



European Summer School on Information Science (ESSIS)

Report

August 28th – September 1st 2017 in Burg Katlenburg (Germany)

<https://www.uni-hildesheim.de/en/fb3/institute/iwist/veranstaltungen/essis2017/>

This report is delivered on the conduction of the Summer School ESSIS within the project EINFOSE (European Information Science Education: Encouraging Mobility and Learning Outcomes Harmonization)

ESSIS was overall conducted as planned.

Overall, 22 students participants took part. Except for one student, they are all or intend to become students at the EINFOSE partner institutions. Despite the fact that the project funding is only available for 18 students, the consortium managed to fund 22 students.

The courses of ESSIS covered the four following areas:

- Advances in Information Science
- Research Methodology in Information Science
- Information Seeking and Retrieval
- Evaluation of Information Services

Due to some organizational issues with the venue¹, the original program was slightly modified. Nevertheless, all classes were held and the full program could be delivered to the

¹ Due to a unforeseen legal issue, the hotel had to be left on Friday early morning. The classes planned for Friday were taught on the days before (Sunday through Thursday late).

students. It also included exercises which the students worked on in groups. Results were presented and discussed with all participants.

Teachers

Colleagues from all partners of EINFOSE were present and contributed to the teaching.

During a social event on Wednesday afternoon, all teachers and students travelled to the city Herzberg which is situated in the Harz. The program consisted of a visit to the castle with a museum and a walk through the old town. This social event was very helpful for all students to get acquainted with each other.



Figure 1: Teaching at ESSIS 2017

The evaluation was carried out at several levels.

- An informal discussion with students at the end of the event led to very good remarks. e.g. the students would have preferred to do the social event one day earlier.
- In the online platform, a questionnaire was distributed and the link was given to the students. Most participants took part in the questionnaire.
- After the event, the consortium organized interviews with some volunteer students. They were conducted mainly by Juanjo Bote from the University of Barcelona and after an agreement of the students was given, they were made accessible online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brPYns_kHbA&list=PLtEwc2JVoRFO7MtHZGPzarrrmKisgplEB

From these sources and also from informal feedback it can be said that the students had a positive experience and some were even enthusiastic about their participation at ESSIS.

Dissemination

The event was disseminated during the runtime already via social media. An example screenshot of Twitter is shown below.

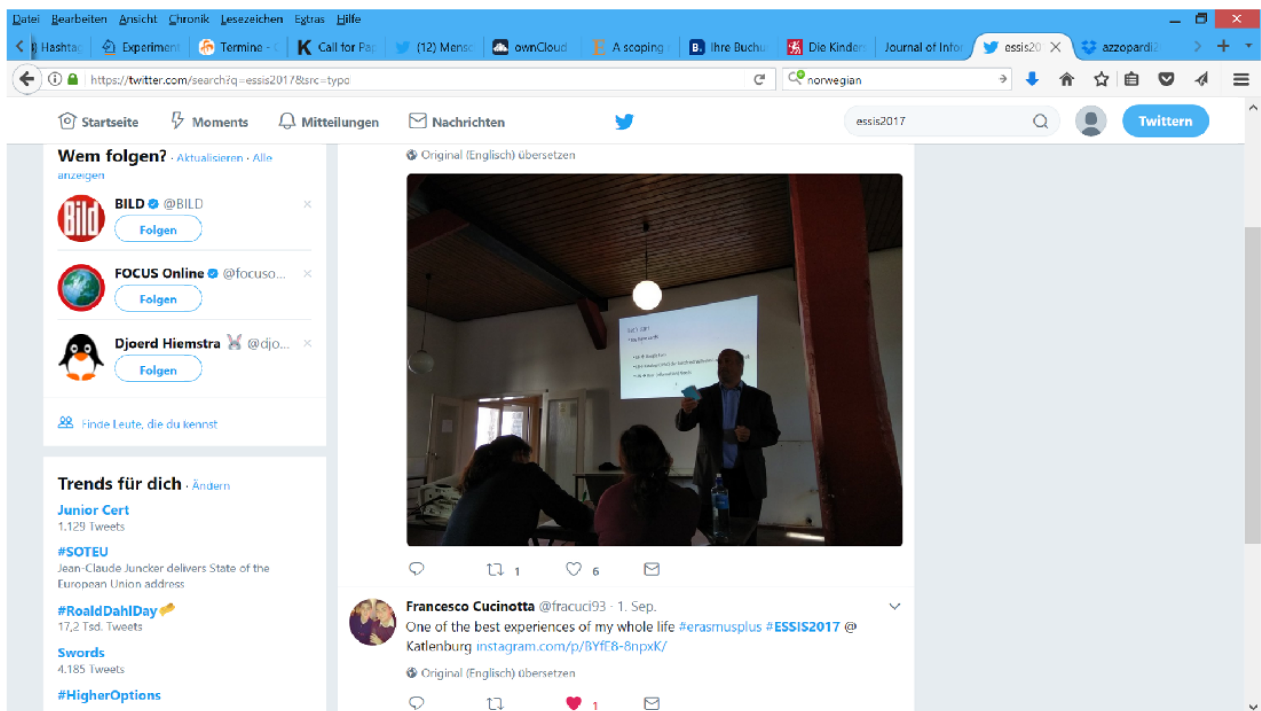


Figure 2: ESSIS 2017 in Twitter