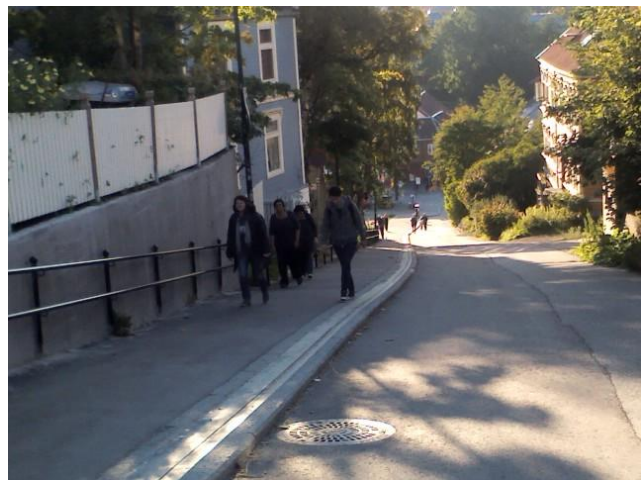


Report of our visit to Kroekstadoera 12.-16. 09. 2013.
and
participation in Tree Ring Workshop
in Dalen, Norway, 17-20. 09. 2013.
presenting our TREE RING project

We left our airport Pleso at 08 am 12. 09. 2013.. We landed in Kopenhagen, and then went to Trondheim where we arrived at 14 pm. Our friends were waiting for us there at the airport. Then they guided us through the city after a large pizza party at Egon's. We were impressed with Trondheim's beauty and charm, it's center and walking zone by the river were so wellcoming. And the weather was nice to, so we felt very worm in all sense of the word.



At 20 pm we entered the local bus which took us to the Orkanger where the parents of our friends waited to bring us home with them.

Next morning we went to visit the school. 6-graders were singing to welcome us there, too.



We made a tour through the school and we loved it. Everybody seems to enjoy being there, everything is so clean, we loved the paintings at the walls, lots of books in the corridors, we decided to stay!!!



Then we went to a commune center. Local administration, especially education authority was presented as well as Snilfjord komune and Trondlag province. Mr Oge also thanked us for a nice stay that we made for our friends during their visit to Croatia.

After that reception we went to Slordalen, in Marine harvest factory. We met with that unique process and tasted a lot of food.



Then we went to Fugloy, a small island on which lives just one family. Their daughter, Bodil is our friend participating in the project. Her father drove us there with a ferry, like he drives her every day for a bus station on land.



We learned a lot about the self-motivation for an educationist from that example!! We spent a few hours there, climbing to the top of the hill, BBQ, playing cards, singing. Then Bodil's father drove us back on the land, our parents were waiting there for us.

Saturday was all about our being with families. They organized individual activities for us - fishing, shooting, visiting relatives nearby, meeting their friends, and in the evening we were all together in one house.

Teachers spent that day with colleagues, Solfrid and Oyvind, and principal, Vigdis. They made a short trip around Snilfjord.



Sunday was reserved for a rock climbing at John Geir S.!! Something totally new for us. But the only one who climbed up was our Mislav Buva - we were very proud.



At the other side of that 60 m high rock, prof. Beck was sitting and waiting for those who'll there to "jump" down!! The only brave who dared were our team, led by prof. Labaš, and just two our norwegian friends. The best performance came from our Katarina Salopek!! She made us proud, too.

That day was very exhausting, not just climbing up and down but helping prof. Beck, too. Those who worked hardest at this last mentioned activity, in past few days Anamarija Vonić, Margareta Poljski, Renato Vraneković, Mislav Buva i Filip Matijašec!!

And then, in the early morning - we had to say Goodbye! 10 of our team members went at 16.09. at 02,30 towards Trondheim, then by plane to Copenhagen and Zagreb. All were sad, parents, kids, teachers, whole commune!

Rest of the team - Renato Vraneković, Filip Matijašec and mentors Beck and Labaš spent that day sightseeing with our principal and another teacher, Roger. We came to school, and visited an English class. Our boys told us we should take Roger to our school, it was the class they really enjoyed. After that we went to a windmill farm. We saw how it works and an educational movie about its useful purpose for that area.



After that we went to a small fisherman's place, where Rogers' parents invited us for lunch. It was a lot to eat, as usual, and excellent, as usual, too.

Then we came back home, in Solfrid's parents' house. They came from their holiday, and of course, made us a wonderful dinner!! (Lots of excellent food, again!)

Then we made some last preparations for our trip to Dalen, and for our presentation.

Next morning we went to Dalen, but first we met with other participants at the Oslo airport. We were in Dalen around 21,30. Mentors went to a hotel, students to a camp nearby. After a great dinner (!) we went to our rooms. This historic building, and a beautiful surrounding made us feel like very important persons so we slept as they, too.

The hosts were **Vest-Telemark vgs** school and main Norwegian GLOBE coordinator, author of the **TREE RING PROJECT, Karl Torstein Hetland**, who also teaches in Vest-Telemark vgs school.



Our school was presented by our team at the Croatian annual GLOBE meeting winning project (in atmosphere category) *Tree rings, are they talking about people?*. Same project presented our School, country and Euroasian and European region at the international GLOBE meeting in USA this August, with another one project, from Croatia, too.

Program started officially at 18th, and ended at 20th Sep. 2013. At the registration, the day before, our team experienced a very warm welcome from all the members. They found out our Tree Ring Project presentation, as well as European GLOBE work presentation, too, in USA were very successful.

During next two days we had a lot of presentations and workshops in Culture center and the school. We also visited an old copper mine near Dalen.



Evening activities were mostly sport and music for a students in school, informal discussions for mentors in a hotel.



Although it was not a competition, our project was informally pronounced as the best, same as our joined presentation. We were once again a PERFECT TWINS, as they called us all the time after the first meeting in Baska, when we became partners, so called twinn schools.



Lot of other teachers asked us to send them our project, and a presentation to them and to find out how to collaborate with them in the future.

Sad because our leaving we went towards Oslo, at midnight sharp. At the great central train terminal we waited for our 04.50 train to Gardermoen. At 08,20 we flew to Kopenhagen, from there at 11,50 to Zagreb. We landed 13,35.

After few days we started to count the days before a next meeting with our friends, and they mailed us the same thing!!!!

Ira Beck, prof.,
Marinela Labaš, prof.