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Short report on the 15th EMS Annual Meeting & 12th ECAM conference attendance

The conference building in Sofia was easy to find, even after 12 hour long nighttime bus ride. On Monday initially I have attended the dynamical meteorology session, though generally I've an interest in dynamical meteorology, all presentations was also linked to master and PhD thesis topics at our department, therefore it was even more advantageous. After the first session, I have cruised between the climate change and atmospheric hazards sessions. On Tuesday, there were several overlapping sessions making it difficult to choose from, but space weather and boundary layer meteorology won the competition. On Wednesday, my choices in topics varied between synoptic meteorology, urban climate - especially since I am involved in supervising a PhD student in that area. I have attended the session I had applied to (NWP2) on Thursday morning. The rest of the day was a blur between atmospheric measurements, parameterizations, verification and data assimilation.

During the conference, I have had the chance to meet with previous connections from Poland and Germany who are working on similar fields, and we managed to exchange experiences and help each other. This is especially important in case of modelling where the small nuances can sometimes be solved by cooperating with others directly. I am glad that the poster presentations are proportionally divided between the days there is much more time to ask and discuss, as before when there were only two sessions. I have also made a few new connections with Italian and German fellows. On a side note, the coffee break with fruits instead of pastries was a splendid idea. Altogether, it was an eventful and scientifically successful conference. I am grateful that through the award I was able to attend it. The new findings, research area paths that I have seen will help not only my scientific development but also my colleagues and students. In addition, the personal meetings with members of other meteorological institutions and universities will help further in scientific and educational collaborations. Thank you again for the support.

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