

## Hitec Retreat 03/2016

What do twenty doctoral researchers do in Münster? Have a lot of fun, do some time travelling, feast in the best restaurant in town and do a lot of science. But one by one. The retreat took place in the Hotel Angora directly at Münster's Aasee. Most of us had Maisonette rooms with a beautiful lake view. After arrival, we started with a short get-together with beverages and cakes followed by the first science session. In the science



sessions the experimental and computational techniques used by the researchers were introduced in twelve minute talks. We learned about a wide spectrum of different techniques due to a big variety of institutes among the participants. This often led to interesting discussions about the research topics afterwards.

In the evening the group visited the nearby city center where they met with an actor dressed in cloth of a night guard from former times. The guard guided them through the city, giving an insight of life and culture of Münster in medieval times. Although nearly everyone was familiar with the German language some struggled with his ancient tongue. After the tour the group let the evening fade away with a tasty Mexican dinner and a few cocktails in a bar.

Not too many of course! After all, science was calling early the next morning. But science is fun and so sixteen talks and with them the whole day passed quickly. Afterwards, everyone gathered for the final big dinner in one of Münster's most famous restaurants, the Altes Gasthaus Leve. All one can say is: Best beer in town and more food than one could possibly eat.

All in all, it was a great event with a lot of fun in a beautiful city! Many thanks to the organizers and to Hitec for making this happen.

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