

## Dispatches from the 2003 ICPS in Odense, Denmark

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*SPS Delegates Beth Reid (center) and James Hitchcock (right) at the 2003 ICPS.*

### **August 11, 2003**

We had our first guest lecture, Ben Mottelson. He gave an interesting talk on Bose-Einstein Condensation. We spent the rest of the day in Odense looking around. It was neat I guess, they are really hung up on Hans Christian Anderson here. He is everywhere you look. The student talks start today. My talk is tomorrow. I'll write some more after that.

### **August 12, 2003**

I gave my talk this morning. I think it went well. I was disappointed that no one asked any questions. In the four talks I have given I have yet to field a single relevant question on the topic. Today we had a guest lecture from the Neil's Bohr institute on quantum teleportation. It was very interesting. Most of the talks are over. Tonight is the National Party and Beth and I are preparing Abbott and Costello's "Who's on first" routine.

### **August 13, 2003**

We just finished the final guest lecture. All the lectures have been completed and the conference is coming to a close. We have the general meeting to attend latter this afternoon. As for other Americans, George is here with us. He is serving his last year on the IAPS executive committee as past president. We generally spend the majority of our free time with our friends from the United Kingdom, mostly because our cultures are similar. The final quest lecture discussed the possibility of life on Mars. The lecture was interesting, however it came off to me as very optimistic. The Excursion to Copenhagen was yesterday. I visited a company called NKT. They deal mainly in fiber lasers. It was cool to be able to go somewhere that you are not allowed to take photographs because no one else in the world can do what there doing at the moment. It was very interesting. We also went to Tivoli, which is an amusement park in the middle of Copenhagen. That is about all. This is the end of the conference so will be my last e-mail until I've returned home. I thank SPS for this opportunity .