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In this newsletter of January we catch up on all the past events and some interesting research!

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SNELLIUS NEWSLETTER

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Dear <<First Name>>

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and that exams are going well for all of our master students! In this newsletter, Jigme Klein is our student of the month, he has written down his experiences of following courses in the United States. Furthermore the ALV and the board change is coming up and therefore we (the current board) all wrote a small part about the past year. Please visit our [website](#) for further information or contact us!

PhD candidate of the month

The student of the month is Jigme Klein, who followed courses in Texas, the United States of America.

Hi y'all,

About a month ago I returned from my reciprocal exchange program at the University of Texas at Austin, America's fastest growing city. Austin is the state capitol of Texas, a unique

Austin is a diverse and lively place with a lot to offer, so in my free time I had lots of options. Fortunately, I got to live in a big house with five American undergraduate students, who showed me the best places. The eateries in Austin that we tried, and that I can recommend, are Threadgill's, Hopdoddy's, Thundercloud subs, Cabo Bob's, Dirty Martin's, Taco Joint, Torchy's Tacos, Halal Bros, G'raj Mahal, Franklin's barbecue, Cooper's barbecue, Black's barbecue, and In' N' Out burgers..... As you can see,

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exchange because it's a great opportunity to attend a university in another country. Moreover, the entire region was new to me so I was excited to do some adventuring alongside my studies!

I followed two graduate courses, Biomedical Imaging instructed by Dr. Tom Yankeelov, and Engineering Analysis by Dr. Kamy Sepehrnoori, and also took some other undergraduate courses out of interest. I can highly recommend the former course, I enjoyed studying remote sensing but with a different subject than the Earth – the human body. The latter course was much more theoretical and delved into advanced differential equations, which was a lot of fun. The different style of teaching (e.g. mandatory attendance) takes getting used to, but I would highly recommend it, the students and teaching staff at UT were clearly all very passionate about their work.

with my friends are some of my favorite memories from the US, and you could say that they're souvenirs I literally carry with me (i.e. carry around my waist) anywhere I go.

Aside from my gastronomic experiments, I spent a lot my time enjoying nature: Texas has many more water bodies and more greenery to offer than you would think! It does, however, require some driving to get to. But spending hours in a car is crucial if you want the full American Experience, so before the semester started we went on a road trip through several national parks in Utah, California and Nevada, which were absolutely stunning.

I had a great time in Austin both academically and socially, so I'm glad I could share it with you. To my fellow GRS students, if you would like go on exchange I highly recommend it and I may have some tips for the application procedure. Thanks for reading, adios!

By Jigme Klein

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Jigme (on the left) with his American friends.

Retirement of the 3rd board...

The end of the 3rd Snellius board is coming closer quite fast. Therefore the 4 of us have written down what it was like to be a board member of Snellius.

During most of my (quite long) time here at TU Delft, I did see the value of student/study associations, but I was never involved with any of them. That did not really change when I started at GRS in February, but what I did find out was that I really, really liked it at our department. I loved how open and relaxed of both staff and (PhD-)students are in our

As you may know, the current board of Snellius will resign during the upcoming ALV and the new board will have the opportunity to shine! I did enjoy the ride! It was fun, as it was challenging, to establish a better education, setting up the new financial situation and in particular to let Snellius grow as a whole. Snellius is still in the beginning phase after the restart but we have already seen

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made this the perfect Master track for me. So when I was asked to ask to become a board member of Snellius, I did not need long to think about it. As the (almost former) President, I hope I made some contribution to the openness and good atmosphere of the GRS department. To me anyways, it has been a pleasure to be a part of Snellius and I wish the fourth board all the best!

Ruben Schulte

As a member of the Snellius board, I have had a lot of fun in organising events, creating the newsletter and going on excursions during the past year! Therefore, I would like to thank everyone participating in all those great moments, especially my fellow board members. To finish this board year and make place for the upcoming fourth Snellius board, we are organising an ALV (general meeting) on the 28th of February. I hope to see you all there. I wish the new board all the best in making next year's Snellius events even better than ever before!

Eva Stierman

students and education as well as the mutual link for students.

Lastly, I want to congratulate the new board and wish them all the best!

Robbert Bormans

Being part of the Snellius' board has been a great experience for me.

Being the link between students and teachers, improving the education together, and coming up with ideas for activities and excursions and enjoying them together with you. I

have had a lot of fun and I hope you have enjoyed, too! As Snellius is still in its early stage, we trust the new board will continue letting Snellius become better and more self-sustaining every year. I hope to see you all at the ALV (general meeting) where we will resign our functions and where the new board will be installed!

Mariska Koning

Upcoming activities

- Tue 28 February - ALV (general meeting) & Board Change

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