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Due to its geographic position, topography and complex urban texture, Istanbul deserves a special attention among the other metropolitan cities in the world in terms of the human-climate interactions. My current work relies on the evaluation of the impact of land use types on urban heat island over Istanbul and its surrounding areas via WRF modeling system. This study was archived in the NWP - Numerical aspects and physical parameterization integration in NWP models – where I have presented my study entitled “Impact of Land-Use Types and Urban Canopy Structure on Urban Heat Island via High Resolution WRF Modeling: Istanbul Case Study”.

By bringing the pioneer scientists together, this conference allowed me to share knowledge, to have new ideas and gain more information about atmospheric system and numerical models. The conference has provided me objective feedback on my own research. During the conference, I found an opportunity to meet other scientists who study on similar field. We had time to have discussion on common scientific problems. We agreed to stay in touch in the future to figure out scientific solution for common environmental problems for our region.

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