

HITEC Retreat in Stuttgart

From 28th to 30th of April doctoral researchers from HITEC Graduate School went to Stuttgart for a three-day scientific retreat, which was oriented to exchange scientific projects and present works to each other.

The trip started from different locations for different participants, but the main group met each other in Cologne on Sunday morning and arrived at midday in Vienna House hotel located in Vaihingen Stuttgart. After check-in group went to city centre for an excursion. During the city tour group visited the most important buildings of Stuttgart and listened history of those places by tour guide. After the city tour participants of retreat had a dinner together where they had the opportunity to get to know each other better.

To have more free time during the day it was decided to split sessions into two parts on 29th and 30th of April. Both sessions held in the hotel where group was staying.



On the second day (29th of April) the first session of presentations started at 8:00 am, which lasted until 12:00. Afterwards, there was a lunch in the hotel until 13:00. After lunch whole group had free time to visit different locations in the city. During this period, there was a spring festival in Stuttgart, also participants had possibility to visit two well known museums of car manufacturers, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz.

On the third day (30th of April) the second session of presentations started at 8:00 am, which lasted until 12:00. Then again there was a lunch in the hotel from 12:00 to 13:00 and after lunch the group went to the Vaihingen campus of University of Stuttgart, where we visited Materialprüfungsanstalt (MPA). Representatives of the university (professor and PhD students) presented their works, projects to participants of retreat. Also, two participants of retreat presented Forschungszentrum Jülich, their institutes and ongoing PhD projects. Afterwards, German and English speaker groups were formed, and participants had the opportunity to visit labs and workshop in the university, including additive manufacturing facility, tensile test facility, friction welding facility, rocket lab, materials testing labs and also European space rocket Ariane 6 booster leakage test facility.

The retreat was finished after the tour in the University of Stuttgart, and the group went to main train station to leave the city.

