

Good morning!

I want to say thanks to the Stichting Uitwisseling for the wonderful practice in the Netherlands. It was very interesting, informative and memorable.

Thank you so much for your work that you give a chance for study, to see and learn about agriculture in one of the best flower country. I admire your flower market. Thank you again for your work! It was cool time for me!

I would like to visit the Nederland's again ! It was amazing time to stay here.

Best wishes from Ukraine ! For all people in SUSP from Iryna Atamanuk !



Mijn naam is Armel Schoufs en ik ben derdejaars student toegepaste Biologie aan de HAS hogeschool.

Via het TOP programma van de Ohio State University in Columbus heb ik stage

gelopen bij het Grounds Department van de Kirtland Country Golf Club in Willoughby in de Verenigde Staten. Dankzij de prettige bemiddeling van SUSP kon ik augustus jl. met een gerust hart op het vliegtuig stappen voor mijn Amerika avontuur.

De Kirtland Country Club is een prachtige 18-holes golfbaan van hoog niveau. Golfclubs als deze zul je niet snel tegen komen in Nederland. Mijn stage was een "on-the-job-training". De werkzaamheden waren fysiek inspannend maar je verbleef de hele dag in de prachtige natuur. De werkzaamheden werden ondersteund door een uitgebreid machinepark van onder andere teemaaiers, greenmaaiers, fairwaymaaiers en rough maaiers. We verplaatsten ons op de golfbaan met gators. Het werken en leven in een totaal andere cultuur en taal waarin je toch meestal op je zelf bent aangewezen, zal mij altijd bij blijven.

Tijdens de stage woonde ik in een huis dicht bij de golfbaan samen met andere stagiairs en medewerkers van de golfbaan met verschillende nationaliteiten. In onze vrije tijd mochten we zelf ook golfen, daarnaast kookten we samen, bezochten we basketbal of baseball wedstrijden, enz. Ik heb veel waardevolle contacten opgedaan in Amerika.

Ik vond mijn stage in Amerika de mooiste ervaring van mijn leven. Ik heb een beresterke fysieke en mentale conditie ontwikkeld. Ook ben ik nog meer zelfstandig geworden en heb ik echt ervaren wat hard werken is. Dit motiveert mij om veel te bereiken in mijn leven!

Armel Schoufs

Tanner at an excursion



Midpoint Alkmaar



Midpoint Alkmaar, visit to Clusius College



Midpoint meeting Aalten

Hi everyone!

One month already in the Netherlands, how time flies. :D But I'm enjoying my stay and work, so all is good.

I traveled some, meet new people.

Tried getting used to eating a lot of bread, but gave up in favor of fruit and yoghurt. But I just love chocoladehagel and stroopwafels.

And the weather is crazy, from 35 degrees one day to 18 and rain the next day ... mooi weer, ja? :D

Best wishes,

Mateja at GAOS



Hello! This is the last my day staying in Holland. I had not good time, but GREAT time here. Thank you for organization such a kind of training. I'm very glad that I had possibility to get skills in the Netherlands.

Kateryna from Ukraine

Thank you for the email. I am fine!, very funny everyday!! gr Junia

Goedemiddag Cindy,

Alles gaat prima Junia is alles in 1..... gezellig, gemotiveerd, grappig, leergierig, hard werkend, familiair.

Ook kijken we de punten uit het stageprogramma en competentiedocument goed na.

groet Patrick en Leon



Junya and Leon in the greenhouse



Introductory meeting July

Goededag!

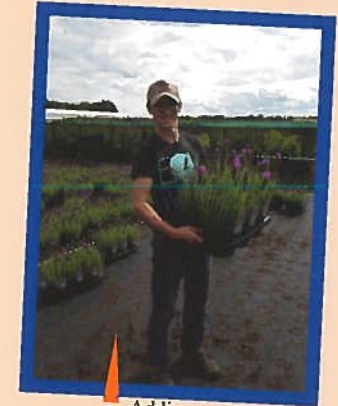
Only three more days in Boskoop! I can't believe it's gone by so fast. It was a great experience, both challenging and rewarding.

I'll be leaving on September 8th and flying to England to visit some family, then travelling around France and Spain for a few weeks before returning to Canada.

It's been an incredible trip and I will definitely be recommending it to anyone thinking of working abroad. Perhaps when I get all of my photos organized I can send you two or three good ones :)

Thanks for everything!

Addison



Addison at his trainingplacement

February 9 Move into the new office

March 9 Meeting contact committee

March 15-17 WETM meeting Lisboa

April 15-17 EU meeting Copenhagen

May 13 Visit Egyptian partner

May 25 - Sep 27 Cindy temporarily employed by EP Nuffic The Hague

June 11-13 Midpoint Alkmaar

June 17-18 Visit South Korean partner

July 1-3 Partner meeting Copenhagen

July 6 Visit Japanese partner

September 1 Meeting contact committee

September 10-13 Midpoint Aalten

September 16-17 Meeting Brussels ECVET STEP project

September 22-29 World conference Grow Abroad Regina

September 29 October 5 Visit US partner and Dutch trainees at their placement sites

October 15-16 Needs of young farmers seminar in Brussels

Beste Marlous,

Ik heb enorm genoten de 5 weken van mijn verblijf in Amerika. Het was een ontzettend vriendelijk gastgezin waar ik het heel leuk mee heb gehad, ook heb ik nog steeds contact met ze. Ook de stage plaats is me super bevallen. De mensen waren ontzettend behulpzaam en vriendelijk, ook namen ze me wel eens mee naar de rivier of naar de bergen en naar een vriend of vriendin (geldt ook voor het gastgezin).

Deze stage is zeker aan te bevelen aan anderen!

Groeten,

Mirthe Schipper

VERY COZY!

Here is my third month of training is going to the end, and I want to write you about it. In the beginning of November we have visited the Flower exhibition IFTF 2015. It was very nice to see. A lot of flowers different varieties and size)) Ira has sent you the pictures. We continue plant Matthiola and harvest Euphorbia. Few days ago we started to harvest and prepare for the auctions Matthiola. I'm very excited to harvest these flowers which i've planted. It's incredible feeling))) I have a good relationships with my host and other employees and they all helped my to improve my working skills and English. I'm very thankful to all. Thank you so much for giving me this chance. I'll never forget about this practice and people with which I felt very cozy, like at home. I wish you all the best!

Mykola Gordiy



Aantaande vrijdag ochtend breng ik Laion en Danilo(van Marcel) naar Schiphol en gaan ze om 8.00 AM vliegen. Laion is een hele prettige jongen in de omgang en met werken, hij kan goed samenwerken en is niet snel van slag af als er iets fout gaat. Hij is wel serieus met zijn stageproject bezig en bereid alles goed voor. Samen met Danilo zijn ze een lang weekend naar Brussel geweest, en afgelopen weekend naar Berlijn en Praag. Ik heb het idee dat we allebei kunnen terugkijken op een goede en leerzame periode.

groeten Lex

Hello Cindy and Marlous!

I returned to Brazil yesterday. First of all, I would like to thank you for all the attention, patience and hard work in providing everything for me and Laion's traineeship. I had a great time in Holland and this wouldn't be possible without all of you. I see SUSP as a very serious and committed program. Wish you much success in the future.

Danilo

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NEEDS OF YOUNG FARMERS

In 2015 SUSP was involved in the research of needs of young farmers. This was done by the Dutch institutions Ecorys, Wageningen University and Aequator at the request of the Directorate General Agriculture of the European Commission (EC).

There is no single recipe for getting young people started in farming, but there is an important component: Exchange schemes. Exchange schemes are effective in offering young farmers the possibility of acquiring practical knowledge of farming and widening their horizons.

Real alternatives to exchange schemes do not exist. The variety of existing exchange schemes matches the different needs of young farmers. Schemes are often embedded in the agricultural knowledge structure and network of a country.

Jobs and growth is right at the top of the Political Agenda of the EC, as it is for the European Parliament and the Council. Youth unemployment has reached unprecedented levels in recent years and the farming population is aging - only six percent of EU farmers are under 35 years old, and the figure is falling all the time, while more than 60% of EU farmers is 55 or older.

This is why young farmers and generational renewal was made a top priority in the last CAP reform. European farmers are part of the largest and probably most crucial employment sector in the EU: the EU agri-food industry currently employs 47 million people.

The DG agriculture expresses admiration for young farmers' courage and determination and stated: to be a farmer is not a job, it's a way of life. And although rewarding, it is not always easy.

While older farmers have the wisdom of experience, young farmers have new energy, impetus, more innovative ideas on how to bring agriculture forward to meet the challenges of the 21st century – producing more with less and delivering growth and jobs in rural areas.

SUSP will organize the international conference for the Grow Abroad group in October 2016. The results of the research will be one of the topics to discuss.

Marlous Mens
director

2015

ANNUAL REPORT

Outbound

113 Dutch youngsters went abroad:

Canada	78
Usa	34
New Zealand	1

Inbound

83 students were placed coming from the following countries:

Brazil	8	Ukraine	35
Canada	2	USA	2
Germany	2	Russia	4
France	3	Slovenia	1
Hungary	7	Spain	4
Japan	10	Switzerland	7
Kazachstan	1	Taiwan	1
Luxemburg	2		

Activities of Stichting Uitwisseling en Studiereizen voor het Platteland

Spread over the year SUSP has organized 11 introductory meetings for 83 foreign trainees. For Dutch trainees we held 5 meetings for USA and 2 meetings for Canada.

January
14-17
Erasmus+
meeting
Reykjavik

February
7 Meeting
Canadian
Embassy

November
26 'Wil Weg Markt'. Fair organised by University for applied sciences HAS Den Bosch to inform students about internships abroad

November
11-13 Final conference ECVET STEP Brussels

December
2 Information meeting at Nordwin College for Dutch students



Cindy and Marlous



Luuk and his friends in the USA