

**REUNION 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

## **TÜBINGEN SOUTH AFRICA PROGRAM**

### **GUEST BOOK**

Can't fill in all on this section – too much. Taught me personally to be less shy (more self-confident), especially in a new situation and environment. Generated interest in travel/work/study abroad and grounded my German heritage and appreciation.  
Bernd Lindner 2008

It was great to see people from my year again, but it was also great to meet participants from other years and to find that the Tübingen South Africa program has given us a common experience in spite of the fact that we had never met each other before.  
Lizelle Franken 2008

This reunion just brought back sweet memories of Tuebingen. Awesome  
Kgosi Khiba 2004

If you have attended this program you must know that your life will never be the same again. My mind has completely changed in terms of appreciating things. I am very successful today because of this program.  
Mbuso Tshaka 2004

I have been enriched by this reunion and by reminiscing about precious moments in Germany and the Tübingen program. I will cherish the treasured momeories of this program and this reunion forever.  
Ciska Cockrell 2009

Lovely! So inspiring and rewarding to catch up with old friends and find out where they are and what they are doing. And fascinating to discover that almost everyone can trace their current job/studies/career back to the influence the Tübingen experience had on them.  
Fran Heathcote 2006

Brightens up the past experience I had in Germany. It was a great moment meeting up and share the global amazing experience we had. Made me realize that an experience you create can be the driving force behind your future that will lead you to your success.  
Tony Make 2012

A real eye opener namely that there's so much more to learn from the program that will benefit you in the long run. Many that went on the program are now successful and I don't think that's a coincidence.  
Nompumelelo Mahlabane 2013

It was an amazing experience and opportunity to relive the Tübingen experience not only with your program mates but others that experienced Tübingen in the previous years.  
Kelly Bailey 2010

It was wonderful to see familiar faces and make new friends. Reflecting on the past was good although I would have also welcomed a debate/discussion on the challenges of the program and how it can be improved for future participants. Thank you for this opportunity – I hope to visit Germany soon.  
Nadia Padayachi 2007

Very well planned. The location is just perfect and the general atmosphere is very uplifting.  
THANKS!!

Thato Charlotte Phega 2011

It's a wonderful experience for all of us to meet and get to know one another and especially to network and create relationships. I think it would be nice to do it maybe every two years or so and since I noticed a lot of people are working it would be great to start an alumni fund to help finance the reunion and maybe stretch it a little longer.

Siyethemba Lindokuhle 2013

WOW! Unforgettable, treasured experience to meet again with my other group members.  
Snenhlanhla Sithole 2011

Reliving the time I spent in Tübingen over again as beautiful. In most cases I would relive the moment by myself or with family members who do not understand but now I could do it with everyone who knows what I went through. But it was also a good opportunity to network and meet people.

Msizi Dlamini 2009

The reunion was great. It was nice to see people from different groups. Most of the things were repetition from previous reunions. It will be nice if maybe new items are added for instance how the alumni can assist for the success of the program.

Diphapang Makuse 2003

Thank you for this thoughtful and sincere initiative. Helped me to reflect and perhaps revisit my aims. Danke!

Thabisa Nondzube 2009

It was wonderful being able to get together with people from my year but also very interesting to meet others from previous years and learn about their experiences. Workshop II, the questionnaire helped put in words thoughts I had that I wasn't able to put in words.

Nadia Azem 2008

It was an absolute joy to meet my former team mates. This has really ignited my desire to pursue my PHD in Germany.

Gloria Phashe 2006

Good reference point to relook at the Tübingen tour with fresh eyes and new perspective. Reutilizes the past –Tübingen spirit to bring about change and continue to pursue personal goals.

Jongikhaya Witi 2006

It is a good opportunity to catch up with old friends which is very heart-warming. It is also nice to renew the sense of possibility that most of us felt when returning from Tübingen.

Frans van Schalkwyk 2010

The reunion was a fantastic opportunity to reunite with old friends, make new ones and has restored my passion for travel and studies – thank you very much !!!

Rolean Godfrey 2009

It was such a great opportunity for me to relive the South Africa German experience all over again. Meeting everyone from my 2009 group and new people from other years. It is such a wonderful walk down memory lane and I hope the program continues to inspire more young South African people.

Philile Khumalo 2009

It was so amazing to catch up with old friends with whom I shared such an incredible time in Germany many years ago.

Chenai Mukumba 2010

It has been amazing to see old friends again and talk about the good old days. The program has really given all of us some good friends and experiences. Thanks for the opportunity of a reunion. It is greatly appreciated.

Svelka Hoebel 2012

Interesting to meet the people you went to Tübingen with and see how we have all grown and developed after the program. It's good to see the positive impacts it has had on people.

Nosipho Zondi 2008

A wonderful opportunity, a time to reminisce, brought back a ton of irreplaceable memories as we say – "wunderfantasupersonic"....

Sherika Vithal 2005

It was lovely to see Barbara and the others I met in Tübingen

Helen Crafford 2006

It makes me proud to be a South African and to hear how people developed professionally.

Lizel Lyners 2003

Thank you for inviting me. Keep the program going. This program is enriching the lives of individuals.

Dioné Izaks 2003

I would like to thank Barbara and everyone who organized the reunion. I've had a lot of fun at Stellenbosch and it has served as mind opener. Meeting other students has inspired me to strive for the best, study further and work at improving South Africa.

Nothando Ndlovu 2009

The reunion has been very enlightening. It made me excited seeing all the "old" Tübingen South Africa program participants becoming so successful. This program has inspired all to strive for, do and become great! Let your good be better and let your better be the best.

Madelein Leukes 2013

It was so great to seeing everyone after 5 years. The reunion was well organized as only Barbara can do it. It brought back a lot of good memories and lots of things that I forgot someone refreshed my memory. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Vivienne Cleophas 2008

The reunion was very informative and illustrated how the program has developed over the years. The spirit (excitement) that was experienced in 2000 is still alive and well. Great job!

Faith February 2000

I am impressed with the diversity of the groups – for me this means equally diverse responses to and perceptions of the program. This diversity does, however, come from the same unified perspective/point of view.

Kendall Petesen 2002

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to come to Stellenbosch and reunite with the participants from the TSAP 2012 group as well meet and make friendship with the other past participants. The reunion was a wonderful experience to catch up and make plans to assist in

improving the lives of other bright young minds in South Africa. The Tübingen South Africa Program Reunion was truly awesome. Thank you to all the organisers and sponsors.  
Lesego Fortunate Mafadza 2012

The reunion has been great for meeting other participants outside of my year. It has been a reminder of all that I got out of the program – an inquisitive nature and resolve to make a difference in the world  
Mbali Ndandani 2008

Fantastic!! Thank you so much. It was amazing to see all my old friends, catch up and have good laughs about the days in Tübingen. Thank you!  
Chantelle Clohessy 2009

The reunion was very nice. I appreciated the invite as well as to meet my group members again. I have also enjoyed meeting new people from other groups. The reunion also brought back memories of Germany and Tuebingen.  
Nonkonzo 2008

A very insightful experience. Was really good to see everybody again and interact with the past year participants and exchange memories and enjoy everyone's company.  
Naomi Govender 2013

An awesome way to connect with people that you went to Tübingen with and to remember the experiences that everybody went through and experienced. Another aspect would be that I got to see and hear about all the other people that went on the cultural exchange as well.  
Tracey Gilbert 2013

So glad I came – brought back great memories and created new ones. Many thanks to everyone involved.  
Lynn Nowers 2010

Great to catch up and see other people that also participated on the program. Would have been nice to go to a wine farm or to go sightseeing in Stellenbosch.  
Hannes Koegelenberg 2010/2011

I wish more people from my year were present, however I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be here. I am so happy to see old faces. The atmosphere is welcoming and relaxed.  
Jerome Cornelius 2010

The reunion gave me an opportunity to re-unite with my 2010 group, learn more about their lives since 2010 and best of all to share our memories. Also an opportunity to come together with total strangers who have one thing in common: beautiful Tübingen and of course to see the Germans ☺  
Stacey Chantel Elias, 2010

Great initiative – I hope that the program will remain with us for a long time and that after the reunion an alumni network will be set up.  
Mohamed Yaseen Carelse 2012

It's been wonderful to visit Stellenbosch, meeting our group again, spending time together and reminiscing about our journey was wonderful. Another highlight was meeting and interacting with participants from previous years. It was motivating to learn how successful they all are. Thank you! Please have another one soon.  
Fatima Muikaddam 2013

It was so lovely to see everyone again and be reminded of all the wonderful times we had and see what everyone is doing now – thank you so much.  
Marsha van der Schyff 2007

Great opportunity to reminisce about memories that are simply priceless, seeing old friends, sharing and having fun. Thank you very much, I'm definitely visiting Tübingen again.  
Wayde Groep 2012

Great to see so many familiar faces after up to 10 years again.  
Stephan Anders 2003 – 20013 ( team assistant, lecturer Tübingen South Africa Program)

Great! Such an awesome opportunity to reflect on our time and to think of how we will take the relationship further. I would be cool if we could establish a permanent platform where we all could contribute to our relationship.  
Malan Du Toit 2012

It is a great opportunity to reflect on our experiences once again and to learn from others' perspectives and experiences.  
Louis van der Riet 2013

Very exciting to meet the participants that were with you in Tübingen in your year. Nice to share experiences with one another.  
Emil Reinertz 2013

Well-planned, well-resourced, well-organized workshops.  
Sifiso Sibeko 2007

Wonderful and inspiring!  
Xolisa Phillip 2007

This reunion has created a space for people from vast backgrounds to share experiences we had and ideas going forward. We had that space in Germany but it has now been expanded and magnified through the many people over the years.  
Matt Rose 2012

It is a pity we can't see each other more often. Thank you for a great time  
Theuns de Jager 2007

WOW – so excited to see everyone and how the program has grown 2000 – 2013 that's worth a commendation.  
Brilliant.  
Teboho Thejane 2003

It was great seeing my 2003 mates. The overall turnout was not good though. It would have been nice seeing more of the people I have seen from previous reunions.  
Mawande Bantwini 2003

It helped meet new people from all the other years and finally meet with the people from my group (2007) It provided a platform for networking with different people, it motivated me to go back and enroll for my Masters Degree.  
Marcia Monama 2007

It was wonderful to see all these beautiful people and being reminded of the wonderful time we had in Tübingen. Hearing other group's experiences was quite interesting and funny. It was nice hearing how other people viewed the whole experience.

Matseba Kaapu 2011

The reunion was a great experience. Having seen everyone again was amazing and also meeting the other groups and networking. Made new friends and exchanged information. Learned a lot from the groups and now I am motivated even more.  
Boitumelo Mkhondo 2007