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What is IAESTE?

IAESTE - The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience - is an international organization for the exchange of students from the faculties in the area of technology, founded in 1948 by the initiative of the Imperial College, London, United Kingdom. It is a non-political, independent, non-governmental organization and maintains relationships with several United Nations' organizations such as the UNESCO, UNIDO, FAO, ILO etc.

IAESTE A.s.b.l is an Association of National Committees representing academic, industrial and student interests. Each National Committee is responsible for the administration of the exchange in its own country.

The Association became a registered body according to Luxembourg law at its General Conference 2005 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Each year the Annual Conference brings together the representatives of the National Committees to decide issues of general policy and with the IAESTE Cooperating Institutions to carry out the exchange of offers for training. Prior to the Conference, each Member and Co-operating Institution collects offers from employers willing to receive students from abroad for a temporary training and work experience period relevant to the students' areas of study, as a complement to their university or college education.

The offering Companies or Institutions are expected to pay students a wage sufficient to cover their cost of living during the actual training period. The offers of training are exchanged with other Members and Co-operating Institutions mainly on a reciprocal basis. Through their affiliated universities and colleges, Members and Co-operating Institutions select qualified students to meet employers' requirements as outlined on the training offer. Details of the selected candidates are sent to the Companies for approval. Participation in the IAESTE exchange is open to benefit students attending courses at Universities, Institutes of Technology and similar Institutions of Higher Education.



The Mission and Aims of IAESTE

MISSION

To operate a high quality practical training exchange program between Members in order to enhance technical and professional development and to promote international understanding and goodwill amongst students, academic institutions, employers and the wider community.

IAESTE operates irrespective of race, color, sex or creed.

AIMS

- To provide students in higher education with technical experience relevant to their studies.
- To offer employers well qualified and motivated trainees.
- To be a source of cultural enrichment for trainees and their host communities.

IAESTE Macedonia



IAESTE Macedonia is a non-political, independent, non-governmental, volunteering, student-lead organization that enables an exchange of students from the faculties in the area of technology for the accomplishment of professional practice. By the **IAESTE** program the students are able to gain a professional working experience, to be in touch with the current technological achievements that are applied in the world as well as to accomplish many new contacts and friendships.

IAESTE Macedonia has about 100 members. **IAESTE** is headed by five-member Board elected by voting of full members of the Organization. The Board is consisted of the National Secretary, a Finance Responsible, an Outgoing Responsible - in charge of Macedonian students that attend a traineeship abroad, an Incoming Responsible - in charge of foreign students that attend a traineeship in Macedonia, and a Marketing Responsible. All the members have a one-year mandate. **IAESTE Macedonia** has two local Committees: Local Committee – Skopje and Local Committee – Bitola. Within the Local Committees every student may become an **IAESTE** member if attending any of the technical faculties hosted by the University “St. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, University “St. Clement Ohridski” in Bitola and University “Goce Delchev” in Shtip.

Annual activities of IAESTE Macedonia in 2008

January

Annual General Conference of the international IAESTE, exchange of traineeship offers and obligatory presence on the Annual Assembly, Dead Sea in Jordan.

February-March

Applying for the traineeships, sending and receiving the application forms.

April

Presentations for new members, contacting the employers for the foreign students' applications. SID – Seminar on IAESTE Development, Stavanger, Norway.

May

CEC – Central European Convention in Rijeka, Croatia.

TWIN with IAESTE Poland in Macedonia.

Seminar for training and motivation of new members in Tajmishte, Macedonia.

EX – a regional student conference of IAESTE.

June - September

Summer reception, organizing the stay of the foreign students in Macedonia.

Macedonian students attend their traineeships abroad.

October

JUMP – Join Us to Motivate People, international seminar for training and motivation of new members in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

IAESTE Day – a global celebration of IAESTE, held in the Youth Cultural Center in Skopje, Macedonia

TWIN with IAESTE Poland in Poland

CEC – Central European Convention in Gyor, Hungary

November-December

Job Raising campaign – raising job offers in companies and institutions for foreign students for 2009

Summer reception 2008 in Macedonia

"I want to thank you all for making my stay in Macedonia perfect. I had a really great time. It was nice to meet all of you guys, be it trainees or IAESTE people, or non-IAESTE guys for that matter ;) I will definitely be back, sooner or later we shall see."

Pedro Carerria - Portugal



"This was a very special summer! I knew it since the time I arrived there. Since then, and until the end of my staying in Makedonija, I had a wonderful time, visiting very nice places in the company of great friends and meeting new fantastic people, not only from Makedonia but from all over the world! I think that after this superb experience this beautiful country with it's fantastic people, is now in my heart, it really is!! I am so happy for having made there a lot of friends that I consider now friends for life!!"

Nuno Mendes - Portugal



"I had awesome summer in Macedonia and thanks to all of IAESTE members, you did great job and made my stay fairytail. I have great memories and met lots of great people. I will suggest IAESTE internship to anybody, which is not about the place as I thought, but about people."

Milos Orzsag – Slovakia



"Just writing to say how much I enjoyed my time in Skopje. We shared lots of memorable moments and great laughs. I met lots of great people all of which i hope to stay in touch with and I will miss you all."

Benneth Hacket – UK

"Between all of you I met a new world in Macedonia, full of color and forever lasting summer. It is still with me in the rainy latvian autumnn."

Ilze – Latvia



"I am back in Belgium now and want to say thanks to everyone of IAESTE Macedonia and of course also to the trainees for giving me a wonderful time in Macedonia. I was really surprised how good organized IAESTE Macedonia is and I am very grateful for the nice weekends we did."

Mark Vandepitte – Belgium



Job Raising campaign

The Job raising campaign is one of the most important activities that **IAESTE Macedonia** is organizing throughout the year. It includes providing technical traineeships for foreign students in companies and institutions by the members of **IAESTE Macedonia**.

During the General Conference held once a year (in January) the provided practices are exchanged one for one. In addition, the number of our students that will accomplish a practical traineeship abroad depends directly on the number of provided traineeships during the job raising campaign.

The job raising is organized as follows: the members of **IAESTE Macedonia** make contact with the potential employers in our country, informing them of the way our organization works. If the employer agrees to collaborate with us, a contract is signed to accept a foreign student who will be a trainee in their company/institution during the following year. The contract contains all the detailed information about the student profile needed for the placement.

Benefits to Employers

- Free access to an international pool of skilled and motivated students.
- Visas are arranged by **IAESTE Macedonia** at no cost to the employer.
- An opportunity to learn about the culture and skills level of other countries.
- A chance to develop contacts with young professionals from other countries – present and future business partners.
- **IAESTE Macedonia** provides a support network for the students while they are in Macedonia.
- **IAESTE Macedonia** will organise and arrange everything on behalf of the employer.



*Filling in the electronical version O-form, where the requirements of the trainee are specified

Participating employers in 2008

We appreciate the collaboration with the following employers that offered us the 61 traineeships in 2008:

1. 11 Oktomvri - Kumanovo
2. Ading AD Skopje
3. American Colledge
4. Amplecom
5. AMSM
6. Avto Kukja
7. Bato & Divajn
8. Benning Psam
9. Beton AD Skopje
10. Bortas
11. Babilon Software Solutions
12. Cosmofon
13. Dasto DOOEL
14. Einsof
15. ELEM
16. Faculty of Electrical Engineering and IT
17. Faculty of Pharmacy
18. Fakom import-export Skopje
19. Farmahem
20. FOD DOOEL - Novaci
21. Geing & Krebs
22. Hitech Cooperation
23. Interway
24. Iziis
25. JP Strezevo - Bitola
26. Knauf
27. MakAutoStar
28. Makedonija Proekt AD
29. Mako Market
30. Mechanical Engineering Faculty
31. Microsam
32. National Conservatorium Center
33. Neocom
34. Netcetera
35. OKTA
36. Porsche Makedonija
37. Seavus groups Skopje
38. Siemens
39. Siskon DOOEL
40. Technological-Metalurgy Faculty
41. TGS - Tehnicki Gasovi
42. TLB Tutunska Banka
43. Toplifikacija
44. Vardar Dolomit - Gostivar
45. ZIP Travel

IAESTE Macedonia's administrative services

Once you have accepted a student for placement **IAESTE Macedonia** provides a range of administrative services for the trainee's arrival and stay in the country.

VISAS

For all visa nationals entering the country **IAESTE Macedonia** will provide the necessary documentation for application to the Macedonian Embassies in their own country. In instances where students encounter difficulties, **IAESTE Macedonia** will get in touch with our own Embassy's office abroad and ask them to contact the local consulates on behalf of trainees.

WELCOMING

IAESTE Macedonia takes care of the picking up the students from the place where they arrive, as well as bringing them on the first day to their working place. We also provide welcome packages with promotional materials, maps, etc.

ACCOMODATION

IAESTE Macedonia arranges accommodation for trainees. In most cases students are housed in local university halls of residence so that they may meet other students during their stay. Where this is not possible, students have been set up in short-term flat shares.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

IAESTE Macedonia organizes a schedule of trips and meetings throughout Macedonia to places of interest. Excursions have included visits to Ohrid, Bitola, Kriva Palanka, The Galichnik Wedding ceremony, Strumica, Solunska Glava and the surrounding of Skopje during the weekends. In **IAESTE Macedonia** we also provide every-day activities for the foreign trainees.

IAESTE

World's best engineers have something in common!

Become a part of our spirit...

If you are interested in offering a traineeship or would like to learn more about the **IAESTE** Program, please contact us at:

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