

## BAYREUTH INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL (BISS) 2018

### ***Testimonial of Kallyanashis Paul, PhD Student, Monash University***

My special thanks to BISS 2018, to help facilitating my long-standing dream to explore Germany through Bayreuth as a starting point. To me, Bayreuth is a fascinating place with a mesmerizing natural beauty combining art, operas and quality time with beer loving people.

Besides exciting cultural engagements, BISS 2018 invariably benefit my PhD research. The overall course content potentially extended my thoughts and helped a fine alignment toward achieving my PhD project objective. My PhD study involves improving the material design and properties of vaginal meshes used in pelvic floor reconstruction surgeries for the treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP). POP is a debilitating urogynaecological disorder that affects over 50% of menopausal women who have given birth. The topics in the BISS coursework relating to vascularization of soft tissue and 3D bioprinting will not only improve my current understanding of the field but also innovate ideas and methods in a way that I can apply to my current and future projects including Australia-Germany exchange programs.

I would strongly recommend this schooling program as a potential starting point to other students interested in biofabrication. In regards to improvement, I would wish to include some short-term research works as an extended program to this.

I enjoyed the social networking events and great chance of meeting the professors, sharing ideas, exploring German culture. I really missed the tranquillity all around the city. I loved to share some of my explorations....

