

Short report on my stay in Warnemünde

The visit was both pleasant and educational. People working at Warnemünde are always willing to assist visiting researchers and answer a lot of questions. Some of the doctoral students provided useful information which helped me understand better the problems with zooplankton. These students are from different areas, but are quite informed of the research that has been done at the institute. What helps in this regard are every week presentations of young researchers from various fields: biology, chemistry and physics. It is also quite interesting to get an insight of researchers from different backgrounds on certain problem at hand, and get the idea of what is actually important for different fields.

Some of the problems in biology are particularly hard since measurements have been taken for only past few decades, and the process of collecting measurements is both expensive and time consuming. This means that with few newly gathered points and given the dynamics of ecosystem, old models are no longer valid most of the time.

The accommodation offered by institute is also both comfortable and close to the institute itself as in right next to it. The institute's location next to the beach is a big plus during summers, and whole Warnemünde is designed for a tourist season so it is quite easy to find a lot of people and cool off after a long day of work. This is further elevated with group or department excursions (this year dedicated to draisine cycling), birthday celebrations, internship farewells, as well as an annual institute party with food and drinks. The institute party is organized by a different department each year.

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