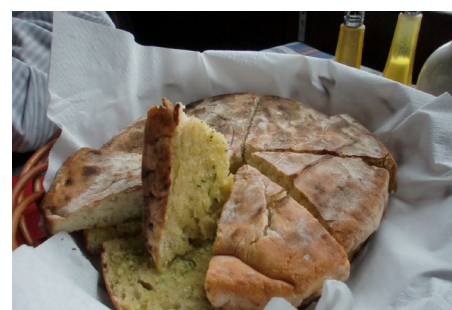




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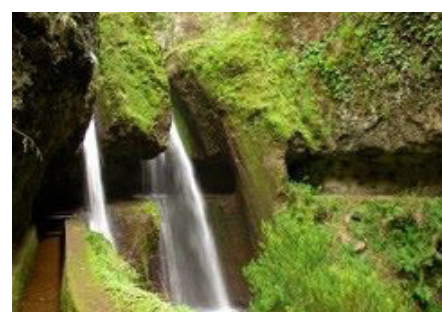
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Is a traditional Madeiran bread which is spread with garlic and parsley butter. This local dish is enjoyed by both Madeirans as well as tourists.

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// SWEAT AND TEARS ON THE 3RD DAY



The double men's and women's competition was rather exciting. The Russian and the Polish were expected to rule the competition.

To the men's semi finals arrived the pairs Karol Szarmach / Bartosz Szarmach, Pawel Chmiel / Piotr Chmiel, Mikhail Gladyshev / Taras Merzlikin, Patryk Chojnowski / Szymon Malicki. However, only two of them made it to the finals. The men's double final was a seriously intense match, opposing Karol Szarmach / Bartosz Szarmach and Patryk Chojnowski / Szymon Malicki, both from the Józef Rusiecki Olsztyn University. In the end, only one of them could win and it was up to Patryk Chojnowski / Szymon Malicki to occupy the well earned top spot.

As for the women's competition, the semi finals were disputed by Anna Janta-lipińska / Anna Zak, Svetlana Martynova / Natella Kasumova, Natalia Bąk / Magdalena Sikorska, Olga Vlasova / Elza Sharipova. Having won their respective games, Olga Vlasova / Elza Sharipova and Anna Janta-Lipińska / Anna Zak proceeded to the finals. After a fierce battle, the pair from Kazan Federal University, Olga Vlasova / Elza Sharipova, took the golden medal.

// LETS ALL CELEBRATE!



After the competition, let's all celebrate! Today is the last day of competition with the men and women's singles competition. After that, the Award ceremony takes place at the Sports Hall at 6.30 pm. Don't miss it!

Later, in the Closing Ceremony, at the University of Madeira's rectory building, the march past of the athletes, the closing speeches, the handing over EUSA flag to the host of next year's European Universities Table Tennis Championship and a buffet dinner are on the agenda. This ceremony will be concluded with the performance of Fatum, the University of Madeira's Students Union Fado group.

After that everybody is invited to party at one of Madeira's night club: Vespas, Copacabana, Kool Klub Kafé, Molhe... you choose.

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// INTERVIEWS



PIOTR CHMIEL, Rzeszow University of Technology

Was happy with the organization, in general. However, he stated there was some lack of information concerning the competition sometimes. When asked about his expectations for him and for his University, Piotr said that his University was very lucky and that they are really enjoying it but in competitive terms he clearly wanted his team to improve for next time. As for Madeira, the athlete from Rzeszow University of Technology said he is happy to be on the island, bearing in mind it was his first time here, and since it is such a beautiful island with such good weather, he is planning on returning.



JAIME BRITO, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal

Is also happy with the organization so far. He was a bit disappointed on the fact that the 3rd and 4th places on Thursday's competition did not occurred, and he thought that was bad, but apart from that all is fine. It has been a very tight competition. "Us, Portuguese, don't have as much experience as do the Russians and the Polish, but they are the favourite ones, so I am happy with our performance" he said. When asked about his expectations for him and for his team, Jaime said that his teams expectations are low and that probably he could not go as far as we would wish, but we would fight until the end. Concerning Madeira, the Portuguese athlete had already visited the island as well as Porto Santo, and he especially enjoy it's beaches. As such, he is obviously planning to visit the island again.

CHRISTOPH AND MICHAEL HAGMÜLLER, the two brothers in the competition playing for different teams, said that this is not the first time they play against each other. In the next season they will be playing in the same team but not in doubles "because then we would be arguing" they told us laughing. They consider this to be an organized championship with some high level competition but they are not expecting to compete with each other in the finals though. If it happens "it would be a funny situation".

Christoph came with his brother's team to Madeira which came earlier than his own. The brothers enjoy every free time they have to explore the island and would like to have more time to do so. The athletes find it very beautiful and with good weather. For that same reason, yesterday, they had the chance to go surfing in the north part of Madeira.

MARINOS PELAGIAS, University of Cyprus' Head of Delegation

According to the head of delegation of the University of Cyprus this is one of the best championships he has ever participated. Even though their team is not so strong since they come from an Island, Marinos Pelagias considers this championship to be important for them. The opportunity to get in touch with other teams and learn from the experience, adds value to the team.

// QUESTIONNAIRES



During the 5th European Universities Table Tennis Championship, the Organizing Committee has been inquiring the participants on a daily basis in order to assess the work developed. The aspects inquired were the Transports, the Accommodation, the Food and Beverage, and the Sports facilities.

In a general perception, the majority of the participants assessed the sports facilities, services and available resources as very good and excellent. According to 7 out of 10 inquired participants, the transport system stands out for its quality, even though there were a few malfunctions in terms of schedule and available resources.

As for the accommodation, including its facilities and services, according to 9 out of 10 inquiries, it is very good or even excellent.

Less good is the food and beverage, achieving a good score in 6 out of 10 inquiries. This modest mark is the reflection of the quality and diversity of the meals served. However, when it comes to quantity the participants answered that it was more than enough.

The Sports Hall was, for 8 out of 10 participants, classified as very good to excellent, showing that the Organizing Committee has done a great job concerning this venue. Although the physical resources, the information signs, the technical assistance and the supplies have pleased the participants, the thing which pleased the participants the most was the human resources available.