

# A little long Adventure

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*the time comes I will have many great stories to share and laugh about!*

## Author's thoughts

*As a PhD student, we are often call to perform research studies and publish our results in international conferences that take place in different parts of the world as a payback for the hard effort you put in your work. Such an opportunity allows researchers to travel to conferences while their affiliated institute pays for the flight, accommodation, and food expenses. Therefore, I had the luck to travel to many new different destinations and explore places that I had no clue of them. Moreover, anytime I was traveling, I always took advantage of such chances to visit nearby countries of friends. Eventually, while growing old and start lacking energy to travel or do various activities, I take every change that I have to do alongside my work because when*

— Stefanos Georgiou

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## How it all started?

Being at the second year of my PhD studies, it means I can be in a position to write and publish research articles to top-tier computer science conferences that more of the time have acceptance rate close to 30% of the submitted studies. Therefore, during the September of 2017, I was constantly working a research study to be submitted by the end of January 2018. Along the many reasons I wanted to go the specific conference apart of being the most prestigious in our field of studies, it was taking place in Gothenburg of Sweden. Therefore, I could have the opportunity to visit my best friend Fisayo with whom I was studying during my Masters, to visit Saint-

Petersburg when I spend a whole semester during my Masters and see my old friends there, and after to end up in Lappeenranta of Finland to a summer school organized by my Master program.

All the above trips could be possible only if I could get my work accepted at the conference and having some expenses covered from my institute and by the end of February I had my answer. I was going to spend whole three weeks traveling to the above countries that I mentioned. Moreover, after I inform the lab in Saint-Petersburg, where I did my Masters, they were happy to invite me to present my research work there and give tutorial to Master students regarding cutting-edge

technologies that are currently used in the industry of software development. Also, after informing the summer school that I could be there after my trip in Saint-Petersburg, they invited me as a keynote speaker to present my work and views on the energy efficiency of software development.

Being super happy about this, I immediately started planning my trip such as plane, bus, and train tickets and accommodation. Moreover, I had to issue a visa and go through again this painful process of collecting documents. However, it was worthwhile just to visit again so many places where I had pleasant memories. To this end, at the 26th of May I started my *little long adventure* which lasted

until the 17th of June 2018 with a large suite case and a backpack.

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morning where I had a transfer flight from Frankfurt before arriving to my destination. Thankfully the whole research laboratory was traveling with us since everyone had a paper accepted to the corresponding conference.

## Conference Time

Even during May, in Athens it was hot, like close to 32 degrees and I was waiting to experience some cold Scandinavia summer. My trip to Gothenburg started early in the

## Walking all Day

## Having FUN

## Summer School Time

## Take Home

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what!*

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