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MONDAY, October 27th

Arrival of the participants.



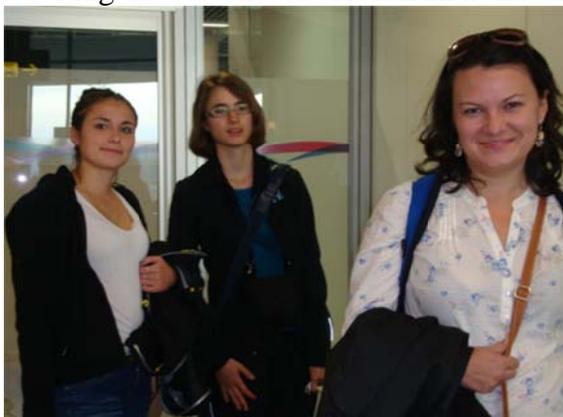
By plane, at 7.50 our first guests arrived: Cyprus. A teacher welcomed them at the airport and drove them to the hotel.



Then at 14.37 and by train the Portuguese team was met by teachers and host families at the railway station.



At 17.00 the Polish group landed in Santiago and the host families and a teacher took them home. A couple of hours later the guests from Reunion Island arrived at the hotel by car. Host families were awaiting the students to drive them home and a few teachers welcome them all.



Finally at 20.50 the Romanian teachers and students arrived by plane and they were also welcomed at the airport by a teacher and the host families.



The Turkish team arrived next morning at 9.00 by bus. A couple of teachers drove them straight to school.

TUESDAY, October 28th

MEETING AT SCHOOL AND TOUR AROUND THE OLD TOWN



In the morning of 28th October 2014, all the 15 teachers and the 14 students were welcomed at school and a video about Galicia was shown to them. After that, the official opening session started. First the Spanish coordinator talked to the audience and wished them an enjoyable stay in Santiago. Then the Spanish school Principal said a few words and immediately the Director-General of Education of the government of Galicia read a speech in behalf of the Minister of Education who couldn't attend the meeting because he had to speak in Parliament.



Spanish students and teacher wish a nice stay to all their guests, students and teachers.



Authorities opening the meeting in the Assembly Hall.

After the opening session, Spanish students played Galician traditional music.



Then the participants showed their presentations about the flora and fauna, at a macroscopic level, of the different countries in the project.



CYPRUS



TURKEY



ROMANIA



PORTUGAL



FRANCE



SPAIN



POLAND

PLANNING THE NEXT MEETINGS

After all the interesting presentations, all teachers meet to talk and make decisions about the meetings in Portugal and Reunion Island. We agreed that in Portugal there won't be any presentations. Instead, students will carry out an activity and they will design the front page of a newspaper. They will have to write articles related to flora and fauna and quality of water in which they will be able to show how much they have learnt after this topic after all their work during this project.

For the meeting in Reunion Island a presentation about microfauna and microflora must be prepared.

A visit to the library, where we enjoyed a great entomological exhibition to finish the morning work.



In the afternoon students have the opportunity to get to know each other by taking part in all the sport activities prepared by the PE teacher.



After having lunch in a typical restaurant, we enjoyed a guided tour around the city where we could admire the famous cathedral of Romanesque style with some Baroque details, and we discovered the most important streets and squares such as Quintana, Praterías and Obradoiro squares.



Quintana square and the Holy Door.

WEDNESDAY, October 29th

VISIT TO “FRAGAS DO EUME”, ONE OF THE BEST PRESERVED ATLANTIC WOODS

In this trip to **Fragas do Eume** we could enjoy the amazing biodiversity of the flora and fauna in the three habitats: The bed of the river, the grasses of the bank and the gallery forests.





In our walk we could see many various species, depending on the environmental conditions, we could find other arboreal or shrubby species such as *Betula alba L.*, *Salix atrocinerea Brot.*, *Ilex aquifolium L.*, *Laurus nobilis L.*, *Corylus avellana L.* and *Prunus spinosa L.*, among others.



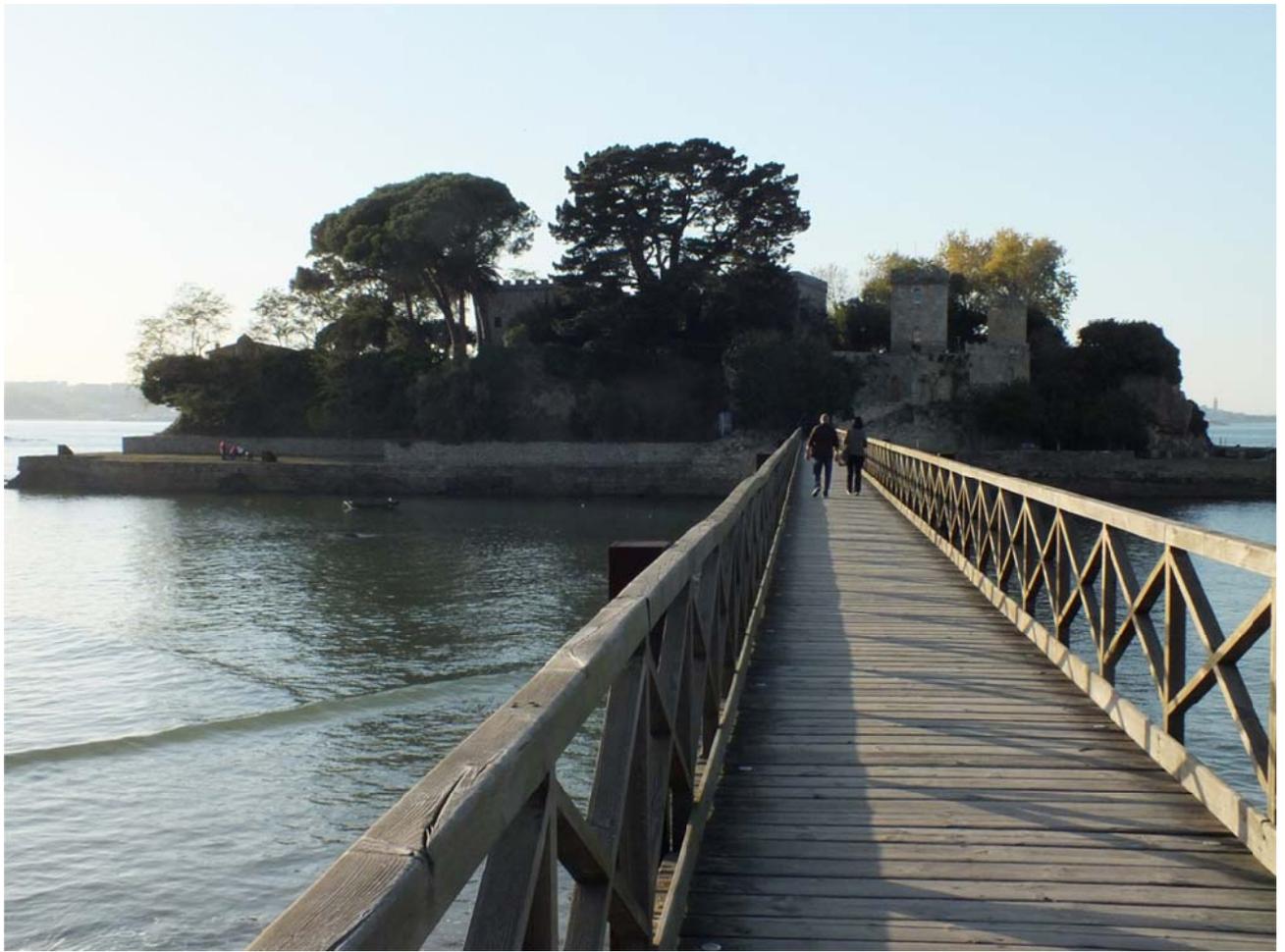
We were amazed to see the great variety of ferns, especially species of relict ferns which are, at least, two million years old, such as the two perennial species up to 3 meters high, *Culcita macrocarpa* and *Woodwardia radicans*. We also saw the epiphyte *Davallia canariensis*, a species of macaroniense region reduced today to the Canary Islands points of the Atlantic coast of the Iberian peninsula, being this forest a great representative area of such biome of the Tertiary age.



Finally we walked up to the top of the Eume forest where Caaveiro monastery was built in the tenth century.



The day was completed with a meal in a small town called Pontedeume and then a visit to the Santa Cruz castle in Oleiros, a town located in A Coruña bay. This castle served as protection in the sixteenth century against the incursions of the English pirates as Francis Drake against the city of A Coruña and its surroundings. It was an opportunity for a group photo under the sunset.



THURSDAY, October 30th

VISIT TO “CORRUBEDO” NATURAL PARK, FOCUSSED SPECIALLY ON BIRD SPECIES

The second excursion was a trip to **Corrubedo Natural Park**, one of most representative intermareal complex of the Galician coastline. We started with a reception where we could see a documentary about the origin of the Rías and the biodiversity, physical environment and ethnography of Corrubedo park. Then we walk through a protected *Pinus pinaster* forest to see the Baixo Celtic remains in the Vilar beach. Finally we could enjoy bird watching in the Vixán freshwater lagoon fed by the Amendo river.



Colchicum autumnale (wild saffron)

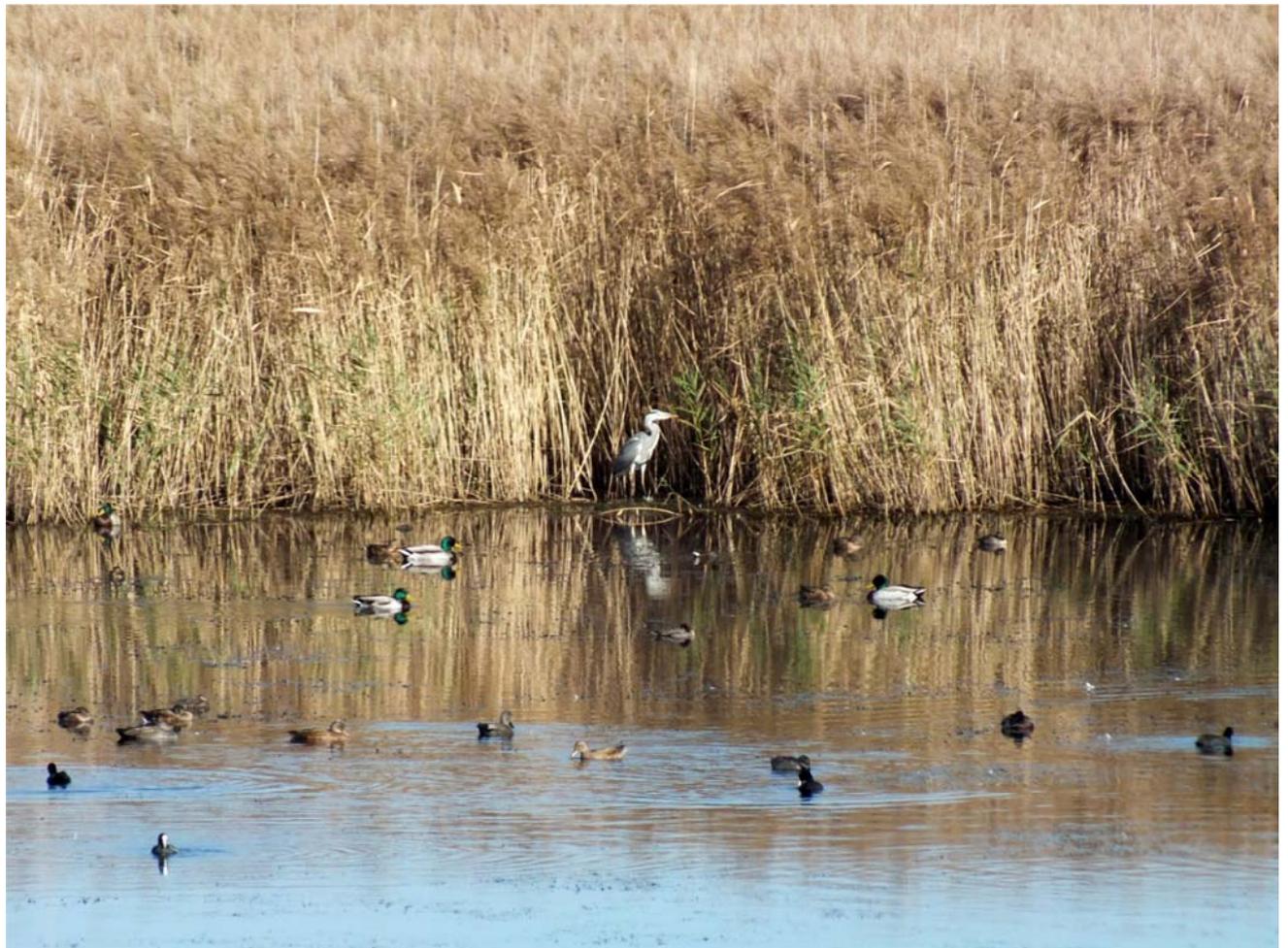


Pelophylax perezi (Iberian green frog)





The Corrubedo village behind the Vixán lagoon



The grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*), between common reed, behind another species of gulls and ducks

After a lunch under pines, we walked to watch the entire Corrubedo bay, including the large mobile dune and the Carregal lagoon.

Near the big dune it is a great momento for a group photo.

Finally, we finished the in the Carregal lagoon which at low tide is separated from the sea. in the photo below, the sun is reflected in the waters of the lagoon as an Atlantic Ocean advance.



At night, we celebrated a dinner and party in the Monte da Condesa restaurant, followed by a certificate giving ceremony. we will never forget those happy moments, which got to know all a little further and deepen our friendship.





After the ceremony a few small prizes were raffled to continue with some music and dancing.



FRIDAY, October 31st – SATURDAY 1st November – SUNDAY 2nd November
DEPARTURE TIME



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