

HITEC RETREAT TO BERLIN 2023

(14th June 2023 - 16th June 2023)

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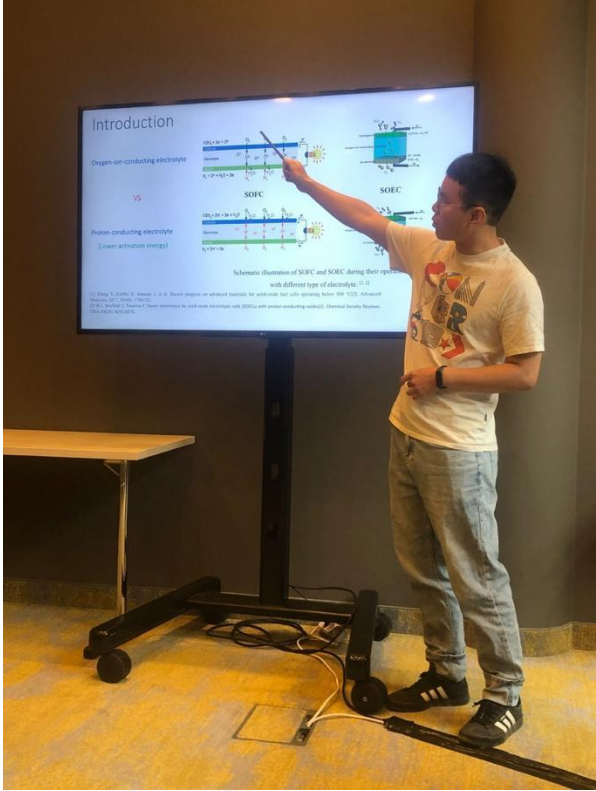
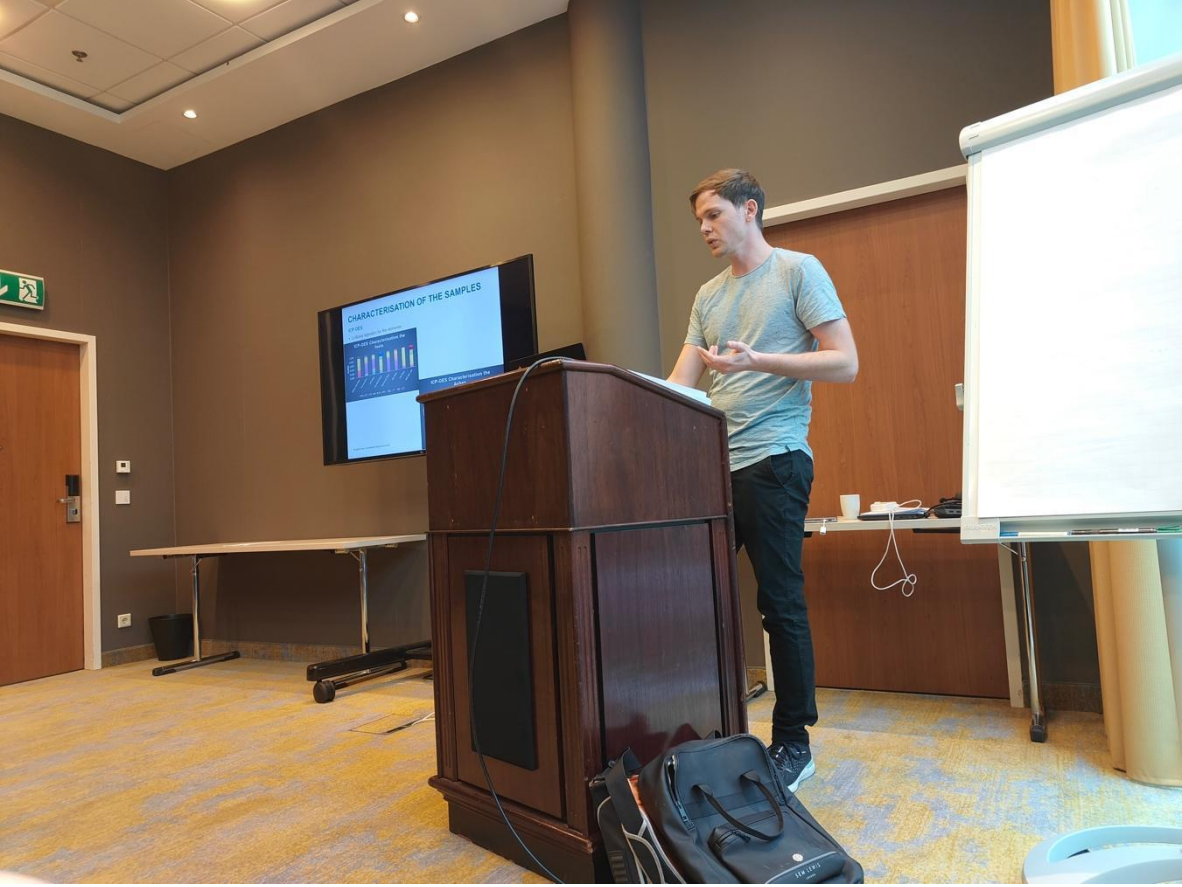
In this HITEC Retreat event, 24 PhD students of 7 different institutes from Jülich Research Center visited the capital of Germany – Berlin. Meeting points were Jülich and Aachen train stations. At that time, the train from Aachen to Köln was canceled. Therefore, we changed our plan temporarily and met together at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel Berlin around 15:00. Some people had to go straight from the train station to the museum, which was our first activity together.

We started the visit to the German Museum of Technology at around 15:30. The German Museum of Transport and Technology was opened with 1,700 square meters of exhibition space in December 1983. After the development, finally, its name was changed again in 2007 to the current name. We visited the museum freely and collected together at around 17:30 at the main entrance. In this museum, we learned a lot about the development of different technologies, like ships, trains, airplanes, photography and so on.



German Museum of Technology on 14th of June 2023

After that, we went to an Ethiopian restaurant (Blue Nile Restaurant) which was very close to the museum for our wonderful dinner.



Presentation section on 15th of June 2023

Our presentation section started on the second day from 9:00 to 17:30. Each student had 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions/discussions. Students from different scientific areas also had really nice conversations at the coffee break and lunch break. Contacts, ideas and plans for sample exchange were done. We were very inspired by different presentations that may help our research in the future.



Dinner for the first day (14th June 2023)

On the evening of the second day, we recommended an optional event which took place at Holzmarkt 25 for dinner. Many students took part in this event. Students discuss a lot about the daily life in their PhD career, their plans for the future and many other interesting topics.



Holzmarkt 25 on 15th June 2023



Boat tour in Berlin on 16th June 2023

On the third day, our retreat came to an end on the 16th of June 2023. After breakfast and check-out at Hotel. Students could arrange their time by themselves and choose their dream places in Berlin to visit. A bus tour + boat tour ticket was provided to all students. The bus tour route covered nearly all famous places in Berlin and a very attractive boat tour gave students a really nice opportunity to enjoy their time in Berlin. The weather was unfortunately not so good, but we could still enjoy it.

All in all, HITEC Retreat to Berlin was a wonderful experience for all of us to get to know new PhD students. Furthermore, it also provided a great platform for PhD students from different scientific fields to exchange their ideas and experiences, and to connect with others.