ECTS Medicine Association annual meeting

Student presentation

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Student presentation

- Julien Renevey, Lausanne, Switzerland

- Human Medicine, University of Lausanne (UNIL)

- First Master year (7th and 8th semester)

- First semester of clinical courses in ENT, Ophtalmology and Dermatology (Bispebjerg, Gentoft and Rigshospital)

- Second semester of clinical rotation in Pneumology, Surgery and Anaesthesiology (Hvidovre and Rigshospital)

- "Life course influences on health and aging. Theory and epidemiology"

- August 2016 to June 2017

- Why Copenhagen ?

Positive and negative aspects of my stay

- Way of teaching and accessibility of the different teachers
- Theory followed directly by practical exercises, with or without patients
- Very friendly environment at the hospital, always feeling welcome to take part in various activities with supervision and feed-back from the doctors
- Discovering a different health care system
- Not possible to make the study program match the one from my home university
- Not possible to have enough credits for the year only taking medicine courses

Living in Copenhagen

- Advantages of being in a "big" city while still having the feeling of really knowing it

- Great cultural offer with a lot of different activities

- Biking to work and everywhere

- Getting to know new people "not studying medicine"

- Activities with the mentoring group, faculty dinner in the beginning of the first semester

- Not enough contact with Danes (class of 10 students)

Differences compared to Switzerland

- Course content more focused on clinical skills and "what you need to know as a young doctor and not as a specialist".
- Oral exams with patients at the end of the first semester
- Atmosphere in the hospital, hierarchy not as important
- More free time in general

What to take home ?

First real clinical experience, feeling of what it is to work in a hospital

Discovery of living alone in another country, having to "create" a new life

Maybe coming back in the future ?