ameliorate my writing and presentation skills, individual creativity, team spirit, constructive thinking, ability to address research problems and work ethics. Spicing most of the courses with excursions to industries was not only exciting but was also very enriching as I could better understand what was taught in class or practiced in the Lab. In brief “when I hear, I forget; when I see, I remember; when I do, I understand”.

Studying in different countries and interacting with different international students was just amazing. I could appreciate the different levels of divergence and/or convergence in the way the individual country face environmental issues. It is just exciting to get to know the differences in cultures, ways of thinking, traditions, meals, climate, etc.

In a nutshell, I am proud to be an ex-student of this course. All the skills I gathered during the course gave me the chance to continue with a doctorate study at De Montfort University. Interestingly, my present research area is a continuation of work I initiated in my MET-MSc final research project. Long live MET, Forward ever, Backward never.



It is 26th July 2005 nearly one year after MET course ended. I am looking outside the window - it is raining. I am not surprised it is a typical English weather. I live in Gosport in the south of England. This is my third month while I am here. I have found here a job and I will stay here probably for several years. It is a very nice place, with about 10 minutes walk to the sea.

I work as an environmental technician in an aerospace company and I am really satisfied with this position. I am responsible for the treatment, analysis and discharge of wastewater as well as air monitoring and partly environmental management on site.

I am sure of one thing; I would not be here if I did not participate and finish the MET course. My boss told me that the company was very impressed with the European masters programme. MET has changed my life and even though it may sound funny, that is the

truth. The course taught me a lot: how to work and co-operate with people; how to solve problems, how to work under the pressure (Germany), how to dress up on different parties (Denmark) and to not trust especially English weather.

I've got incredible memories from this course which I will never forget. There were so many funny and exiting moments I can write a book.... Maybe some day I will do, who knows :).

One of the very special events was Lukasz's and Pawel's birthday! Especially disco at Frage ... I remember that the club organised some dance performance. But when nice Cheerleaders were trying to dance completely drunk, Marcin and Gul danced as a couple and interfered in that performance. Bodyguards unsuccessfully were trying to remove them from the dance floor.

I will never forget Germany, we were entering Fahochshulle at 8 am and leaving at 1 am :). It was our second home. We were studying eating and chatting there all days and nights... some of us even slept there (Krzys Nytko:))). I remember these boring lessons when not only students were sleeping but even the teacher slept (everybody knows who ;)). Our presentations in Germany were amazing. Excursions were very well organized and often very interesting.

In England we didn't have too many common events because we were living far from each other and there were very few classes. We were meeting, however, in Royal Mail :). Now all of us know how letters and parcels are treated at the post office :))

There are plenty of small funny incidents that happened but I would like to talk about them together with my MET friends. I have a great hope that one day we can meet again at somebody's wedding; it would be really great.

It is a great pity it is all over and we are not often in touch because we are too busy and so on. Fortunately our memories will stay unchanged and if not all of us, some will talk about them after 5, 10 or 50 years.

It was great! Thank you MET