

EMW 2016 – East Meets West Congress 2016 in Kraków, Poland



The EMW congress 2016 was attended by several students from the Clausthal University of Technology; some to present their own papers and posters and others to meet and interact with their counterparts from other universities. As mentioned the conference took place in Kraków, Poland and was graciously hosted by the AGH University of Science and Technologies SPE Student Chapter.

The conference opened its doors for students on the 19th of April for registration as the actual conference was to begin the day after. Our hosts had a full day planned nonetheless for those interested a city tour was planned and later the so-called Ice Breaker Party. The party was designed to bring all the students together so we could get to know and talk to students from universities all over.

After the first day the plan became more stringent with presentations and debates throughout the day. The second day held the opening ceremony where our hosts gave us a warm welcome. Following the opening ceremony, the congress hosted a debate on 'Managing the current economic situation in the Oil&Gas Industry' where professionals gave their opinions on the current issues. The debate was very informative and it was interesting to hear their perspective

on the current situation. The remainder of the day was filled with company presentations, where several companies gave informative presentations on their current products and projects. Of course coffee and lunch breaks were provided throughout the entire day to ensure everyone's happiness. Later that evening a large gathering took place at a nice restaurant on the main square in Kraków. This provided another opportunity to meet the other students and talk about the day's events or even make plans for the following days. The dinner was hosted in the restaurant's private dining hall, where almost all the visiting students were seated at one long table, eating and drinking together.

The third day saw the start of the student poster and paper contest, several students from various universities prepared their best work to participate. There were many good presentations on a variety of topics ranging from gas channels in the sediment of Lake Baikal to dealing with salt precipitation in gas wells. The schedule was well organized and the paper presentations were broken up with coffee and lunch as well as the poster contest. There was no formal plan for that evening but the student chapter had still organized an evening program for all the students providing yet again another opportunity to enjoy Kraków.

The start of the third day saw many a tired face arriving at the conference for the PhD session and the closing ceremony. It was nonetheless an enjoyable day providing the opportunity to attend a workshop on 'Marine Logistic Optimization – Xmas' Tree wet parking' for those who registered. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but given the level of dedication and enthusiasm displayed one can only assume that the workshop was a success as well.

Overall the SPE Student Chapter of the AGH University really outdid themselves providing a welcoming and entertaining environment for their guests. They provided everything from accommodation to food and were always ready to show us around Kraków. In retrospect I can say it was one of the best conferences I have ever attended and their level of planning was truly impressive for a student chapter. I hope we will be able to return the favor sometime and I am definitely recommending the conference to anyone who asks.

