

Introduction (from the President, from the secretary)

Dear ESCoP Members,

This newsletter reaches you later than you may have expected. This is partly due to the great number of things that have happened in the past half year. The most obvious is that we are catching up on modern developments, and have changed from a paper newsletter to an electronic one. Many thanks to Pascal Haazebroek at Leiden University who is doing a lot of work for our newsletter and website and to Marilou Vandierendonck to make this change smoother. ESCoP is developing an additional website for membership administration. This will give us the possibility of sending you Newsletters and important/urgent news more quickly, and without any chance of losing them in the regular mail. We are also working on the possibility to update your own private file on this website. As soon as this file is accepted as fully proof, you will be notified. In the mean time, if you need to update your e-mail address, please send it to ESCoP's administration marilou.vandierendonck@telenet.be.

The committee has also been discussing some changes to the constitution to make the organisation stronger and to update it in accordance with the new uses (Thanks Andre for providing updated drafts). We will have the proposal ready at the beginning of 2007 and we will present it for approval in our next General Assembly. We will send this information in due time.

In addition, since our last newsletter there have been many ESCoP activities. Hence despite our silence, the Society has been very active. Last June, we had a Summer School fully supported and organised by ESCoP, we expect that this is the beginning of a new series of ESCoP Summer Schools to be held on regular basis every two years. As we mentioned in a previous letter, we have set aside €20,000 to make it possible to organise these events, so we encourage ESCoP members to send proposals to continue what we expect to be an ESCoP tradition. In addition, we have provided partial support to other scientific activities. Thus, a new edition of EWOMS-3, was held last June in Genova and ESCoP also sponsored a Summer School on Executive Functions held in August, in Bernried (Germany). You can find more information about all these activities in other sections of the Newsletter.

As of 2007, ESCoP will have a new president, Claus Bundesen. The current president, Teresa Bajo, will step down and become vice-president of the society. We also have two new committee members: Cristina Cacciari and Iring Koch. Maria Brandimonte and Cesare Cornoldi have ended their term and will be leaving the committee. We want to thank them for their contribution to the Society. We will miss them.

Finally, the committee decided to award Honorary membership to Wolfgang Prinz and Asher Koriat for their important contribution to scientific development of Cognitive Psychology in Europe and for their excellent scientific achievements. They will receive a medal in Marseille during the next ESCoP conference as a way of expressing the appreciation of the Society for the work that they have put into it. Congratulations to both of them!

At the end of August 2007 the ESCoP conference will be held in Marseille, France. You will find more information about the venue, the program, and various deadlines in this newsletter. The 2009 conference will be held in Cracow, Poland. In this newsletter you will find a taste of what is to be expected for that venue.

We would like to draw your attention to the various types of funding that ESCoP offers its members. We receive very few applications for these funding opportunities, while we are certain that many researchers would be able to benefit from them. Please take a moment to read about these funding opportunities in this newsletter. At present, there are four types of funding: The Early Career Stimulus (up to €1000), the

Early Career Publication Award (€1000), partial activity funding (various amounts), and Summer School funding (up to €20,000).

Teresa Bajo *Diane Pecher*
ESCoP President *ESCoP Secretary*

Members and finances

This year 11 researchers became associate member and 10 researchers became full member. Welcome to all members! Below is an overview of membership per country.

Australia	2
Austria	1
Belgium	34
Bulgaria	1
Canada	5
Chili	1
Croatia	1
Denmark	5
Finland	4
France	18
G.de Luxembourg	1
Germany	73
Greece	2
Hungary	3
Iceland	1
Ireland	1
Israel	12
Italy	36
Japan	1
Norway	6
Poland	10
Portugal	13
Romania	2
Spain	44
Sweden	8
Switzerland	8
The Netherlands	41
Turkey	2
United Kingdom	63
USA	14

The society is still in excellent financial shape. In 2006 (as of 27.11.2006), the receipts (€ 45,649) exceeded the expenses (€ 24,913), and the current total balance amounts to € 99,175—an increase of € 20,737.

The European Journal Of Cognitive Psychology

The present editorial team took charge on January 1, 2005 and has now been working for 22 months. In the year 2005, 84 new manuscripts were submitted to the journal. Of this set, thus far 31 (37%) manuscripts have been accepted for publication

and 46 (55%) have been rejected, which leaves 7 papers in a status of no final decision. These papers are being revised by the authors or have been proposed to another journal meanwhile.

In 2006, thus far 80 manuscripts were submitted, of which 17 are still under review. Of the manuscripts that reached a decision, 7 (11%) are accepted, 36 (57%) are rejected and 20 (32%) are under minor or major revision.

A comparison of the throughput in 2005 and 2006 suggests a rather steady rate and quality of submissions. The expectation is that slightly more papers will be rejected in 2006 than in 2005. This is at least in part due to an adapted policy accepted by the board of editors to sharpen the boundary between a major revision and a rejection. The result of this is that more papers are now being rejected during the first round of reviews. It is better for the authors to get the negative message immediately rather than after a round of major revisions.

The journal impact still seems to depend rather heavily on the presence of thematic issues. This, in fact, means that there is plenty of room to improve the normal input of manuscripts to the journal. Potential authors may bear this in mind. For this reason, I have decided to continue the efforts to include special issues. Two such issues are under preparation. One issue bridges cognitive science with education. In all, 14 papers have been submitted to this issue; 8 have been accepted and for some of the papers, reviewing is still under way. The other special issue addresses verbalizing of visual memories and has received 11 submissions, 5 of which have been accepted and the other ones are still under review. Publication of one of these two special issues is expected for July or September 2007. The other issue will then most likely be published early 2008.

I am looking forward to proposals for new thematic issues to be published late 2008 or early 2009. One suggestion has already been offered, but the "call" is open until end of January 2007. A choice would then be made between the proposals that have been submitted to the editor. Shortly after that, a call for papers for the new special issue shall be announced in the journal and on the ESCoP website.

Currently, the journal publishes 960 printed pages (the page count increased in 2006 from 928 to 960). This increase notwithstanding, the duration between acceptance and printing is increasing. This calls for another page increase. This is being considered now and negotiations with the publisher (Psychology Press) will start early 2007. Meanwhile, in order to limit the disadvantages of this delay, an agreement was made with the publisher to compose the issues a few months in advance of printing. This has the advantage that the exact reference (volume, pages) is known 3-4 months before the printed issue is available. The authors can then distribute this information and this should help to increase the number of correct citations of the papers.

André Vandierendonck
Editor

2009 Conference

The venue of the 2009 ESCoP conference is Cracow, a historic capital of Poland. Cracow is a magical city with one of the best-preserved medieval city centres in Europe. Dozens of churches and other historic monuments cover almost every architectural period. The Old Town is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Laid out in 1257, the Main Market Square is one of the largest medieval market squares in Europe. It is dominated by the 16th-century Cloth Hall, which continues to perform its role as a trading centre with lively market stalls and pavement cafés in and around the

building. The surrounding lanes of the Old Town are ringed by the Planty, a leafy, linear park that follows the line of the Old Town walls. The voluminous hulk of Wawel Hill is home to Wawel Castle, the seat of Polish kings from the 11th to the early 17th century. One of the major tourist attractions is also Kazimierz, which was once a cradle of Jewish culture and a separate town in its own right. Cracow's cultural attractions in general are manifest, with almost a quarter of Poland's museum holdings housed here and the city's cultural scene is without equal in Poland – the city was justifiably named as one of the nine European Cities of Culture in 2000. The city's cultural heritage is mirrored in its intellectual achievements – Jagiellonian University and several other higher-education institutions. The student population of the city numbers over 100,000 and it fires a lively nightlife scene that burns brightly in the atmospheric cellar bars away from the tourists above. Cracow has the unique and unforgettable atmosphere, created by the pubs, cafes, restaurants, music festivals and friendly hosts, living next door to history. The official city webpage with detailed information for visitors, such as guides to restaurants and hotels, as well as information about the city's culture, and history can be found at: <http://www.krakow.pl/en/>

Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364, is one of the oldest European universities. Among the most prominent students of this university were Nicolaus Copernicus and Karol Wojtyła, later elected to become Pope John Paul II. The oldest preserved building of the university is Collegium Maius, dating back to the 15th century. Now welcoming visitors as a university museum, it offers numerous Copernicus memorabilia, old Arabian astronomical instruments and a famous globe with a map of America from the beginning of the 16th century. Psychology was founded in Cracow in 1903, when Professor Władysław Heinrich established the laboratory of Experimental Psychology. Now, the Department of Psychology consists of scholars who deal with all major fields of psychological research. Faculty of the Department of Psychology is now teaching about 1000 students.

The proposed site of the conference is a new Jagiellonian University Conference Building (*Auditorium Maximum*), located close to the historic centre of the city. The medieval ambulatory and yard of the Dominicans Monastery is planned to serve as a site of the welcome reception. *Auditorium Maximum* is planned to serve as a site of the opening ceremony and all scientific events, i.e., plenary sessions, symposia, thematic sessions, and poster sessions. There is one large lecture hall (1200 seats), which could be divided into two halls (about 600 seats each). There are also four smaller lecture halls in the Conference Building (100 - 300 seats each). It is also possible to organize thematic sessions in two lecture halls in the Jagiellonian Library New Building, which is located 5 minutes walking from *Auditorium Maximum*. All halls are brand new (*Auditorium Maximum* was built in 2005), fully equipped (microphones and loudspeakers, screens, and multimedia projectors). Poster sessions will take place in the same building. *Auditorium Maximum* has been already used as a site for international scientific conferences.

Edward Nęcka
Michał Wierzchoń

2007 Conference

The 15th ESCoP Conference will be held in Marseille, France, from Wednesday the 29th of August to Saturday the 1st of September 2007. The conference will present scientific research within the field of Cognitive Psychology and related areas, following the now well-established tradition of previous ESCoP conferences. The conference will

take place at the University of Provence just next to the main railway and bus station in Marseille (Saint-Charles). We advise all those who wish to attend this conference to book accommodation as soon as possible, since Marseille will be attracting a lot of visitors at that time due to the Rugby World Cup taking place in early September.

Marseille is located in the south of France, on the borders of the Mediterranean Sea. In late August – early September, the Mediterranean is blue (as always) and warm (as almost always). The weather will most likely be sunny, with daytime temperatures around 20-25° C, perfect for many non-academic activities (sightseeing in town, swimming, hiking, climbing, etc). Marseille is in Provence, the worldly renowned region of the French south. Besides its own interest, the city serves as an excellent base camp for visiting the area including beautiful towns (Aix-en-Provence, Arles, Avignon, Cassis, etc.), beautiful landscapes (Calanques, Verdon Gorges, Camargue, etc.), wonderful gastronomy, etc.

Preliminary information about travel and accommodation is available on the conference website (<http://www.up.univ-mrs.fr/wlpc/escop07>). A call for symposia was announced recently, and the website will soon be ready to receive the first submissions. We remind you that conveners of symposia must be full ESCoP members but participants in the symposium can be nonmembers as well as members. The deadline for submitting a proposal for a symposium is 31st January 2007. The deadline for regular submissions is 30th April 2007. Please note that payment of registration fees is required upon submission of a presentation (appropriate forms will be provided when submitting an abstract). We will not be able to accept a submission before registration fees have been paid. Registrations after the 30th of April will be charged an additional late fee, with a diminishing likelihood of obtaining a slot for an oral presentation.

We expect to keep the same format as for the Leiden conference, with 20 minute slots for each oral presentation (15 min presentation + 5 min), and depending on the number of attendees, up to 6 parallel sessions. In selecting oral presentations, preference will be given to full members of ESCoP (as presenting author), with additional constraints based on the number of presentations at this conference and at previous conferences. Poster sessions will of course be held every day. We have four equally illustrious invited speakers programmed for the conference. The speakers are: Claus Bundesen (University of Copenhagen) who will deliver the Broadbent Lecture, James McClelland (Stanford University), Mary Potter (MIT), and Eric-Jan Wagenmakers (University of Amsterdam) winner of the Bertelson Award.

We hope to have all the ingredients for yet another exciting ESCoP conference, successfully combining the best of European cognitive psychology with the best of the European way of life.

Looking forward to seeing you in Marseille,

The local organizing committee

*Xavier Alario, Loic Bonnier, Boris Burle, Stéphane Dufau, Jonathan Grainger,
Niels Janssen, Stéphanie Lhuillier, Marie-France Pichevin*

Bertelson Award 2006

Every two years an outstanding young scientist receives the Paul Bertelson Award for making a significant contribution to European Cognitive Psychology. In response to our call in the previous Newsletter we received three excellent nominations. A committee of three proximal peers was set up and consisted of Edward de Haan, Robert Logie, and Peter de Graef. They rated each candidate on four criteria: The extent of the candidate's outstanding contribution, the candidate's general

scientific qualification, the range of the candidate's contribution, and the extent of the candidate's international interactions.

The committee has decided to nominate Eric-Jan Wagenmakers for the Bertelson Award. Eric-Jan Wagenmakers received his PhD from the University of Amsterdam in 2001. He has collaborated with Richard Shiffrin and Roger Ratcliff, among others. His research focuses on computational models of language, memory, and cognitive processes in general. His research has been published in high quality journals, and has been well-cited for such recent publications. The committee praised the impressive number of first-authored papers and his extensive international reputation. His productivity is "exemplary in quantity and quality" according to the committee's report. More information about his research and publications can be found on <http://users.fmg.uva.nl/ewagenmakers/>.

Eric-Jan Wagenmakers will receive his award at the next ESCoP meeting in Marseille. On this occasion he will give a lecture. He will also write an article that will be published in the European Journal of Cognitive Psychology.

Young researchers award

The ESCoP Young Researchers Award is to be made to Dr Angel Correa, for a research paper published while he was a PhD student at the Universidad de Granada (A. Correa, J. Lupinanez & P. Tudela, "Attentional preparation based on temporal expectancy modulates processing at the perceptual level", *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review*, 12, 2005, 328-334). The paper uses a signal detection approach to examine temporal attention, a topic that has been neglected in attention research until recently, and the results suggested that temporal attention affects perceptual processing in addition to motor preparation. The panel of judges making this recommendation was formed of Prof. Cristina Cacciari, Prof. Iring Koch, and Prof. Geoff Underwood (chair).

Awards and Funding Opportunities

ESCoP Early Career Stimulus

The young researchers grant program has changed its name to ESCoP Early Career Stimulus. The stimulus consists of grants that will fund European graduate students to conduct research currently in its initial development. The program will fund up to three research projects for an amount of up to €1000 each. The award will be given to students belonging to disadvantaged groups and countries. PhD students from all areas of cognitive psychology can apply. Interested applicants should send a two pages presentation of the project including financial request, a support letter by an ESCoP member and the candidate's CV to the ESCoP secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, pecher@fsw.eur.nl. Applications should be sent before May 1st, 2007. A jury of three members nominated by the ESCoP Committee will decide before July, 31st.

ESCoP Early Career Publication Award

The young researchers award has changed its name to ESCoP Early Career Publication Award. The ESCoP is offering this award (€1000) to the associated member who was the first author of the best publication in the year 2006. Applicants must be doctoral students or researchers in their first postdoctoral year and associated members of ESCoP. The author should simply send a copy of the publication and CV to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, pecher@fsw.eur.nl. Applications should be sent before May 1st, 2007. A jury of three members nominated by the ESCoP Committee will decide before July, 31st.

ESCoP Activity Funding

The ESCoP is offering partial funding for activities such as summer schools, meetings, colloquia, etc. that are organized by ESCoP members. Proposals may be sent to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, pecher@fsw.eur.nl. The deadlines for proposals are May 1st, 2007, and October 1st, 2007.

Call for Summer School proposals

In the years in which there is no ESCoP meeting, a summer school can be organized for graduate students and postdocs. We invite all members to send us their proposal for a summer school to be held in the summer of 2008. ESCoP will sponsor the summer school for up to €20,000. Proposals may be sent to the ESCoP Secretary, Dr. Diane Pecher, pecher@fsw.eur.nl. The deadline for proposals is May 1st, 2007.

ESCoP Museum

ESCoP is getting older, bigger and wiser (or so we hope). To remind ourselves of the beginnings, the first steps of the "Gang of Five" (Alan Baddeley, Paul Bertelson, Janet Jackson, John Michon and Wolfgang Prinz)—our founding mother and fathers, the first meetings and Summer schools, and more, the executive committee has decided to establish the ESCoP Museum. The physical part of the museum will be in Leiden, where we will collect all your ESCoP memories, or at least their physical correlates: posters, proceedings, pictures and, probably most important, stories. The virtual part of the museum will be published on Internet. We are planning to scan and present the most interesting material, added by written and spoken comments of time witnesses. This will take its time, but we will begin at the end of this year. We asked Tristan Lavender for help, a psychologist with a journalistic background from Leiden. A call for material to be sent to Leiden will be issued in a few weeks, please go get scrutinizing cellars and lofts right away!

Bernhard Hommel

Elections

The current president of ESCoP, Teresa Bajo, will step down in January 2007. We are pleased to announce her successor: Claus Bundesen. Since he was the only person nominated for the post, no elections were held.

For the two posts for the executive committee we received five nominations: Jason Tipples, Iring Koch, Timo Mäntylä, Vera Kempe, and Cristina Cacciari. Ballots were sent to all members in June, and by the end of July 118 members had sent in their votes. The results:

Cristina	
Cacciari	64
Iring Koch	56
Vera Kempe	46
Timo Mantyla	36
Jason Tipples	20

Thus, Cristina Cacciari and Iring Koch are the new members of the executive committee.

Recent activities

ESCoP Summer School on Human Memory (Bubion /Granada, Spain) June 11-24 Jun 2006

Organisers' report

The organisation of a summer school requires time and effort, but it is a great personal and professional experience. As organisers of the last ESCoP Summer School on Human Memory this is the statement that best represents our feelings about the meeting that took place in Bubi3n (Granada) last summer, from the 11th to the 24th of June. The challenge in organising this type of event is to be able to foster exciting discussions among students, invited speakers and tutors, with the hope that these exchanges will lead to advances in the integration of established findings, in the discovery of new problems, and in the generation of new ideas and approaches. We think that we speak for everyone involved in stating that the summer school was a very satisfying experience, and that initial expectations and hopes were met and exceeded. The presentations were brilliant, the discussions were engaging, and new ideas came forward as each student team was able to come up with an interesting research project. Undoubtedly, we ought the success of this meeting to the scientific and human qualities of the people involved. We are very grateful to the 25 student participants for their generosity and willingness to engage in long working days and for sharing with all of us their knowledge, ideas and enthusiasm. We are also grateful to our invited speakers: Marcia Johnson, Anders Ericsson, Lars Nyberg, Elizabeth Bjork and Robert Bjork . Their lectures offered high quality updates on their different topics of expertise. We were also very impressed by their willingness to stand for more than two hours answering the difficult questions that the students posed to them, and by their remarkable ability to leave no question without an interesting response. Their human quality was also evident in the help that they provided in solving unforeseen problems. They not only acted as invited speakers, but they also participated in tutoring activities and extra lectures when they were needed, almost always on short notice.. We also have very warm memories of our role as tutors and of our interactions with the rest of the tutoring team: Maria Antonella Brandimonte, Cesare Cornoldi and Andr3 Vandierendonck. We enjoyed very much our scientific discussions with them, over long meals and short breaks, and we greatly appreciate their dedication and help in every aspect of the organization. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to Antonio Iba3ez (a student at the University of Granada) and Carlos G3mez-Ariza (a colleague at the University of Ja3n), for making possible that the day-to-day logistics run so smoothly, and to Marilou Vandierendonck for providing continuous administrative support.

*Teresa Bajo
Angel Fern3ndez*

Tutors' report

As our President mentioned in her newsletter last spring, the main purpose of the Summer School on Human Memory was to bring together young European researchers and leading scientists in the field of human memory. It was our hope that this School would also attract many young European brilliant researchers and give them an opportunity to refine their training in memory research by listening and meeting important researchers of the area and have discussions on topics of general interest, under the supervision of a tutor.

Well, today I can say that the outcome of this experience goes well beyond our best wishes. The Summer School on Memory was a great success, under all

respects. Bubi3n and the Sierra Nevada are beautiful. The organization was simply perfect, thanks to Teresa and her group of excellent collaborators. I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and was very much impressed by the overall quality of the lectures and the breadth of the discussions that followed. As a tutor, I've especially appreciated the liveliness of the meetings with the students, the friendly atmosphere, and the enthusiasm of both students and tutors.

My job as a member of the Committee has come to its end. I'll bring with me the many nice memories I have accumulated over the last years. Among them, the most recent, exciting experience of the Summer School at Bubi3n, with its wonderful atmosphere, exciting discussions on memory research, and generous cherry trees!

Maria A. Brandimonte

Participants report: A Short Report About a Big Summer School on Memory

Implicit theories on memory show that people believe for everyday 5(months)-back tasks to be quite difficult; be it episodic or semantic in nature. Now, I wouldn't know for sure would it be due to some quite fine source monitoring (Marcia K. Johnson), exceptional mnemonic skills (K. Anders Ericsson), specific patterns of brain activity associated with it (Lars Nyberg), or its high retrieval and/or storage strength (Elizabeth and Robert Bjork), but my memory of ESCoP's Summer School on Memory is even now, some 5 months after, still surprisingly vivid. Luckily, all these top experts were invited speakers at the Summer School so if I continue to have doubts on the causes of my good memory of the School, I'll surely know whom to talk to.

One would think having this much expertise around would already suffice for an ideal learning and idea exchange atmosphere. But there's more! Their morning lectures would smoothly transform into an hour (or even two) of broader discussion on lectured topics. This was a great opportunity for Summer School attendees, 25 young researchers from all over Europe, to face-to-face quiz the findings, interpretations or ideas heard during the invited talks. So that we could all continue in such pace through the rest of the day a perfect decision was made – an after-lunch *siesta* (some days it was just enough time for a game of football – our modest contribution to the football world championship held at the same time).

Afternoons began with another lecture, this time given by one of the Summer School tutors – Teresa Bajo, Maria A. Brandimonte, Cesare Cornoldi and Andr3 Vandierendonck. And after a *café con leche* it was time to work on group projects. Each group of 6-7 students was assigned a tutor (Greetings, Andr3!☺) and working together for 2 weeks the task was to come up with an idea for a research project, which was then formally presented during the last day of the School. Other than joint work on projects and during panel discussions, there was enough opportunity to present individual work during the 2 poster sessions.

Putting it all on paper now I'm again overwhelmed by the effort it must have taken to have things running in such a legato manner. Thumbs high up for all of the organizers, and particularly the «Spanish team» that probably bore the most of organizational duties! Had they done nothing but choosing the venue, it would have been enough already. Matching location of schools to come, to the top-of-pops place at the end of world like Bubi3n is, will surely prove to be a «Mission: impossible 4».

*Andrea Vranic
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Student Participant*

EWOMS-3, Genova, June 7-9 2006

EWOMS is an acronym of European Working Memory Symposia. In December 2000, the ESCoP committee decided to sponsor small-scale meetings with a repetitive character in order to endorse a topic-oriented policy in the sponsoring of small meetings. Responsive to this new view on sponsoring, a group of people with an interest in working memory phenomena took the initiative to organize symposia on a regular basis. The prime idea was to focus each time on a restricted theme.

After successful meetings in Gent (2002, theme: executive control) and Beaune (2004, theme: development of working memory), the third meeting took place in Genova under the rather broad theme of working memory in relation to attention and long-term memory. Sergio Morra organized this most interesting meeting and I would like to congratulate Sergio for an impeccable organization.

With John Jonides, Juan Pascal-Leone and Carlo Umiltà as invited speakers, the single-session meeting contained 33 oral presentations and 64 posters spread over three days. This big number of participants notwithstanding, the amount and the level of discussion were very good. This was further reinforced in the lunch and coffee breaks which were held mostly on the roof of the building. Interestingly, the roof was at street level just like the entrance, four floors below.

The scope of the conference was well represented in the poster sessions as well as in the oral talks. In both parts of the program, many promising research reports and new ideas entered the symposium. It is a pity, though, that the program did not offer more time for attending the poster sessions.

Like its predecessors, the Genova meeting of EWOMS was very interesting, addressed timely issues and will be remembered as a successful symposium. Plans are being forged already for a fourth meeting which will probably be held in the year 2008 in the United Kingdom.

André Vandierendonck

Summer School on Executive Functions

An ESCOP-sponsored Summer School on Executive Functions was held in August, in Bernried (Germany). There were great speakers covering a wide range of the topic: Axel Cleeremans, Gordon Logan, Axel Mecklinger, and Phil Zelazo. Even though the weather was so and so, both students and speakers assured me that they greatly enjoyed the experience, the relaxed atmosphere, and the spicy discussions. Not speaking of the boat trip and the night excursion...

Bernhard Hommel