

Report of EFI Annual Conference September 2008 in Orvieto, Italy

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Who attended:

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Before the meeting:

- several skype conference between Frauke and Heli about accommodation and flights, but also about MOU and possible new ideas
- booking flights with Ryanair
- accommodation in Rome close by at Claudia's place

At the meeting:

First day: EFIMED (the part of EFI in Mediterranean region) Business meeting

- there were several presentations of projects in the area, but also general ideas of how to develop EFIMED as regional organisation
- during that day we introduced ourselves to quite some people. most important the **women that organised the meeting** and we told them that we could lend a hand (which we could right away, they were happy and introduced us to everybody) under them Brita, Annu and Elena
- other than the organising committee we had only very short contact with people, although we were able to shake hands with Risto Päivinen, the director of EFI.

Second day: EFI Meeting

- the EFI Board talked about their new ideas

What to know before the next meeting:

- after the meeting we finished a new MoU with EFI, our level of cooperation is written down there basically
- next meeting we should try to make a presentation about IFSA
- in order to not pay registration fee at EFI's annual conference it is important to offer them organisational help