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Dear Transatlantic Program Alumni,

As the newly-elected TAP 2007 Co-president, I would like to briefly introduce myself to the TAP alumni community. My name is Laura Harvey, and my hometown is St. Francisville, Louisiana.

For my internship associated with the Transatlantic Program, I am working in the Engineering Process Group at Schwan-STABILO Cosmetics GmbH & Co. KG in Heroldsberg, near Nürnberg, for two months. I am conducting research on pigment processing techniques to be used in determination of up-scaling factors for a new liquid cosmetics production machine. So far the internship has been very beneficial to me in that I am actually applying the theory I have learned in school to real-world applications, and I am able to speak much more German and learn many of the technical words in German as well.

Having obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University in May 2007, I will return to the USA in August to begin a job with a German company, BASF Chemical Company, in Florham Park, New Jersey.



Laura Harvey, Co-President TAP 2007

I will participate in their Professional Development Program (PDP), which involves two nine month rotations to different locations in the US. The first rotation will be in the NAFTA headquarters of the company where I will primarily be a project manager for a new product website.

My experience so far with the Transatlantic Program has been one of many memorable moments and learning experiences. The new relationships I have made with fellow participants in the program have been wonderful, and I am truly looking forward to encouraging the continuous contact of the members of TAP 2007 with each other and fellow alumni.

Please feel free to contact me whenever there are new ideas for networking, the reunion, and anything else. Thanks so much for allowing me to serve in this position. I am truly honored to have been elected Co-President.

Laura Harvey

Notes on the Midterm Seminar in Cologne from July 5th to July 7th



Intercultural Seminar in Cologne

Like every year, the Midterm Seminar of the Transatlantic Program took place in Cologne from July 5th to July 7th. This get-together is designed to give every Transatlantic Participant the chance to talk about their experiences six weeks into their internships. It's an opportunity to discuss problems as well as differences between the life in Germany and the US.

Just like during the Immersion Seminar, Melissa Lamson, the intercultural trainer, Dawn Price from InWEnt and Barbara Zollmann and Sabine Klensch, from GACCoM had interesting and constructive conversations with the entire group.

Recommendations and hints provided by the organizers and students were a great help for all Transatlantic Participants to understand cultural differences.

After lots of discussions and role plays, some spare time was left to visit the beautiful city of Cologne. During an organized tour through the "Kölner Altstadt" the Transatlantic Participants learned more about Cologne's history. The Midterm Seminar ended with a dinner in one of Cologne's famous "Altstadt Kneipen" with a taste of the legendary "Kölsch" beer.

One of this year's additional highlights was the election of Laura Harvey as our new TAP 2007 co-president. A third co-president is a tremendous step to keep our Alumni Network growing. Also we would like to take this opportunity to thank Scott Werner, Claire McConnell, Adam Malone and Laura Harvey (see picture on the first page, from left to right) for their candidacies for TAP 2007 co-president.



Evening at a typical brewery in Cologne

The next day the Transatlantic Participants travelled back to their internship cities. We wish them all the best for the rest of their internships in Germany! For those who are about to finish and return back to the US, have a good start back home!

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www.alumni.transatlanticprogram.org

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