## Preface

Another Oberwolfach. How come I was invited? It was almost six years since I last time was invited to the late summer meeting at that fabled Institute. What had changed? had the organisers started to like me again? According to Chris Peters this was a nostalgia meeting, meant to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the meeting in Angers, so succesfully organised by Beauville. Sentimentality! that explains it. Back then I was an upcoming hot name, since then the old star has faded and become a black dwarf. No talks this time, but the temptation to accept is irresistable. As they say, never turn down an invitation to Oberwlfach, it could always be your last.

Here follows again a detailed blow-by-blow account starting with the first step out of my door, and ending when touching home again. This time I have also included in the account reports of the talk, sometimes detailed such, which some people may have regretted their conspicious absence before. Otherwise there is the usual brew of gossip, and no action taken by me is too insignificant not to be documented.

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Finally proof-read and minor corrections made.

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