

Doctoral School on Ageing and Sustainability

The fourth and last module of the pilot programme for a Doctoral School of the IDEA League took place in June in Emmental, Switzerland. The week started with an intense two-day workshop on leadership training. Then the group went on a hiking trip in the Swiss mountains exchanging the comfort of the conference hotel with the gorgeous views offered by a mountain cabin. The programme ended with a two-day workshop on productivity training.

Some comments from the participating PhD students:

„A very new perspective about leadership gained.“

„Inspiring! New insights! I have not seen this approach before.“

„The Alpine Tour was absolutely brilliant! It brought the group together and made the following training more productive.“

„The guides and speakers were fantastic, the scenery was fantastic. The food was amazing. The programme was full. I will remember this for a long time. Thank you, IDEA League.“

ASPIRE Forum

The IDEA League was represented at the student workshop of the ASPIRE Forum on Development and Utilisation of New Energy at Tsinghua University where an intensive programme of company visits was part of the schedule. A highlight of the forum were the presentations on „hot topics“ in Energy prepared by the international and interdisciplinary teams of students.

ASPIRE stands for the consortium of Asian Science and Technology Pioneering Institutes of Research and Education which was founded in 2009. The members of ASPIRE are five leading universities of science and technology in Asia: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Nanyang Technological University, Tsinghua University in Beijing and Tokyo Institute of Technology. IDEA League has served as a model for ASPIRE and the two networks are cooperating.

This summer, students from ASPIRE universities are taking part in the summer schools of the IDEA League partner universities TU Delft and RWTH Aachen.

