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City tour of the participants

After a delicious lunch in the afternoon the EUSO-competitors had the opportunity of getting a glimpse of Potsdam's most beautiful sights. The tour started with a bus ride to the famous "Sans Souci" – without worries – Palace. The four very competent tour guides gave useful and interesting information about the different buildings situated in the Park Sanssouci. Under a bright blue sky with the sun shining on the still wintry park the palace itself, the Chinese Teahouse and the New Chambers could be seen. Fascinating about the park are the different gardening forms one can see there. On the one hand there is the French garden with its strict form, on the other hand the more naturalistic English, the dark Nordic and the romantic Italian.

The next stop took the students to the Dutch Quarter with their tiny brick houses and their small antique's shops. Close to that Potsdam's centre is located. There we find the big pedestrian area which locals proudly call "our Broadway" and

Fig. Students at Sanssouci



which ends with the Brandenburg Gate, the Catholic Peter and Paul Cathedral and the Russian military cemetery. Here the tour guides explained the different epochs of Potsdam's history: the 30 Years War, after which the city was repopulated by the Huguenots, the



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era of Friedrich the Great who built most of the palaces and then the pre and post communist times. After all these valuable insights the participants and their guides were taken to the hotel again to finish the evening with a casual dinner followed by diverse sports activities.

Fig. Students at Sanssouci



The major part of the students participated in a volleyball competition. The six teams consisted of students from all the different nations who then played against and also next to each other. The others had the possibility to play skittle, pool or work out in the fitness area. All in all it was a nice day where everyone got to know each other

better and had some fun before the competition starts.

Welcome Ceremony

The day started with a rich breakfast. Afterwards everybody got ready for the opening ceremony of the 5th European Union Science Olympiad. Here we had the pleasure to listen to important people talking and to get introduced to all of the participating teams and their country coordinators. Joined by political representatives such as Prime Minister of Brandenburg M. Platzeck the ceremony not only contained a lot of motivating speeches but also entertaining performances by the local band “The Clogs” and the dancing group “Kurat”. The former presented the especially composed EUSO anthem “Good Old Europeans” while the latter showed dances depicting the different European countries. Spanish Flamenco was danced, as



was Greek Syrtos, Sweden was represented by the ever-loved ABBA while the British aristocracy made a short visit with big extravagant hats and accurate queen-like waving.

Fig. Opening Ceremony



We also had a very famous visitor at the ceremony, namely Albert Einstein, who found out that being together with a girl you love for one hour just seems like a minute while putting your hand on a stove for a minute seems like an hour. And this he called the Theory of Relativity. His humorous speech was loved by the audience, not only because of his jokes but also because he wished the participants good luck and success for the competition.

After the ceremony several teams even took pictures with the most famous scientist of all times.

Now everybody was looking forward to the actual beginning of the competition.

Funny story of the day

Our bus driver Mister X guided us safely through Potsdam's busy traffic but he obviously has a problem in placing the bus in a parking lot ...

Fig. New way of parking



Parking in even the narrowest spaces – no problem ... parking on a nearly empty street – big problem.

Nevertheless, he's our hero of the day because he managed to put a real big smile on our faces!



Happy Birthday

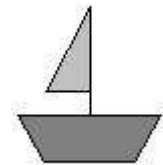
Viltė Balčaitytė, member of the
Lithuanian team A

Info

Bus Departure:

- Students Teams A: 7:30
University of Potsdam
- Students Teams B: 7:30
schools in Potsdam
- Mentors: 7:00 Excursion to
Vattenfall Jaenschwalde

Please take a warm Jacket with you to the competition and schools because you don't return to the hotel before the boat trip.



off the mark



	morning	lunchtime	evening
tuesday 2007-03-27			
	cloudy	sunny	partly cloudy
temperature	4°C	15°C	12°C