

Final short report of the PROJECT AKTION 74p5 – SWAP-1 2015 a 2016

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Introduction:

The original project proposal was reduced by the Aktion committee decision into the two activities only, two excursions. First excursion (2 days) was organised by IHLW for the CULS students of different levels (PhD., MSc.) in the locations Wien, Marchfeld and Wienerwald. Second excursion (2 days) was organised by DWR for both, Austrian students and Czech students of the regular International MSc. study programme NRE together (again PhD. and MSc.). The locations were Praha and Káraný.

Excursion in Austria was planned in the SWAP-1 for the winter semester and the Czech Republic one for summer semester 2015-2016. Planned number of students was on both sides maximum 10 students for each excursion and maximum 3 staff.

Realisation of the excursions:

Both excursions were organised as they had been planned.

First one in the term January 14 – 15, 2016 in the agreement with the study schedule in the CULS and the second one on May 19 - 20, 2016 fitting into the study schedules of both participating universities. The number of participants in the first excursion was realised as planned, 10 students and 3 staff members plus staff of IHLW. The second excursion to Praha and Káraný was attended by 9 students and 1 staff from BOKU and 14 students and 3 staff from CULS side (NOT financed from the Aktion project) as a part of the extended regular education programme of the NRE.

Both departments prepared and distributed among both groups of participating students the detailed coloured printed excursion guides with the graphical part (IHLW guide: “Aktion – Soil/Rock and Water and Processes in the Earth Core/ půda/hornina a voda v zemské kůře (SWAP-1), Danube/Marchfeld/Wienerwald” and DWR guide: “Suchdol Station of the DWR and Káraný Waterworks”). Both excursion guides in printed and also electronic form were sent to the Aktion Office in Praha. Almost all the staff participants were active as lecturers and explaining guides in situ.

Evaluation of the SWAP-1 project

Project SWAP-1 was performed in agreement with the plan of SWAP-1 and fulfils all planned goals. The reactions of both groups of participating students were very positive especially BOKU students even sent the private e-mails with very positive replies to both departments (BOKU and CULS). In the anonymous evaluation, both groups of students evaluated the excursions as the excellent educational and social activity for them. For most BOKU students the excursion was also the first visit on the Czech Republic in their life. This particularly excursion was visited by the officer of Aktion Office in Praha, Ms. Katarína Matusová and she also received all printed materials given to participating students and staff (excursion guide, information about CULS, FAFNR and DWR).

Conclusion:

All students concluded that such as excursions should be organised regularly. The participation of both groups of students (BOKU and CULS) in one excursion like in Prague and Káraný together with the instructive excursion guides and active participation of staff from both universities was appreciated. The staff fully agrees with students and also concluded to repeat the same excursions again next academic year for the new groups of students from both universities. Of course everything depends of the financial situation and support.

We all thank to the AKTION Programme for the financial support to make these excursions possible and well performed. Without such a kind of support the activities would not be managed. The universities (BOKU or CULS) have not available sources for this kind of co-operation

NOTE: The SWAP-1 project ended with well balanced budget in agreement with accepted plan.

On behalf of all participating staff and students from BOKU and CULS



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Professor Dr. S. Matula, project leader