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**Dates you were in Australia:** 15 June 2011 to 6 September 2011



**1) Background.....**

In France I studied at classe préparatoire aux grandes écoles and then did 2 years at ENSIP Poitiers specializing in water treatment.

**2) Choosing UNSW Water Research Centre.....**

UNSW was a reputable university and the Water Research Centre (WRC) linked to the subject of my studies. Also I chose Australia as it is an attractive country, and Sydney the main city economically speaking.

**3) Research Interests.....**

While at the WRC, I worked on air monitoring, establishing a method to detect PAH from air, considering different sizes of particles. My studies are based mainly on water treatment and a little part of air treatment, so basically my future will be on one of these two branches.

**4) Living in Sydney.....**

I discovered a new culture (people are different from France, most “friendly” I will say), travelling around the city (Blue Mountains, Port Stephens, some walks, and the famous place in Sydney).

**5) After doing my Practicum.....**

I will return in France to complete my degree, then finding a job as an engineer in water treatment. Why not working in a foreign country?

**6) My best experience while at UNSW WRC....**

People are really friendly and available, when you ask a question they usually take their time to answer it, sometimes even with a certain pleasure.

**7) My worst experience while at UNSW WRC ....**

Surely the wasted time, waiting for materials (1 month for the impactor, 3 weeks for filters, and 2 weeks to find a place to collect samples)

**8) If I had known then what I know now, I would have....**

I would have put more pressure on my supervisor to get materials sooner (the problem is : nothing was really “prepared” when I arrived, so we lost a lot of time...).

**9) The greatest lesson during my Practicum has been....**

Learning to work “on my own”

**10) If I could do it again I .....**

I would do it differently, as I said on 9)

**11) My greatest achievement....**

Finally we were able to detect some pah the last days of my internship; it’s in this way an achievement.