



Bioversity International: Maccarese, Rome, Italy

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My Internship Consisted of...

- So much reading!
- Learning about modern perspectives regarding defining biodiversity and how to best manipulate them in agroecosystems.
- Writing a literature review relating biodiversity to pest and disease control in crops and pollinators in agroecosystems.
- Presenting my paper to my supervisor and other scientists working for Bioversity International.

The Best Parts Were...

- Finding out how NGOs worked through experience.
- Interacting with scientists who wrote some of the pieces I was reading.
- Interacting with the rest of the workforce through the different divisions of the company; the work environment was wonderful.

What My Work Went Toward...

- Beginning discussion with scientists across the company (and the world) about how to manipulate biodiversity to affect pest and disease control in agroecosystems.
- Contributing to another paper comparing bioeconomic models.

My Academic Life...

- My work reinforced my decision to concentrate in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.
- The structure of my internship was similar to writing a JP or a thesis, so I feel that I am more prepared for those.
- I learned that I could be okay working a typical 9 to 5 job.
- I want to pursue a career in science.

Cultural Awareness Tips

- Just because you know a language that's related to it doesn't mean that you know the language of the country that you're going to.
- Learn all you can about the ways you use to get to work.
- Learn your rights as a tenant in the country that you're going to.

Personal Growth

- How to keep a friendly yet professional relationship between myself and my superiors
- Depending on myself for meals instead of going out to eat all the time
- Putting every monetary lesson I've ever had into practice through living on my own