

Fachrichtung: Chemie

In the beginning of my internship there were many problems caused by missing and wrong informations which I got from laeste Germany. But thanks to all the wonderful people at the International Office of the FCUL and the research group of Prof. Manuel Minas da Piedade I was however able to start my internship. During this internship I had the great chance to work closely with one Postdoc of the group on a big research project, which allowed me to gain many experiences in Dorking techniques which are used to analyze solids. Also it was in my responsibility to construct phase diagrams of different similar compounds, which are used as basic informations for further research in the group of Prof. Manuel. Finally all problems of the beginning could be solved and in spite of all problems I really had a great time in Portugal and I would do this internship again immediately.

Organised by the International Office of the FCUL I found a really nice furnished room in a shared flat close to the faculty of science. Part of the room furniture was a bed, a desktop, a wardrobe, a commode and a bedside table as well as bedsheets and towels. I had six flatmates from different countries. Most of them were students; normal students from other parts of Portugal as well as Erasmus-students, but we had also two people who already work in a hospital in the city. In addition to the private sleeping rooms the flat had several shared rooms: a livingroom, two bathrooms, two storerooms, a kitchen and a small roofed balcony with a washing machine and a dishwasher, where we could also dry our clothes.

There was no cultural or social programme provided by the Portuguese laeste committee, but Prof. Manuel Minas da Piedade gave me good advice about what places I should visit in Lisbon and the surroundings.

I met all the organising laeste people as really nice people who are doing their best to help you. But in the beginning of my internship I had the impression, that there is a big communication problem between Portugal and Germany, so that laeste Germany had no information about the contract problems with the FCT. I think a better communication between the two countries and also between the countries and the trainee could help to avoid many problems and misunderstandings.