

Bristol in Berlin (April 16th – April 20th 2013)

On Tuesday morning we welcomed the 7 British students at Schoenefeld Airport. After everyone had some time to rest, we took them to the Institute of Zoo and Wildlife research, where we had a short introduction to their research and a tour of the institute. They showed us their naked mole-rats and their computer tomography system, with impressive pictures of Knut, the famous Berlin-Zoo icebear and a big sea turtle. After the tour they had us try out shooting a blowpipe and let us into the Tierpark to wander around there a little bit. In the evening we had a nice dinner at an Italian restaurant and because everyone was really tired after a day like that, we went home right after that.

On Wednesday they were welcomed by our Dean, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Jürgen Zentek, followed by a presentation by Prof. Dr. Kaufer, Project Director of the Institute of Virology. After that we showed them around our campus in Döppel, where all the clinics are, with lunch at our main canteen. In the afternoon we had a tour by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Plendl and Dr. Hirschberg around our Institute of Veterinary Anatomy, which is located in Dahlem. After a presentation by Univ.-Prof. Dr. Wieler, the Managing Director of the Institute of Microbiology and Epizootics, we took them back to Döppel, where we had a big BBQ.

Thursday started with a great tour of the Zoo by one of the vets there. He showed us around for 2 hours and even lets us feed a hippo. After a relaxed afternoon, we took them for a Döner and a pub crawl.

Friday was the day of a city tour. We took them to all the special places in Berlin and let them have a real Curry-Wurst. After a little rest at home we went clubbing. Party!

On their last day we took them for a beautiful boat ride on the river Spree in beautiful weather and a beer in a Biergarten by the Zoo.

We are so happy that we were able to find some great sponsors, and that we were supported by so many professors. Only because of this huge support we were able to put together such a great program and show the British students a great time here in Berlin!





Berlin in Bristol (June 12th – June 17th 2013)

The 10 of us arrived in Bristol on late Wednesday afternoon. Sam and Alice picked us up at the airport and took us, mainly uphill by foot ;), to a pub where we met the rest of our hosts. After going home with them, we got ready for a big night out. They had put up a IVSA-party and it was great!

The next day started with a workshop on disease outbreak in Sudan. The imaginary outbreak of Avian Flu in Sudan was simulated and in groups we had to work on ways how to deal with it. That was a great way to think about a topic like that, especially because each group had a facilitator with them, who had actually worked in Africa before and knew about the situation there. In the afternoon we went climbing in an old church which had been rebuilt into a climbing hall. A really cool place and a real fun afternoon!

On Friday we visited the Vet School in Langford, which is where the clinics are. We were quite impressed by the modern clinics and especially the student facilities. The Skills Lab was a real inspiration for us and we will try to establish something like that in Berlin as well. In Langford we also had a BBQ and even the sun came out for a little while.

Saturday we had a nice relaxed morning, having a look around the city. In the afternoon they took us to a small festival, which was so much fun.

On Sunday we visited Bath, a spa city near Bristol. There we had delicious Cream Tea, which is scones with cream and jam and tea. Really British! In the evening we had a pie dinner at a pie shop, whose pies are famous around England. And the following Pub made the day perfectly British!

On Monday we had a proper English breakfast before we had to leave for the airport.

We had a great time in Bristol and thank our hosts and all the others that helped them so much for showing us such a great time!



