



Benoit Fautsch, Belgium

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Benoit reports that following his master degree in civil engineering at a Belgian university, he "wanted to broaden (my) knowledge and get an international perspective." This is why he chose to do spend time in Nottingham, Waterford and Karlsruhe. Benoit Fautsch has now managed to get a job working as a site engineer in France.

The time in Karlsruhe was the most interesting experience of the three cities as far as the Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, academic and campus life and the city itself are concerned. The German classes impressed him and he considered the professors to be firm but extremely good. And yet there was still enough time to stroll about downtown, which was a learning experience in itself: "I thought that German cities were very industrialized and thus polluted and not very attractive. When I came to Karlsruhe, I was surprised how green and nice Karlsruhe is. I liked the castle in the middle of the city at first sight."

His course "International Construction Management" was less technically oriented and primarily dealt with management issues. He and his international class mates from Indonesia, India, Spain and Germany became very close even more so because the office for international students organised interesting trips and events for their students. The students also met at the weekends and learned a lot from each other. "In the end Karlsruhe was so attractive to me that I choose to do my master thesis here and stay for another three months", the 26 year old engineer comments, almost two years later.

Benoit is member of the very active alumni club and stays in touch with the other graduates from ICM. "International experience always has been interesting for me. The different ways of working, the knowledge about different cultures and their people are most important for engineers today," he believes.

Benoit Fautsch learned about the course in Karlsruhe from an article in a Belgian newspaper. Someone who had done this course before had written a report about his experience in Karlsruhe. It sounded so exciting, that he applied. "I recommend the master programme "International Construction Management" to any engineer in this

field, interested in an international perspective. After the three terms in three different countries – England, Ireland and Germany – you are ahead of everyone else. It is just a marvelous way of meeting people and gaining academic experience,” he says with conviction.

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