

Erasmus Radiography Group



Quality assurance

Exchange 2006

Overall evaluation organization (by students)

Host institute:	Number of forms received
HA Haarlem – The Netherlands	7 out of 9
EI Eindhoven – The Netherlands	7
BE Bergen – Norway	2 out of 5
IP Ipswich - Uk	0 out of 2
DU Dublin – Ireland	12
TU Turku – Finland	6
MA Malta	9
CO Coimbra – Portugal	8
BF Belfast - UK	5
AT Athens – Greece	4
PO Porto – Portugal	4
LU Lund - Sweden	0
Total	62

2006															
TO:	Ha	Ei	Be	Ip	Du	Tu	Ma	Co	Bf	Bd	At	Po	Lu	total	max
From:															
Haarlem			2		2		2	1			3	2		12	12
Eindhoven			3					1	3					7	10
Bergen		2		2	4		2	2			1	2		15	18
Ipswich						1								1	6
Dublin						2	1	2						5	10
Turku	1							2						3	6
Malta	3	2			2				2					9	10
Coimbra		1			1		2							5	10
Belfast	2					3	2							7	10
C.Budejovice					3									3	8
Athens														0	10
Porto	3	2												5	6
Lund														0	6
total	9	7	5	2	12	6	9	8	5	0	4	4	0	71	
max	12	10	18	8	10	6	10	8	10	8	10	6	6		122

1: Information received in advance on:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

1.1 host institution

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1							1							1
2						1		2		2	12			17
3	1	1			4	3	2	2	2	2	2			
4	5	1	2		4	1	5	4	2					
5	1	5			4	1	1		1		1			

1.2 living accommodation

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		1				1	1	1						4
2	1				1		2	2	1		2			9
3	1	4	1		6	2	3	2		3	2			
4	5		1		5	2	2	3	3	1				
5		2				2	1		1					

1.3 travel arrangements

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2			1			1		1						3
3	2		1		6	3	6	1	2	1	1			
4	5	2			6		2	6	1	2	1			
5		5				1	1		2	1	2			

1.4 cost of living

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1						1	1							2
2					2		4				1			7
3	1	4	1		7	3	4	1	3	4				
4	6	1	1		3	1		5	1		2			
5		2				1		2	1		1			

1: Information received in advance on:

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1.5 host country

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2					1	1					1			3
3					5	1	5		3	1	1			
4	6	4	1		2	2	2	6	1	3	1			
5	1	3	1		4	2	1	2	1		1			

Comments:

Haarlem:

- 1.2 accommodation: 1 negative score from Malta

Eindhoven:

- 1.2 accommodation: 1 negative score from Porto

Dublin:

- 1.1 living accommodation 1 negative score from Gjovik
- 1.4 cost of living 2 negative scores from C. Budejovice
- 1.5 host country 1 negative score from Haarlem

Athens:

- 1.1 host institution: 2 negative scores from Haarlem
- They could have said that people are allowed to smoke inside the school (Haarlem)

Turku:

- 1.1 host institution: 1 negative score from Ipswich.

Malta:

- 1.1 host institution: 1 negative score from Belfast
- 1.2 living accommodation: 3 negatives scores from 2x Bergen and 1 x Belfast
- 1.4 cost of living: 5 negative scores from Coimbra, 2x Belfast, 2 x Bergen

Coimbra:

- 1.1 host institution: 2x negative from Dublin
- 1.2 living accommodation: 2x negative from Dublin, 2x from Bergen

Belfast:

- All enquiries were responded to promptly (Malta)
- 1.2 There was not enough information about what was available in the accommodation and what we should bring ourselves (Eindhoven)

2: TRAVEL from home to host country

2.1 comfort

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1														
2						1								1
3	1	2			1			1	1	1				
4	6	4	2		11	4	3	5	3	2	2			
5		1				1	5	2	1	1	2			

2.2 Did you have any problems to find your accommodation?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	7	2		12	6	9	8	5	4	4			

Comments:

Eindhoven:

- I came by truck! (Coimbra)
- The students from MBRT that picked us up at the airport were following us to the accommodation – Great (2x Bergen)

Bergen:

- It was very nice and well arranged that we were picked up from the airport by taxi to our accommodation. The person who did this also showed us the school and the bus stop to the town centre.

Turku:

- No problem at all in finding our accommodation, due to the fantastic work of our tutors. The tutors provided were fantastic, thanks to them we settled in really very quickly (Dublin)
- Our student tutors met us at the airport and took us to our accommodation. They were excellent and a great help (Belfast)
- Our tutor was brilliant in this respect. She collected us from the airport, even though it was outside the hours. She brought us to the hotel, where we stayed the first night, collected us the next morning to bring us to our accommodation. She collected the keys for us, inspected the flats, so she was great (Dublin)

Coimbra:

- It was arranged very well. We knew where to take the train and Adelino took us to our apartment (Eindhoven)

Belfast:

- It was very easy to work out accommodation arrangements through the universities web page. E-mails were always answered promptly.
- No problems, but there were no direct flights to Belfast (Malta)

Athens:

- They came to get us at the airport to our accommodation. This was very good arranged. Now we did not have to walk around in a strange city by night Just perfect that Mr. Panou picked us up. It is very hard to find if you don't know the city (2 x Haarlem + Bergen)

3. Language study

3.1 In your own country:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1	1	5				4	3	4		3	2			22
2					3	2	2	1		1				10
3	1	1			1			1	1					
4	5	1			3									
5					3		1	1						

3.2 In the host country:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1							1				1			2
2						2	4	2		4	1			13
3	3	2	1		3	4	1	5	1					

4	4	5	1		4		1				1			
5					5			1						

Comments:

Haarlem:

- We were given no language study prior to coming here (Belfast)

Bergen:

- We did not have language study in our own country (Haarlem, Eindhoven)

Eindhoven:

- Negative scores on 3.1 from Porto (2x), Coimbra, Malta(2x)
- I had 't any language (Dutch) study before I came (Coimbra)
- In my own country it was only self study (2x Bergen)

Dublin:

- Negative scores on 3.1 from C.Budejovice (3x)

Turku:

- I only had 5 sessions of language study and they did not start for a long time after I arrived, so it would have been better to start them earlier, when I could benefit from them.(Belfast 2x)
- In Ireland we were provided with tapes and vocabulary sheets, however Finnish is really a language that needs to be taught as it is unlike most other languages. We attended 5 Finnish classes in the three months and we were already a month and a half in the country. Most of my Finnish was taught to me by my tutor (Dublin)
- The teacher went through the material very quickly and did not fully explain some of the grammatical rules (Dublin)

Malta:

- It was too much, too difficult and there were words we would never use. It would be better to cancel the first month and not the last, so that we could use it (Haarlem)
- We missed 4 weeks of Maltese language, because the teacher was ill (Haarlem)

Coimbra:

- I wish I had language study in my own country. Then it would be easier to understand some wordt in the first weeks Now it took some time because I did not know the basic words. (Eindhoven)
- English I had enough in my home country, but Portuguese not at all. In the host country I would have like to study more Portuguese (Turku)
- My home instition did not provide lessons, so I visited lessons myself. Would have been nice if school had provided (2x 5) Haarlem.
- Would be better if we had language course all through the exchange (Bergen)
- Teaching was too fast sometimes (Turku)

Belfast:

- No language courses needed, because English is our second language (Malta)

Athens:

- We only had 4 hours of language study. It was handy to know the Greek alphabet (Haarlem)
- We only had 2 classes. This was to little (Haarlem)
- We have learned the alphabet and to say, 'my name is'. Not things that you could use in the hospitals, because there was no time for that (Haarlem)
- We did not have any language course in Norway and in Greece only two classes, but they were good (Bergen)

Porto:

- We could jest start with the lessons in March, but the course is very good

4. Living accommodation

4.1 comfort:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		2					1							3
2	2	1			1		2	1						7
3	4	2			4	1	4	2		2	2			
4	1	1	1		6	4	2	3	3		1			
5		1	1		1	1		2	2	2	1			

4.2 costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1						1		2		1	3			
2	1	2			1	4	1	4			1			
3	1	2	1		4	1	4	2	2	1				
4	2		1		7		4		2	2				18
5	3	3												6

Comments:

Haarlem :

- 4.1 comfort : two scores below average from Malta
- 4.2 costs : two scores more expensive from Malta and 3 scores very expensive from Porto
- Accommodation was comfortable, however there were a few problems e.g. damp on the walls, mice and no cloth wash.

Bergen:

- The rooms aren't big, but good enough to live there. There were enough toilets and showers and they clean them every day!

Eindhoven:

- 4.1 two scores 1 (comfort very poor) from Porto and Coimbra, One score 2 (below average) from Bergen.
- 4.2 three scores 5 (very expensive) from Bergen, Porto and Coimbra
- We have a good room, but the rest is very poor. I have problems with a contract. The landlady does not respect my privacy, because she enters in my room when I am not at home (Porto)
- I had a big room, but the rest of the house was not very comfortable. We had not the warmth we need, because the landlady did not switch on the heating very often (especially during the night (Coimbra)

Dublin:

- 4.1 below average 1x from C. Budejovice
- 4.2 more expensive Coimbra, C.Budejovice (3x), Malta, Haarlem (2x)

Turku:

- Accommodation very comfortable. Only problem was having to pay April's rent even though we won't be here.

Malta:

- 4.1 comfort: negative scores from Bergen (2x1) and Haarlem
- 4.2 costs: more expensive (Belfast, Bergen, Haarlem) very expensive (Bergen)
- It was a bit cold at the start and we had difficulties heating our rooms. Also cleaners just walk into your room (Belfast).

Coimbra:

- Don't like that the owner go's in the house without telling when we were not there (Bergen)
- Comfort: 1 negative score from Dublin

Belfast:

- 4.2 Eindhoven (2x)

Athens:

- The neighbourhood was very good, great! We were in the center of Athens. I found it very hard to be dependent of others to do the washing. We could not cook and had to wash in the apartment above us. We only had 1 room with two beds, a bathroom and a very small kitchen. For three months it was OK. For the little space we had, we think it was very expensive (Haarlem)
- For a shared room, the cost was maybe too high, but it was modern and clean, so I am willing to pay more for that (Haarlem).

5. Domestic travel

5.1 to and from school:**Comfort:**

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1							1							1
2		1			2		3			2				9
3	2	2			4	3	4		1	2	1			
4	2	3			4	2	2	8			1			
5	3	1	2		2	1			2		1			

Costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		4			2	1	7	6	2	4				
2	1				3	5		1			2			
3	2	1			2		2	1			2			
4	1				3				2					6
5	3	1			2									5

Comments:**Haarlem:**

- To and from school: 4 x negative from Malta and Porto

Eindhoven:

- I lived nearby the school and the hospital and I had my own bike.(2x)

Dublin:

- Comfort 2 x negative from Bergen
- Costs 3 x more expensive from Bergen, C. Budejovice and Coimbra. Very expensive 2 x from Malta

Porto:

- We walked to school

Belfast:

- It's a five minutes walk to school. We lived on the campus

5. Domestic travel

5.2. to and from hospital:

Comfort:

Rating: 1. Very poor 2. Below average 3. Satisfactory 4. Good 5. Excellent

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1					1		1							2
2	1				2		2							5
3	2	2			2	4	4	1	2	4				
4	1	4			5	1	7	7	3		3			
5	3	1	2		1	1					1			

Costs:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		3			1	1	8	2	2	4				
2		1			1	4		4			1			
3	2	1	1		3		1	2			2			
4	3				3				1					7
5	2	1			3				2					8

Comments:

Haarlem:

- Comfort: 1 negative score from Malta
- Costs: 5 negative scores from Malta, Belfast, Porto
- The cost is actually very expensive, both with the refund from the school it gets to the same level (Malta)

Bergen:

- For one clinical placement I only had to walk 5 minutes. The school and the hospitals were very close.

Eindhoven:

- The transport to hospital is very expensive, but it was paid for us by the school (Malta)

Dublin:

- Comfort: 3 x negative from Gjovik, C. Budejovice and Bergen
- Costs: more expensive: C. Budejovice, Bergen, Coimbra. Very expensive: Malta (2x), C. Budejovice.

Turku:

- At home I travel by car, which is more expensive per month than the buses in Finland. Very good bus service.

Coimbra:

- It was nice that we lived near school. It was easy to travel by bus (Turku)

Belfast:

- The university paid for our train tickets, so that's really good!
- At home I have a student travel card, to travel for free, so travel here is more expensive of course (Eindhoven).

Athens:

- The public busses in Athens were always full. For 19 euro we had a monthly card. This is very cheap for us. We had to travel 1 hour to school and the hospital.

6. Cost of living

6.1 food:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		1								1	1			
2	1	2			2		1	7			2			
3	4	2			4	6	8	1	3	3	1			
4	2	2	2		4				2					12
5					2									2

6.2 transport:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		1				1	5	2		4				
2	1	1			2	5	1	4			3			
3	1		1		2		3	2	1					
4	1	3	1		4				3		1			13
4	4	2			4				1					11

6.3 social life:

Rating: 1. Very cheap 2. Below home level 3. Same level 4. More expensive 5. Very expensive

Rating	HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	total
1		2						1		1	1			
2						2	5	5		1	2			
3	1				3	1	2	2			1			
4	6	5	1		6	2	2		4	2				28
5			1		3	1			1	1				7

Comments :

Haarlem:

- Food: same level or below from: Porto (3), Malta and Belfast.
Transport: same level or below from: Malta and Belfast
Social life: same from: Belfast

Bergen:

- The food is expensive, but when you go to a cheap supermarket it's not that more expensive

Eindhoven :

- Only the two students from Bergen scored all costs of living as very cheap or below home level.

Dublin:

- Food: more expensive: Haarlem (2x), C. Budejovice, Coimbra.
Very expensive: C. Budejovice (2x)
- Transport: more expensive: Ceske Budejovice, Coimbra, Bergen, Haarlem
very expensive: C. Budejovice (2x), Malta (2x)

- Social life: more expensive: Haarlem (2x), Malta (2x), Coimbra, Gjovik, Bergen very expensive: C. Budejovice (3x)

Turku :

- It is a lot more expensive in Finland to buy a drink in a bar or restaurant.

Malta:

- Social life: 2 negative scores from Coimbra.

Coimbra:

- Food is cheaper than in Finland, social life was almost the same.

Belfast:

- Transport is quite expensive. I think it is worth looking into available train or bus passes at the beginning of your stay. In the evenings always make taxi arrangements with the other students on campus (Malta)
- Alcohol and club entrances are more expensive (Malta)
- Food: more expensive (1 x Eindhoven, 1 x Malta)
- Transport: more expensive (2 x Eindhoven, 1 x Malta) Very expensive (Malta)
- Social life: more expensive (1 x Eindhoven, 2 x Malta) very expensive (Eindhoven)

Athens :

- Going out for dinner was cheaper than in Holland. Only the drinks were very expensive.
- The transport is very, very, very cheap, so it is nice to make trips in Greece!

Porto :

- 4, because in Holland public transportation is free for students.

7. Activities

Were there activities organized in which you could take part?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	Tot
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	7	2		10	2	6	9	3	5	3	2	4	9
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	7	2		9	3	6	8	1	8	3	2	4	4

Did these activities meet your needs?

1 Social 2. Cultural

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	Tot
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	7	2		7	5	6	9	3	5	3	2	4	14
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
7	7	2		6	6	6	8	1	7	1	3	2	10

Comments:

Haarlem:

- There could have been more sound activities, but on the whole it was fine (Malta)

Bergen:

- We took part in the city walks. These were very nice, with free lunch. The student organisation organised some parties and a possibility to go skiing.

Eindhoven:

- I find it great that the teacher arranges some excursion for us; such as the Philips tour, and activities like yoga ((Bergen)

Dublin:

- The information about social/cultural events we could participate should have been better (Bergen 2x)
- Many of the activities took place during daytime and then we had to be in clinical placement or school. That made it a bit difficult to take part in organised activities (buddyprogram/int. students (Bergen)
- Also we lived far away from UCD and could not join social events in the evenings (Gjovik)

Turku:

- The IAC from Turku Polytechnic organised trips to Lapland, Stockholm and Hirvensalo (sledding) as well as various nights out, which we were very pleased with and took part in often (Belfast)
- The IAC are a fantastic organisation for exchange students and gave me the opportunity to go to so many places such as Lapland and to meet so many new people (Belfast)
- The Lapland trip was fantastic (Belfast).

Malta:

- The fact that we were staying in the same complex as many other Erasmus students allowed us to find out about all of these events (Dublin)
- I liked the culture lectures (Haarlem) Vincents's lectures were intriguing (Belfast)

Coimbra:

- There were very few social or cultural activities arranged for us. We were mainly responsible to make them ourselves which I think is OK, because everyone should be adult enough. But it would be nice to have more things arranged ready for us and especially more contacts with host country students. We did not have classes together (Turku)
- We had a dinner with other students. That was very nice. We had a dinner with teachers and one teacher organised a cultural trip to Lisbon (Turku)

Belfast:

- 2 negative scores from Eindhoven
- Regular party's organised by the student' s union, where there was the opportunity to socialise with other students (Malta)
- Social life with the other students at campus was excellent. The university organised several sightseeing and cultural trips as well as fun social activities. The students' union also organised good parties weekly (Malta)

Athens:

- The cultural activities were really great. I have seen more of Greece because of these trips.

Porto:

- There were parties and we get e-mail every time before that, but here were no cultural trips.

8: Problems

8.1 Were you informed from the start where you could find help in case of problems?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
4	3	7	2	12	6	9	8	5	4	4			3

8.2 Were you informed from the start about arrangements in case of illness?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
3	4	7	2	12	6	9	3	5	3	1	4		6

8.3 Did you experience any serious problem during the exchange?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
1	6	2	5	4	9	1	5	9	8	1	4	3	4

8.4 If yes, was the problem solved adequately?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD	T
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n
	1		2			4		1					4

Comments:

Haarlem:

- When I went to the hospital I was'nt seen by a doctor, because he was too busy (Porto)

Eindhoven:

- Yes, about accommodation. We had a lot of problems with the landlady (Coimbra,Porto)

Dublin:

- I was an in-patient in St. Vincent's

- Heating in our house was broken (2x)
- Turku:**
- Yes, I had a death in the family during my stay and I found that the host institution were extremely supportive and encouraging. I can't thank them enough for this.
- Malta:**
- Excellent, Paul was very helpful
- Coimbra:**
- I did not know what to do is I would have got very sick. So I am glad I did'nt. (Turku)
- Athens:**
- Me and my roommate had a snoring problem. I think this was solved very well for both of us.

9. Funding

9.1 Did you receive ERASMUS funding?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD
y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	y
7	4	3	2		6	9	7	1	5	4	4	

9.2 Did you receive additional funding from home- or host country?

HA	EI	BE	IP	DU	TU	MA	CO	BF	AT	PO	LU	BD
YES												
2	3	8				1	1	2		1		

Comments:

Eindhoven:

- Two students from Bergen and one from Malta state that they did not receive Erasmus funding, but funding from home
- One student from Dublin states not to have received Erasmus funding.

10: Please give us your overall impression of this exchange and let us know what you think to have gained from this 'Erasmus experience':

Haarlem (PBL = Problem Based Learning):

- I have really enjoyed my time in Holland; I met a lot of people from the other countries, with different cultures and made new friends. The ultrasound programme was very interesting and well organized. We have been surrounded by very helpful people I have developed my social, cultural and communicational skills and I gained academics knowledge. The accommodation was very small and expensive for what it was, although it was clean and well pleasant. Erasmus exchange programme has been the most enjoyable experience of my life (Porto).
- Overall, the experience was a nice and well balanced one. Besides learning a new modality of radiology (i.e: ultrasound), it served us as a good experience for our future. Living alone and with other international people was something that I never experienced before, hence this time in Holland gave me the opportunity to live and socialize myself with students from different backgrounds.
The work load in these 3 months was not that hectic; this therefore gave us the time to explore the different cities of Holland as well as its neighboring countries. Nevertheless, we had class and practical lessons on a weekly basis, but they were precisely planned that we never had loads of work to do in a little span of time. The PBL's were a good idea of demonstrating ones skills and putting teaching (what we learnt) into practice. Our feedback lessons were very fruitful, as after a week of practice in the skills lab, we had the opportunity at the end of the week to ask our difficulties to our lectures. The hospital placements were very interesting. Besides being lucky to be drawn in a nearby hospital to my accommodation, the hospital staff were very welcoming. They were also very patient in explaining entire procedures in English, and helping me in the case studies that I had to perform during the 2 weeks I was there. Last but not least our mentors were very helpful to us, tight from the start of this exchange. They had the patience to come for us at the airport and show us the directions to our accommodation and university. They also toured us round de main cities of Holland and guided us through the transportation system. Also big thank you goes to our coordinator Geert Plug for the patience he took with us during and prior to our exchange (Malta).
- I am so happy that I came to the Netherlands to do my exchange because the ultrasound was very interesting. My English developed so much during this exchange because I came alone

- here from Finland and I had to manage by myself with my English. I got a lot of new friends and I hope that all friendships last forever. Hogeschool INHOLLAND was a very nice and modern school. There were lots of ultrasound devices so we were able to scan a lot. All teachers we had were so nice and our mentors, Dutch students, were brilliant. Also the Netherlands was a good place to come to do an exchange period because distances to Belgium, France and Germany were so short. In the Netherlands there was also so much to see, lots of beautiful cities and villages. I really loved Rotterdam and Amsterdam!! (Turku)
- These last three months here in the Netherlands have been very interesting and educational. This is because of the fact that I have learned the basics of using the ultrasound machine. I do not have this opportunity in Malta, which is the main reason why I came to the Netherlands on a student exchange. Apart from this, the university gave me a different scope in what I am aiming for in the future. The lectures and practice times were scheduled adequately for us, which was of a great advantage to us due to a variety of factors like getting discount on the train after 9.00am. The lectures which were a pbl were also very interesting and quite helpful. I enjoyed the lectures and also the practical sessions the most.
The stay in the Netherlands was a pleasant one. I managed to visit quite a number of different cities during the weekends. The nightlife in the Netherlands is also nice but I don't really fancy the nightlife even in Malta. I prefer sight seeing etc..The MBRT students assigned to help us were very helpful and always were ready to answer any of my questions. They were also very helpful in the fact that they organized quite a few excursions for us, even though these were not always possible due to our (Erasmus) part. Also it was very kind for them to come for us at the airport when we arrived in the Netherlands as definitely we would not have made it the our lodging. The accommodation is probably the most thing that I didn't like here in Holland. I understand the fact that it was a problem for us to find a place to stay, but the problem that I found with the accommodation is that it is very small and there is barely room to move around. On the whole I don't have any regrets in coming here to the Netherlands on a Student exchange and I will definitely share my experience with my fellow students back in Malta and encourage them to go on a student exchange.
 - The overall impression that I have got of in Holland University is very good. The university itself is very bright and modern with great facilities that we were able to use as and when we wanted. The Dutch students that were assigned to be our mentors were very helpful to us right from when they met us at the airport until our last week here. If we had any problems then they were always willing to help us find a solution and if they personally couldn't help then they would find someone who could. The other students at the university were also very friendly towards us and were happy to stop and have a chat with us. There are plenty of international students around the university and it is almost as common to hear someone speaking English in the university as it is to hear them speaking Dutch. The staff at the university were very friendly and approachable for us. The course that we had to do was always kept interesting by the staff and the fact that it was a mix of theory and practical meant that what we were studying always seemed relevant and easy to follow. The fact that we were allowed to use the ultrasound scanners was great this was something that we would never have been allowed to do at home. The work that we had to do was just enough to keep us busy without being too much, this meant that we always had time on our days off to see and do the things that we wanted to do around Holland and its neighboring countries. We were all dreading going on the two week placement in the hospitals as most of the class would have to go alone and we thought that the language barrier would be a problem. This was however not the case. Most of us enjoyed the placement as it gave us the opportunity to see how a hospital works over here and to get more of a chance at scanning patients. Now that the exchange is over I am extremely glad that I took the opportunity to come here. I have seen and done a lot around the whole of Holland and made some good friends in the process. (Belfast)
 - I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here in the Netherlands with the Erasmus Radiography Group exchange program. Before I came here I was unsure what to expect and I was quite nervous about coming to a new country and living away from my family and friends. On arriving however, I was made to feel so welcome and am now so glad I took part in the exchange. The Dutch students were an incredible help and without them I am certain that the experience would not have been so pleasant. Constantly they showed us patience, answered our endless questions and made such an effort to make us feel welcome in their school and country despite being very busy with their own studies and jobs. I am so grateful for everything they have done for us, particularly our personal mentor Yazir who did SO much for us and never complained!! I was extremely impressed by how modern the Inholland School was,

particularly the facilities for the MBRT students which even included a CT scanner and radiotherapy equipment. The ultrasound equipment was equally modern and I really enjoyed having the freedom to operate the different machines as students rarely have such an opportunity in our home university where the imaging facilities are extremely lacking in comparison. The lessons were also very good, always interesting and the teachers gave plenty of practical demonstrations. The only problem which I feel I should mention was the accommodation. Initially our room had very bad damp, causing mould on the walls and a very bad smell. Eventually the problem was resolved by the landlord who treated and painted the main area however the damp has started to show up again. Also the room has a mouse which is often seen in the kitchen area near the fridge, while we have learned to live with it we were disappointed by how little the hostel owner did to solve the problem. The Netherlands is an amazing country and I have thoroughly enjoyed traveling around and learning more about its culture. The transport systems are brilliant and nowhere is too far to travel to by train, rarely it takes more than one hour! During the exchange we also traveled to Brussels which was fantastic with great sites plenty of good restaurants and chocolate! My favorite city however is Amsterdam which is like no other place I have been, truly a fantastic place!! Overall the exchange has been a terrific experience, not only have I learned a lot about ultrasound but I have also made many new friends along the way, with whom I intend to keep contact and hopefully meet up with in the near future. I am so grateful for this experience and would recommend it to other students.

- These three months in Holland have been very educational for me. Apart from learning a new modality, I also had the opportunity to meet other students from different countries who are studying radiography as well. I also had the opportunity to get to know better my fellow students from Malta and learning the different aspects of their characters. The lectures and schedules were planned accurately and there was a fine balance between theory and practice. Hence we had the opportunity to practice this modality. The facilities in the university are outstanding and, according to me, this is one major advantage. Moreover, we were given some PBL tasks to do and these had two advantages. One is that we did research on the particular subject and therefore we got to know the area under discussion better. The second advantage is that we obtained more confidence in presenting the tasks to the class. The feedback lectures at the end of the week were very useful since we were helped with our difficulties and any queries we had. The two weeks placements were also very useful since we were given the opportunity to observe the way a foreign hospital works and also to observe the different protocols used. The radiographers, radiologists and my mentor were very helpful to me and did their best to communicate with me in English. Finally, the Dutch students were also very helpful. They came to greet us at the airport and gave us the basic instructions we needed to live in the country, such as train tickets, etc... Furthermore, they took us around different places such as Amsterdam, Ice skating, etc... and for this we are very grateful. Last but not least, our co-coordinator, Mr. Geert Plug was very helpful and supported us in every manner even though his schedule is very tight. I consider the experience in Holland to have been a very positive and educational one and I will surely recommend it to the younger fellow students in Malta.

Eindhoven:

- I loved it! It was a great experience and I had a great time. The host institution has great conditions for the students, the teachers were all great, especially the coordinator. He is very nice and very friendly. The cost of living are more expensive than in Portugal, especially the beer. Please don't finish with the Erasmus exchange in Eindhoven! I also loved the Carnaval. See you next year... for Carnaval. Dank u wel. (Coimbra)
- The three months I spent here are a great experience. I will never forget I learnt to live independently away from my parents and also learnt to live in a very different environment. The educational system here is also quite different from my country and I found it very effective. The experience at the hospital is also one to remember, as I saw the difference in management. I met many new people who turned out to be great friends and I hope to keep in touch with them (Malta)
- It was a very good experience. I learnt a lot of MRI, theoretical and practical contents. I enjoyed spending time and getting to know my fellow classmates. The clinical placements were very interesting to attend and I was even allowed to work independently, without help, to scan patients. The staff was able to explain the protocols and I understood the physics behind these sequences. I could relate what I learnt in class with the practical sessions at the hospital. Mr. Jos Peeters was very helpful and ready to solve all our problems (Malta)

- The Erasmus exchange was very helpful for me because I learnt how to live in a different environment and how to deal with very day life without the help of people close to me. The way of teaching here is different and I learnt a lot as it is a good way of teaching. I also learnt a lot of MRI, especially in my clinical placement, since in my hospital back home I am not allowed to practise MRI (Porto)
- It was great! Helemaal te gek!! I learned a lot. The lecturers were very interesting and good and the teacher is great. In the hospital I wish we had more time, two days a week is too little. It was nice to meet radiography students from other countries. Too bad we did not get to be with the Dutch students. I am really glad I went to Eindhoven for this exchange. I have learned a lot and had many great experiences. I recommend other students to go abroad. It is an experience for life!
- There was a very good plan of the overall programme. I never thought I would learn this much about MRI. It was all in all a very good experience. My stay here was made pleasant by the coordinator Mr. Jos Peeters) who was ready to solve any problems for all of us. I enjoyed getting to know the other Erasmus students. Problem Based Learning was very good, although different. It was a good change from the usual teacher based in Malta.
- Prima, Prima, Prima!! I find the lectures very interesting and we had a good enthusiastic teacher. I learned a lot during my clinical placement, but too bad it was just twice a week. It's not much at all. The Erasmus group of 2006 was a mixture of different countries and we all came along really well. I am glad for choosing Eindhoven as my host country and I don't regret it at all. I truly recommend other students to go for an exchange program. It is an experience and memory for life. I think it is a pity that we don't get to be together with the other Dutch students. We weren't informed about this in advance. Dank u wel! Tot ziens Eindhoven (Bergen)

Bergen:

- I had a really good time here in Bergen. The people were very nice and the International student organisation organised enough activities. The school program was a bit similar to what we had in The Netherlands, but there were some patients who talked about their disease and treatment and how people react in the hospital towards the patients. It was nice to hear the other side of the story (Eindhoven)
- I really enjoyed my stay in Bergen. Everything was very well arranged, especially the day we arrived. During our stay there were several activities for us together with the students from school or with the other international students (Eindhoven)

Dublin:

- I had a very nice time in Dublin. St. James was a nice hospital, very nice people!. They made us feel at home. The teachers were very nice as well. It was a great experience to be here (Haarlem)
- It was a wonderful experience, one which I am glad I took part in. Observing how other practices work in the different environment. The people are great and very helpful. I would recommend it to others for sure. The experience of living in another country alone is something that one should try. I am very satisfied (Malta)
- I was very satisfied with my experience of the Erasmus exchange program. I feel like I have grown because I had the chance to find out how living alone in a foreign country feels like. I also experienced the different hospitals with their different health systems and equipment. I am really glad that I took the opportunity given to me. Thank you (Malta)
- My overall impression is good. Our timetables were very well organised, as well as the clinical placement. In the first week we should have done something more to start to know each other and the Irish students (Coimbra)
- I don't regret coming to Ireland and I would have done it again if I could. However I do think that we should have had more organised social events for us radiographers during our first week. We had one day in college and 4 days in clinical the first week! Since we are separated during clinical we did not get to spend much time with the other Erasmus students in the beginning. I think that is one of the reasons why I did not get to know the other ones as much I wanted to. It would also be helpful when you move to a new country to get to know people. Even though there were 4 Norwegians. We did not come all the way to Ireland to get to know Norwegians! I would also have liked to have had a bit more time off, to have a look around in Ireland and do my final projects. I know accommodation is difficult here, but Bray is a bit far away (Bergen)
- I think I expected more social events with the Irish radiography students the first week. It was a bit hard going to clinical the second day, knowing nobody and not knowing where to go. I did

not know many of the Irish students in my class, just those who went to clinical with (well those who came to clinical placement anyway!!...) Clinical placement was OK, and I loved being at Blackrock, but in Mater I did not always feel that was so easy, some of the staff members made it quite clear that they were not enjoying having students around them. It would have been nice if a teacher came in more often to talk to the students. Make sure they were all right etc. I felt a bit lost sometimes. Very nice country. Loved having 1 week holiday and have the opportunity to travel around. Got to see a lot of Ireland and will come back to see more. Overall, good impression. Enjoyed the stay (Bergen)

- It was nice to see a different country for so long time. I found new friends. I got new experience. I improved my language skills (C.Budejovice)
- I think we should do more social things, especially the first week. Now I just know the Irish I have been working with. I also want more social things during the whole program. We had to organise everything ourselves. But Ireland is a lovely country and I will definitely come back here (Gjovik)
- I really enjoyed Erasmus. The experience was very good, good to see the differences in the course and the hospital (Haarlem)
- I have a really lovely experience with this program. I am glad that I got the occasion to access to. Other Erasmus and Irish students are really nice people and I am glad to have met them. I like Ireland, especially the nature. I think that Ireland is the second land where I want to live after my home country. It is really lovely experience to know other country and culture and this program sends this experience. Thanks for everything. It was super (C.Budejovice)
- It was a very good experience to see different radiological places and find new views of technique. Almost every people were friendly, at school, in our house, in the hospitals and they helped us with our troubles. I improve (a little bit) my English speaking and also understand now what people want to say to me. I met many new friends from many countries. (C. Budejovice).
- My overall impression is OK. Ireland is a very beautiful country and has lots of cultural activities, museums etc. The first week in Ireland should have been filled with cultural and social activities, to get to know Erasmus and other students, like pub crawl, walking tours in the city centre, dinner, bowling, museum etc. Instead we were in college one day and then clinical 4 days, so we did not see other students (Erasmus) in a week. I know there were difficulties finding accommodation this year and we got a lovely house in Bray, but it is quite far living in Bray. I would also have liked to have a bit more time off, so that I could have travelled around in Ireland etc., but I guess it is not a holiday (I am used to have one student centred learning day per week in Norway)

Turku:

- I have thoroughly enjoyed my exchange and have had an absolutely fantastic time in Finland. The course studied was very interesting and I enjoyed meeting and socialising with people from all over the world. We also had the opportunity to travel, while we were here, which was great. The university and our student tutors were very welcoming and very friendly. They made it so easy for us to settle into Finland. I feel I have gained more confidence from this experience and my communication skills have improved greatly. I furthered my radiographic knowledge and gained invaluable experience from working abroad (Belfast)
- I really enjoyed the entire Erasmus experience/ The opportunities that were given to me to gain a knowledge of life and work in Finland were excellent. The ability to meet people from many other countries and cultures was great. The only difficulties that I experienced were regarding the language barrier, however these were never serious problems. Our lecturers were always on time and informative and our placements were varied throughout the different healthcare settings in Turku. I hope to return to Turku in the future as I have made many friends there (Belfast).
- I greatly enjoyed the exchange. I think it was a good opportunity to experience life and work in another country and to have the chance to participate in events and experiences that are not available in England. I feel I have benefited from seeing alternative working practices in Radiography. I think that interacting with another culture, especially as a foreigner has given me a better understanding of the experiences of foreigners in my own country (Ipswich)
- I have found the Erasmus program to be an exciting experience. It was greatly organised as we had Finnish student tutors who were fantastic and could not have helped us any more, they were so friendly and included us in all of their social activities, we have definitely made some lifelong friends. Being in Finland has given me the opportunity to do so much travelling and visit places I have never dreamt of going to. It has been great to experience the Finnish

culture and their traditions and I have really felt at home there. The lecturers have been amazing and I do feel that I have learned a lot from the experience, as it was great to work in a different country. I have honestly had the best three months of my life and am already planning to return.

Malta:

- The Erasmus exchange in Malta is an experience I will never forget. This period of time abroad opens your eyes to many different cultures, not only of your home institute, but also of your fellow Erasmus students. My first day in St. Lukes hospital was an experience.... The equipment differs a lot from home, but it is very nice and beneficial to view another countries conditions. Malta is a beautiful country, especially now when the weather is so good and the social life in Paceville is great. I am very happy I have met all the people I have and they will remain friends for life. Take care all in Malta and much thanks to Paul, Frankie, Rodnick, Jonathan and Malcolm when the computers go wrong (Belfast).
- Erasmus forever!!! I loved Malta. The best experience of my life!! (Coimbra)
- My overall impression of the exchange is good. I really like this country and I have met many nice people. I still wish that we lived in another place. Garden view is not a nice place. It is also expensive for the standard. My experience of the institute of Health Care is good, though I wish that we would get a little more information sometimes. It was interesting to work at St. Lukes, but we had too much clinical placement. We are not allowed to do anything, and we just stand all day watching the radiographers. Some of them don't bother explaining. S I think maybe 2 days at each modality is enough. I really enjoyed the sessions and trips with mr. Vince Cammit ant the health care lectures. The Maltese language lectures was a little much. I think a few phrases would be enough. I have learned to be on my own, of this exchange. I have made many new friends. I have really enjoyed this exchange and Malta is a beautiful country (Bergen)
- I had a wonderful time in Malta. I like the country, very much. I learned a lot on a personal level, but also from the other students and their home countries. We talked about all the differences, between our countries and our profession. I am happy with our accommodation, because we were all in the same complex and it is easy to drop by There are also a lot of other foreign students. It was a very good experience and I would definitely recommend it to other students (Haarlem)
- I like the country even though it is different from my home country. I think the institute of health Care helped us if we had problems and gave us good information in the beginning. I really enjoyed the historical/cultural lectures ant trips. But I think that the language lectures was too much, the teacher expected too much of us. And I also think that we had too many days in clinical placement, so we could not travel too much to see things in Malta. But I have met many nice students and have learned the differences between the two countries. I have also learned much about the cultural aspects of Malta. (Bergen).
- Our apartment was pretty big (2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a big living room for two people), but the first 1 ½ month was really cold. They don't have central heating in Malta. And when it is raining the streets are like rivers! The hospital is very old, but the people are nice. The workdays are from 8 till 2. Malta is a small country, but there is enough to do or to visit and in March you will definitely see the sun!! (Haarlem).
- Unbelievable. I had been assured by students who have gone on Erasmus previously that it would be brilliant, but is surpassed all of my expectations. The best part for me was the opportunity to experience life in a different country and to meet students from all over Europe. I came by myself so the fact that I have got on very well had boosted my confidence. The only problem I have is that I have to go home and leave so many great people and great times behind me!! (Dublin)
- Erasmus, the best experience of my life to date. Everyone with the opportunity should go. Malta is superb. The people we met, the memories we have and the fun we had are priceless. The time flies by way too fast. Honestly, three months is a blink of the eye. Erasmus 2006 has given me friends for life! (and a lot of funny photo's) (Belfast).

Coimbra:

- Portugal is a very nice country. It is very different from my home country. First it took a lot of time to learn Portuguese habits. People in Portugal are very nice, also they are very polite. It has been very nice to live in the same apartment with the other Erasmus students. I learn so much about different cultures. I will recommend the exchange to everyone (Turku)
- It has been a great experience to be in exchange. I have a good impression of the program. I did not have any serious problems. I did not get as much as I would have liked out of my

clinical placement, since sometimes there were almost no patients or our tutors just disappeared and we did not know where they were/ I also would wish that we were allowed to do more examinations by ourselves. When it comes to the social events I wish that we were in class with Portuguese class, so we could know some more people here. It would also be better for us to learn the language. I liked that we all lived together in a house, because we learned to know each other well (Bergen)

- I have gained a general understanding of the physics behind CT and the general CT examinations. I have learned to respect different cultures, ways of doing things, even if it is completely different to what you are used to. After the Erasmus program I feel I have matured, both academically and as a person. I feel this program will stand to me in future years as a practising radiographer in Ireland. I have never worked as a radiographer with other radiographers from foreign countries and I feel this experience has prepared me to do so, as in overcoming language barriers, cultural differences and different teaching methods (Dublin)
- I am very glad that I choose to go on Erasmus exchange and to go to Coimbra. I have learnt a lot about CT in the three weeks of lessons. During the clinical placement I had expected to be able to do more examinations. It was very nice that I have seen differences in teaching between Portugal and the Netherlands. Besides the CT program I also have learnt a lot about the Portuguese culture and I really like it. Coimbra is a great student city and I have met new friends. I enjoyed living in one apartment with 10 other people. Unfortunately it did not improve my Portuguese language, but it sure improved my English! Thank you for having me here and I will come back one time! (Eindhoven)
- I found living arrangements very stressful. There were 11 of us in quite a small space and it was very hard to be alone. Added to that I spent all day every day for three months with the same people, because from day one we all lived together, which was strange. The landlord/owner of the apartment used to come into the flat when we were not there or were in bed, which was disturbing as well as this he could not speak English and we had to deal with him through his young son, which was difficult. The apartment was close to the school, which was practical only for the first 3 weeks. It was at the opposite side of the city for the clinical placements for 8 weeks. It was also quite a distance from the town centre and there was very little to do in the area (Dublin)
- I really enjoyed the Erasmus exchange to Coimbra. I had a really good time staying here. I expected to learn more about CT than I did. I enjoyed my clinical placement although it would be much nicer if I could have done more examinations myself. I enjoyed the academic program in general, but some lessons were much better than others and more interesting. I enjoyed CT pathology and the Portuguese language most. I did learn a lot in those lessons. I enjoyed my stay in Portugal, Coimbra together with the other Erasmus students and the Portuguese people are really nice. The apartment I stayed in was not very luxurious, but it was well equipped and I enjoyed staying together with all the Erasmus students in one apartment. So the Erasmus exchange has been a really good experience to me and I had a really good time! (Haarlem)
- I am really glad I came to Portugal for my exchange, and did not have any serious problems. I would have like to be able to do more examinations in the clinical placement myself. Also in the clinical placement there was one week when we went there and heard that the technician has gone travelling and therefore we did not have any clinical placement that week. I thought that was very bad and also sometimes when we went there, there were no patients and we just got back home. That was very frustrating and I did not appreciate that. Also sometimes in clinical placement the technician would disappear and not say anything or start to teach Portuguese students in Portuguese, in which case I got nothing out of it since I don't speak the language. Over all we did not have enough time in clinical placements, because we did not have all the days and all the hours we were supposed to. I did not learn the subject (TAE) as much as I would have wanted to and I don't feel very certain about it going back home. The technicians should be more interested to teach us! It would be nice to have classes with the Portuguese students, because otherwise it is very difficult to make contacts, because we don't see/meet them anywhere (Turku)
- This stay in Portugal has been a good stay and I am glad that I went here. Coimbra is a very nice place to have exchange students. I met a lot of new friends. I am glad that all Erasmus students from my course/class lived together. I really think that we should have language classes during the whole stay, also when we have clinical placements once a week. We should have classes with the Portuguese students, so we could get to know them better and know the language better, much better. In clinical placement we should be allowed to do

examinations ourselves. I think we watched too much the teacher working. We wanted to do something, but were not allowed and if we started something they usually took over after a while. It was nice that we went to the hospital to see a surgery, very interesting! (Bergen)

Belfast:

- Once in a lifetime experience. A great opportunity to make new friends from different countries and learn about different cultures. Irish people are very friendly and easy to get along with. The country is very beautiful and there are many places to see and visit. Clinical placements were a chance to experience a different working environment. Placements were very hands on and this allowed me to gain confidence in my technique and communication skills. Lectures were very interesting; it was nice to observe different teaching methods. There are too many words to describe what a great experience this was. I would definitely recommend it to anyone. A good chance to discover about yourself and to learn to live independently (Malta).
- May I continue my course here? I think that is enough said. This experience was excellent and definitely worthwhile. It is very hard to describe it in words. First of all it gives you the opportunity to become independent, leaving your sheltered home to living alone makes you grow up and realize many things. In this aspect it's a life changing experience. Not only this but you get to meet lots of new people, all with different cultures and backgrounds, you learn about other peoples outlooks on life and you start seeing things from different perspectives. Also an added bonus is that you get the chance to visit many countries with free accommodation. Holidays for next 2 years at least already sorted.... Also its an opportunity to really get to know what happens in other countries in reality, not superficially. However this is not only a cultural and social experience, but also educational. It was very interesting to see other different teaching methodologies and the university here offers great facilities to aid your studies. From the clinical placements you get to see how other hospital departments work and you also get to see differences in working practise. Paper is running out, there are too many pluses to mention about Erasmus. I have nothing to say on the down side, except that 3 months are too short and I believe students should be allowed to stay on for a whole semester. One tip: Erasmus time flies, so really make the most of it. Even though the weather is gloomy & glum mostly, Ireland is a great place to visit and live in (Malta)
- I really had the time of my life during this Erasmus exchange. Everything was very good arranged. We had absolutely no problems with our accommodation or school, or clinical placement. Everything was always very clear and if I had questions it was always very clear whom to turn to. It was a very good experience to spend 3 months in another country, another culture, and another language. It was also very interesting to see how everything works in foreign hospitals, my English has improved a lot and I have made lots of new international friends. My special thanks go's to Irene McIntyre, she was a big help. She made sure that everything was perfectly arranged and that there were no problems. So I experienced this time a really good one. I can only be positive about it and recommend everyone should go! (Eindhoven).
- I had the best time ever! I learned about the differences between N.Ireland and the Netherlands in the hospitals. The way people work in a team; with patients and the way they use the machines. It was good to see how people work in a different country and very nice that we had the opportunity to see more work fields and to see the new cancer centre in Belfast. I also learned a lot on personal level. I have met so many people from all different countries and different cultures. And of course had a good time socialising. We had the chance to see how the education system differs from our own education. It was very nice to have enough time to travel around and so and learn about the country you are visiting. The costs of living were quite similar to the Netherlands, so that did not cast any problems. You can make it as expensive as you want. All together it was a great experience (Eindhoven).
- This Erasmus exchange at the University of Ulster was a great experience!! I had the time of my life. Everything was well arranged. The accommodation was really good and also affordable. It was really nice of Irene to pick us up at the airport, when we arrived. The clinical placements were OK. It's nice to see how other countries work. Seeing and working in another university is a good experience. I would advise everyone to go to Belfast! (Eindhoven.)

Athens:

- I like to be in a different country and learn about another culture. I think Greece and Holland have big differences in the culture. I like to see and live in this other culture. Things that I have learned is to:
 - * I appreciate Holland more in radiography, because we do everything digital and get mad when it is not working. But now I know how it is without all the equipment.

* to live with different nationalities. I have learned so much about living together, speaking English and eating

* That I can make pictures without speaking the language. I know now that with a few words I can get the patient in the right position.

The state of health care is not high. I did not expect much, but I could never expect that it was this bad and the great difference between hospitals.

The culture and things to see are great. I think there is no other country with so many different tourist things to see. All the geological places, the beaches, museums and islands. I really liked to do things in the afternoon and weekend. Also night life in Athens is alive. And there are more than 250 Erasmus students in Athens, so meeting them is no problem. It is only a pity that they are coming/leaving in the months we are there, because it is in the months the semester is changing. Going to school was nice. Weird to see dogs in school, people smoking everywhere and teaching phone calling during lessons. It was good organized and all teachers could speak English very well. When I look back at the 12 weeks I had a great time!

- I had a great time here in Athens, it was good to see the difference between Holland and Greece. Holland is digitalized and it was good to see how they work here in the hospital. When we had our clinical placement in Nikea hospital, I really saw the difference. Even in school we have newer equipment than over there. It was very nice that there were some trips arranged, out of Athens. Now we saw a lot of Greece. We also arranged a few trips. One to Olympia and a few islands. It was good to have lessons in the afternoon, it made it possible for us to do things in the morning, because everything closes at 15.00 hrs, The lessons were well organised, but it was a pity that a lot of teachers only read what was on the PowerPoint presentation and nothing else. We could have read that ourselves at home. During the lessons a lot of people were walking in and out of the room. This was very irritating sometimes.

The first part of our clinical placement in Attikon hospital was good. In the second week we found our place there. We also had 2 projects to work on (sensitometry and reject analysis). It was good for me to get some more experience in conventional.

After this we went for a week to the Nikea hospital. A very old hospital. It was very nice to see how things are in this hospital. We also went to the operating room. Very nice and strange to see. The second part in Attikon was not that good. We were at CTY and MRI and they did not speak to us and it was very clear that they did not want us there. It was very hard to be there. The last week we went to nuclear medicine. That was good to see and the people were very nice and made us feel welcome. In the last week of our clinical placement, we had three more lessons, because these had been cancelled earlier on, because of the snow. It was very strange that these were cancelled, because it was snowing just a little and the snow did not stay on the ground (Haarlem)

- I have had a great time in Greece. I have learned so many new things. I have now understanding of the Greek culture, language and how the radiographers work in the hospital. Many things were not as I expected, but that is also good. I have to give a lot of credit to Mr. Theodoros Panou for taking so good care of us. He has done so many things for us; taking us from the airport, taking us to a lot of places, also outside of Athens, helping us with practical things in our apartments. He has tried so hard to solve any problems that occurred. I don't think we could have a better host – teacher. Mr. Panou also gave us a lot of interesting and important classes. He is a very skilled teacher and I have learned a lot from him. I did expect that we would spend more time with the Greek students. I think it was maybe not so good to be in classes just with the four of us. And I had hoped that the cultural and social activities also included arrangements with the other Erasmus students from other countries. Not just a few teachers and a few Greek students. We had some problems getting along (me and the Dutch girls). Maybe this could be avoided if we also saw other students. I think it was a little mistake of me to come all by myself, because the Dutch girls were friends before (all 3 of them) and I felt very left out. But eventually I met a lot of other Erasmus students on my own and I made a lot of new friends!! I think that coming here made me very much more independent and I have grown a lot from it. I will recommend to future students to learn a little basic Greek before coming. The clinical placement could maybe be a little better organised, because often we did not know what to do or who to ask. The language was a bit of an obstacle in the hospital. I will definitely recommend future students to go to Athens. Lovely weather compared to Norway. I have a lot of good memories to bring home with me in my suitcase. Thank you very much for being host country for me.

Porto:

- Lots of things I told in the other form, but I had a great time here in Porto and thank you for my staying here (Haarlem)
- I had a great time, thanks for that. See the other forms (Haarlem)
- Over all I had a nice stay. I think I might have been expecting more work in hospital etc, but I had a nice stay. The main impression is that things are different, with the good and bad, but it works for the people here and I get to see a different way of doing things. People have been really nice and helpful, making me feel welcome and letting me know where to go if I need anything for any reason, which was nice. Due to circumstances beyond our power. The placement in Tara was a bit short, but there wasn't anything to do about it, and it was nice to see that the school tried to come up with an alternative solution. All was nice (Bergen)
- I liked myself in Porto, in other words I enjoyed the stay and people were friendly, that be in social and education situations. This stay had given me an impression (insight) on how some modalities are done here in Portugal, compared to home. I have learned new things, and new people. I think is was a giving stay (Bergen)