



2007-03-26 Monday

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Welcome to Potsdam!

Dear participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the 5th international contest of the European Science Olympiad here in Potsdam under the topic “join the future in science”.

The European Union Science Olympiad (EUSO) is a team competition for European second level school science students who are 17 years of age or younger.

This time, 16 nations have sent their best students in biology, chemistry and physics to find the best team among them. During the next week these teams will undergo practical work at the laboratories of the University of Potsdam. Special thanks go to the University itself, who provided the necessary working places for the students.

Fig. Eckhard Lucius, Michael Cotter



Objectives of the EUSO

- to challenge and stimulate gifted science students to develop their talents and to promote their career as scientists
- to provide invaluable experience for students who may take part in the International Science Olympiads



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- to offer the opportunity to compare the syllabi and educational trends in science education within the EU member states which could help improve science education at national levels

I specially welcome Dr. Platzeck, the Prime Minister of Brandenburg, **the president of EUSO Michael Cotter**, the Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Science and Research, Dr. Thomas Rachel, Prof. Dr. Horst Bayrhuber, director of the IPN, the Minister of Education of Brandenburg, Holger Rupprecht, the minister of cultural affairs of Brandenburg, Prof Dr. Johanna Wanka, State Secretary of Brandenburg Dr. Burkhard Jungkamp, the Lord Mayor of Potsdam, Jann Jakobs, the member of the Bundestag, Andrea Wicklein,

Fig. Potsdam-Golm



the Referee for Culture and Sports of Potsdam, Gabriele Fischer, the president of the University of Potsdam, Prof. Dr. Sabine Kunst, the Dean of Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Prof. Dr. Ralph Tiedemann, the representatives of the Federal Minister of Science and Research, Cornelia Dorow, Dr. Stefanie Stegemann-Böhl, Petra Hohnholz, representatives of the Ministry of Education Brandenburg, Dr. Tobias Funk and Christiane Standke, and last not least the representative of Eppendorf one of our sponsors of the EUSO 2007, Ralf Claußen.

Dr. Eckhard Lucius
Director of the EUSO 2007



This afternoon...

- Potsdam Castle of Sanssouci -

Sanssouci is the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia at Potsdam. It is often counted among the German rivals of Versailles. While Sanssouci is in the

principal rooms, it was built on the brow of a terraced hill at the centre of the park. So great was the influence of Frederick's personal taste in the design and decoration of the

Fig. Potsdam Castle of Sanssouci



more intimate Rococo style and is far smaller than its French Baroque counterpart, it is notable for the numerous temples and follies in Sanssouci Park. Designed to fulfil Frederick's need for a private residence where he could relax away from the pomp and ceremony of the Berlin court, the palace is little more than a large single-story villa - more like the Château de Marly than Versailles. Containing just ten

palace that its style is characterised as "Frederician Rococo"

The location and layout of Sanssouci above a vineyard reflected the pre-Romantic ideal of harmony between

Fig. Potsdam Castle of Sanssouci





man and nature, in a landscape ordered by human touch.

With its extensive views of the countryside in the midst of nature, Frederick wanted to reside there sans souci ("without a worry") and to follow his personal and artistic interests. Hence, the palace was intended for the use of Frederick and his private guests only during the summer months, from the end of April to the beginning of October.

We wish all the students a pleasant day at Sanssouci.



March 26th

Happy Birthday




José Francisco Romero García,
Mentor Physics of the Spanish teams

Info

Bus Departure:

Students: 14:30 sightseeing

Mentors: 14:30 lab inspection

	morning	lunchtime	evening
monday 2007-03-26			
	partly cloudy	partly cloudy	partly cloudy
temperature	5°C	14°C	11°C