43 RD50 workshops... how we become more than colleagues

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A year together.....

- 43 weeks is almost a year in last 20 years.....
- we stayed “married” for these 21+ years – lots friendships were made not only those related to work
- all meeting were very productive, but it is visiting all the interesting places that will always remain in our memories ....
- I am old enough to be around when it started, not yet too old to forget and lucky enough to be engaged in RD50 over all those years... - it has been a great Journey

- I got the opportunity to talk about the part of the workshops that is important in in every collective effort – socializing. This makes us more creative and helps to form bonds. Unlike physics this is not exact and everything, heavily biased, could be inaccurate .... this is common remembrance so please jump in with your own anecdotes ....

- half of the meetings were held at CERN, but although scientifically equally productive ... they were more “the normal day in the office” and the abundance of them makes keeping track of events in memory more difficult
The first RD50 workshop outside CERN .... the time of phone-photo (barely digital camera) has not arrived yet.

As always the legacy of this place doesn’t leave people untouched.
Suomenlinna island…

We were blessed with weather and lots of light ....

Several of us had discussions about “everything” ... than lasted until the dawn, which is not that difficult than elsewhere ☺

dinner in the fortress....

after party

Hosted by HIP
Pork leg with bier .... not only Maurice enjoyed that (Pečené vepřové koleno)
Way out of our league... great reception, dinner with incredible concert, RD50 cake ..... also lots of fun outside “office hours”, but also RD50 rising to prominence on TV with minister of science.
The social highlight was visit to the Škocjan caves ... and for some also the nuclear rector, lots of fun at dinner, reception (sponsored by local brewery :) )

Very interesting lecture of Solar power and how the world is going to look in the future .... pretty accurate prediction
Nightlife in groups .... and new leadership was elected with real elections (not endorsements)
That night ended in music bar hoping in the Liverpool and eating fish & chips early in the morning....
Fantastic visit to Polignano a mare and incredible seafood dinner ... and return. Very nice city tour and reception in the harbour.
Albuquerque – 2013 - “The Overseas Workshop”

Hosted by University of NM

Incredible outdoor experience – 1000 km a day tours, excellent open air dinner
Nice visit to Romanian village museum, the biggest building in the world .... and night watching of football WC – particularly German colleagues enjoyed it a lot.
First Alibaba/Particulars exhibitions at the conference
Long walks to the venue ... lunches were extraordinary in the palace, incredibly nice weather, celebration of San Juan Festival.
Torino – 2016 - “The Wine-Tasting Workshop”

Hosted by INFN-Torino

Re-election of leadership... most interesting lecture that everybody attended, dinner in of the most important places for Italy
Cracow – 2017 - “The Remembrance Workshop”

Very emotional and excellent city tour ... great young local organizers introducing Krakow nightlife to the “nearly whole collaboration” .... Bania Luka clubs ...
We finally got to the place of “Hamburg model” ....

Lots of nice memories about past work – seeing old friends, memorable venue, great city walks...
The only outside CERN workshop I missed ... still sorry for that

Crazy weather – typical English, very nice dinner, lecture by the last queen’s guide to the moor, reception in the pub (beer tasting – many ideas missed)
Horrible year ----- as we all know which prevented us to go to Zagreb....

However we had great party rooms organized and although it is not the same as in person also virtual zoom tables helped us to stay in touch....

Many thanks to Aneliya and all RBI for making it work.
Changing to November ... still looming Covid
First rumours about our future ... FYLA visit, great dinner with excellent view, enjoying post-Covid freedom in Tapas bars

Every idea start with a beer... an upgrade to this idea is here.
Seville – 2022 - “The Siesta Workshop”

The main topic was the future – DRD3 is getting the schedule... and meeting new young people taking the torch, great city walk with lots of history at display...

panoramic view of the dinner ...
Tivat – 2023 - “The Boat Workshop”

Very nice location and weather … nice excursions, relaxed atmosphere, forging new collaboration – rush of preparing the last RD50 projects … very nostalgic
Many great CERN workshops … in all those years

Remember times when we sat long hours discussing in R1 – I am grateful for the memories of those.

- 5x Bois Joly (the “golden standard” – most iconic place with a lot of anecdotes – speeches, famous bet)
- 2x Auberge Communale de Satigny" Satigny
- 2x La Meyrinoise" in Meyrin, Switzerland
- Holiday Inn“, Thoiry
- Auberge Communale de Meyrin, Meyrin (2012 – best party)
- Café, Restaurant des Transports, Ayer Graziella, Geneve
- Auberge de Bajole
- LA VILLA DU LAC, Divonne Les Bains
- Restaurant Le Pirate, Ferney-Voltaire
- Restaurant Les Cépages, Thoiry
- La Buvette des Bains, Genève (2018 – the craziest - Fondue)
- Restaurant Le Coq Rouge, St. Genis (2015 – fine cuisine)
- Le Refuge de Florimont, Gex
- Golf & Country Club de Maison Blanche, Echenevex

Many ... many thanks to Veronique, Maurice and Michael (+ many other CERN colleagues/students that organized all these events)
Building 40 (2002-2008)

TE auditorium (2009,2019)

Council chamber/Filtration plant (2010-2014)

Main Auditorium (2014)

Hopefully see you all soon in a new adventure. The name will be different, the collaboration bigger, but most of us will still meet and forge new friendships ...