

Aurora Creative Writing Workshop

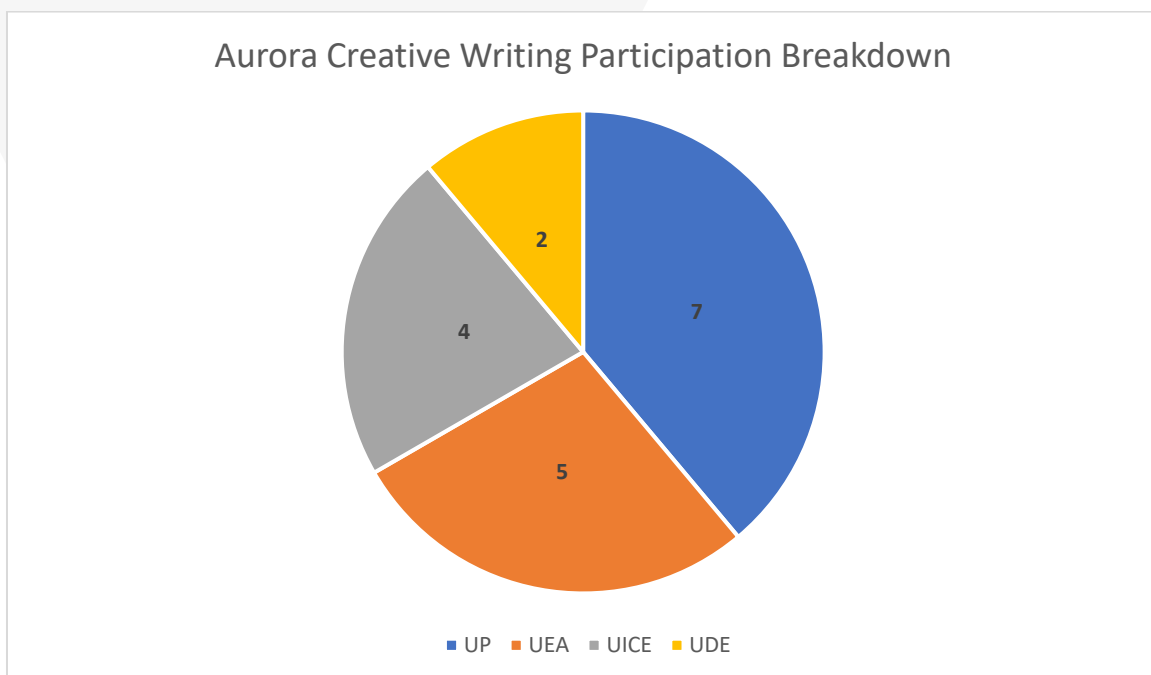
Summary

- **Aurora Creative Writing Workshop**
 - **Date:** 22/05 – 26/05/2023
 - **Organization:** UP & UEA
 - **Participants:** 18
 - **Credits:** 4 ECTS

Report

The Aurora Creative Writing Workshop was organized between Palacký University Olomouc and the University of East Anglia. UP's Department of English and American Studies hosted the workshop, while UEA's Department of Creative Writing took care of the workshop program.

In addition to UP and UEA students, the workshop was opened and offered to Aurora Student Ambassadors and Champions from across Aurora. In total, 18 students participated in the Aurora Creative Writing workshop. Remarkable was the diversity of the participants, hailing from 5 different continents and a wide range of study disciplines. Planned participants from UIBK and VU dropped out shortly before the start of the workshop due to practical considerations, opting to only participate in the Aurora Student Conference instead.



The workshop featured a varied program of classes, writing sessions and social activities. The event culminated in an impressive live reading of the writing produced by the participants of the course of the week.

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The workshop was very well received, both by the participating students and the as well as the organizing parties.



Aurora Student Conference

Summary

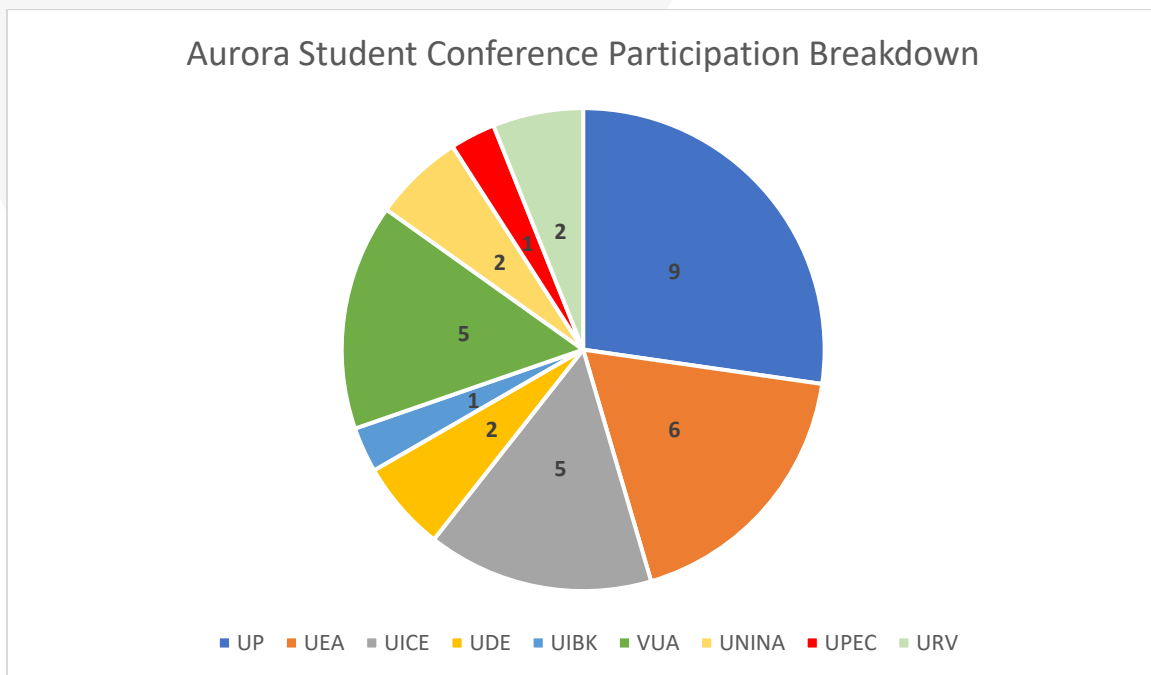
- **Aurora Student Conference**
 - **Date:** 26/05/2023
 - **Organization:** UP
 - **Participants:** 32

Report

The Aurora Student Conference was organized to facilitate an in-person meeting between the various layers of Aurora Student representation (Student Council, Student Ambassadors & Champions) in the absence of a physical biannual during the 22/23 academic year.

The Aurora Student Conference was organized back-to-back with the creative writing workshop. This allowed Creative Writing participants to take part in the conference and meet even more Aurora students.

In total, the Aurora student conference was attended by 32 participants, hailing from nine different universities. The group consisted of Student Council Members, Student Ambassadors & Champions, as well as members of the general student body.



Several of the students had already met on earlier occasions, either at Biannials, student council meeting, or events such as CBS's summer school. This added to the value of the event, as it allowed for strengthening of existing ties between students, fostering a sense of Aurora community.

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Following the Student Council's prioritization of Student's Mental health, UP's Student representatives Hanus Patera and Lucie Badurova gave a peer-learning workshop on mental health and mindfulness. In addition, Niels Hexspoor provided a workshop on intercultural communication and competences.

The Aurora Student Conference also hosted an in-person meeting of the Aurora Student Council. The session was also open to students who were not sitting on the Student Council, to further connect the different student voices within Aurora. In the evening, the participants were invited to a joint informal dinner, to close the conference.

The event was well attended and well received by the participants.

