

## IPBIb – unlimited opportunities!

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From 5 to 18 September 2010 five students from State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (SALSIT) in Sofia, Bulgaria spent two unforgettable weeks in Vienna as participants of the IPBIb 2010 LLP Erasmus Project. This interesting project provides multinational professional training of library and information science students from Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany and Lithuania. In IPBIb Vienna 2010 the SALSIT team took part three students of second year of the bachelor program “Library Management” and two students of four year of the bachelor program “Information Funds of Cultural and Historical Heritage”.

The educational program in Vienna University Library combined lectures, workshops and seminars enabled to gain us the theoretical and practical skills of the following professional topics: new library buildings and modern library spaces, digitalization and intellectual property, information services and information literacy, e-learning, public relations in libraries, automated indexing, bibliometric and scientific analysis in university libraries etc. Library excursions in Vienna National Library, Vienna University Library, Vienna Public Library showed us different models of unique library atmospheres and contemporary management and marketing decisions. Working in national and international teams we had the opportunity to compare interesting concepts and experiences. The whole project was a successful educational process based on innovative theories and international best practices exchange. It also enhanced our social networking competencies and language skills. The open source e-learning platform Moodle and project’s website <http://www.ibi.hu-berlin.de/ipbib> made the communication and collaboration between all participants effective and useful.

These two weeks in the heart of Vienna gave us a chance to meet a lot of new people and to learn more information about different countries, cultures and educational programs in the field of librarianship. All students spent a great time sightseeing and enjoying the Vienna’s cultural monuments and museums, variety tourist attractions, pretty coffees and bars together. We are convinced that we put a start to a new international and everlasting friendship!



