

TEACHING ABROAD

Michael Floeser, a lecturer in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, is the first Rochester based IST faculty member to teach abroad at ACMT in Croatia. His focus is on programming sequence courses, web design, and HCI.

Floeser is truly dedicated to his student's academic success. He says, "Each one of these students is someone's kid, and I think how would I like my daughter to be treated." He is well known for being available to his students, whether it's a 5 a.m. Skype call or meeting with them for a study group. With this personal approach it's not surprising that he was chosen to assist in kicking off of the IST program in Croatia.

This was his first trip outside of the US and his thoughts of Croatia were "wow" he had never seen anything like it before. At ACMT the staff was friendly, organized and professional. He quickly learned that his biggest challenge wouldn't be communication or even the time change but the culture of the Croatsians. "Forced Relaxation" as he jokingly referred to it, was the best lesson to learn. He also admired the sense of community, how everyone helps each other.

An RIT graduate, Floeser received his MBA in 1984, joining the RIT faculty family in 2001. Now back in Rochester, he continues teaching those same students and in addition to fond memories, he returns relaxed and ready for his next adventure.



Professor Floeser, wearing a Croatian tie with the alphabet



*View of Old Town from the hill
Photo by: Michael Floeser*

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