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Report of Ariadne Papageorgiou
Outgoing Erasmus+ Staff Exchange to
Jordanian University Amman from October 1 to 5, 2017

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My staff exchange trip to Amman was a very pleasant one. On Sunday October 1st I had the opportunity to go to the office of international affairs at the Jordanian University where I was welcomed very kindly by Mrs. Shera Mahasneh herself who had arranged all details for my stay, and I was taken for an introducing walk over the campus in order to get an idea about the University, its premises and extension. It was impressing to see how clean and orderly everything was.

On the next two days I was in that same office and did some hours of job shadowing with Rashida Bedran and her colleague Gehad. We exchanged information about how the international contacts are organized, be it with the Erasmus + program or with others.

For further two days I had the opportunity to attend to Arabic lessons in a level I was free to select. The level 2 (out of 9) was very appropriate for me. Although I certainly had more knowledge than the other pupils, I learned some basic things that were new for me. I was so enthusiastic about the program and the books used that I purchased them for my own further use.

In the afternoons I attended the lectures of Prof. Dr. Georges Tamer who had a teaching Staff Exchange at the same time at the Sharia School of the Jordanian University. It was very interesting to hear not only the lectures themselves, but also the discussions with his colleagues and the students. It was clear that they would not all have the same point of view, so some intensive debates took place, which were enriching.

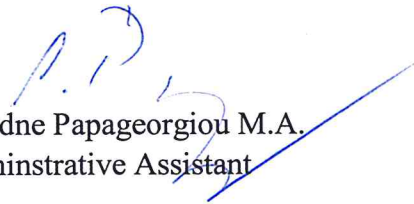
The side effect of these encounters was that I met some professors of the University of Jordan who are planning to come to our University as an exchange, and I even was able to forward some original documents for them.

Additionally to this official program, Professor Tamer organized some touristic trips with his wife where I was allowed to accompany them, and I must admit I was deeply impressed by the many sites we visited. I did not know that Jordan had so many places of historical interest.

Feeling very safe during the whole journey, I even decided to go to Petra by myself. I admired this unique valley where impressive human traces are surrounded by a fascinating landscape.

As a résumé, this Erasmus + Administrative Staff Exchange was a wonderful experience that hopefully helped me develop my personal intercultural skills, and certainly my knowledge of the Arabic language. For all this, I am very thankful. I can recommend it to any person that is interested in getting a glimpse of everyday life in an Arabic country that is peaceful and safe.

With best regards



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