Saarbrücken again!

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This EUSJA trip to Saarland under the headline "How Computer Science and Materials Science are improving the world" is full of events as usual. I have survived the strike in Berlin airport, spending the whole day in the city, enjoyed nice sunny Saarbruecken and then plunged into computer sciences.

I've seen some familiar faces - 10 journalists are taking part in our trip: my Russian colleagues, journalists from Hungary, Austria, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Spain... Some of them are freelancers well known in their countries, some – newcomers in science journalism, but everybody is interested to get to know more in IT-technology and how computer science changes our life.

Why did we come to learn this to Saarbruecken? Several world-class research institutes have been established here. The scientists at the Saarland University work closely with the Max-Planck Institutes for Informatics and Software Systems; the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI) and the Center for Bioinformatics with a high reputation and excellence. These research institutes are located in the big campus. I would mention that the Press-service here works brilliantly and is doing its best to establish a good connection between scientists and journalists. One of the best ways to feed this goal is to cooperate with EUSJA which has member associations in different countries of Europe.

To speak frankly, this is my second visit to Saarbruecken on an EUSJA study trip. I was really impressed by what I had seen three years ago and decided to join the trip again in order to find out what was new in this biggest cluster of IT technologies as this is a field where new ideas are in demand every day.

EUSJAns from Russia, Hungary, Austria, The Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Spain took part in the visit in Saarbrücken.

I realized it was a good idea to come here once again! I have new information, I have met new people and got some new contacts I could use working on my articles. We were lucky to observe for example the animation of 3D characters created by the computer scientists, to listen to the reports about different software – for medicine to support HIV therapy, for engineering to construct new machines.

We visited also the famous Dagstuhl, the Leibniz Center for Informatics.

Computer science is really changing our life. But here is a topic which needs maybe some hard reflection from science journalist. Professor Wolfgang J.Paul, Chairman Computer Science in Saarbruecken said what is most important: "Invest money in a security of IT technology!"

Panoramic view of the famous Dagstuhl, the Leibniz Center for Informatics.