

Report

of the 10th EMS Annual Meeting
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From 13 to 17 September 2010 I had the pleasure to attend the 10th EMS Annual Meeting and the 8th European Conference on Applied Climatology (ECAC) in ETH-Zurich, owing to the Young Scientist Travel Award which was given to me by the EMS and SGM for the article "Weather and emotional state". I was very happy and thankful to receive this award not only for the opportunity to attend these high-level events but also for the great honour and prestige which this prize gives.

Although it was announced like "European", the 8th Conference on Applied Climatology was attended by scientists worldwide and the conference's level was respectively.

During this busy and fruitful week I learned many new things in the field of climatology and meteorology. Of particular interest for me were all the sessions devoted to Climate change, which was the motto of the conference – not only because of the actuality and seriousness of the subject but also because it concerns directly my job in the National Center of Public Health Protection. In October this year I am going on specialization on Climate change and sustainability at the Energy and Resources Institute in New Delhi, India and I'll go there much more confident after obtaining the most actual information about the reasons, processes and tendencies in climate change from the conference's presentations.

I was also interested in the EWENT workshop "Estimation of Probabilities of Extreme and Harmful Weather Events in a Changing Climate" because I am working on a project on the relation Weather – Road safety and because I am WHO focal point for Bulgaria on the problems of Road safety.

The Networking lunch for women was made in a spirit of collaboration and friendship and was very informative as well.

Very impressive for me were the presentations on the ancient story of Bora (by R. Colucci & A. Pucillo), the Dr. Jay Trobec's presentation "The state of broadcast meteorology in the United States" and the Tania Cegnar's presentation "Arts and climate". Indeed, the whole session "Media and communication" was

very interesting. Media plays an important role making the connection between science and society and affecting the mass-opinion and behavior.

There were also few interesting presentations and a poster in the field of biometeorology. Since I am particularly interested in this subject I hope to see more of these titles and even a session on the next conference in Berlin (if I manage to attend it, of course).

The Dr. David Burridge's Silver medal lecture made very good impression because of the high competency combined with a nice sense of humor of the lecturer.

I would like also point on my own experience with presenting my research. I had a poster presentation but because of the gap in the programme I made an oral presentation as well. I am happy things gone on this way because I had a better opportunity to introduce the results to broader auditory. There were many young people who said the topic is very interesting which made me happy and very excited. I am sure all the acquaintances which I made on the conference will be very useful for me in the future.

Exciting and very informative were the visits to MeteoSwiss and the Lab Tour at the Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science in Zurich.

I was also impressed by the perfect organization of the event. It was thought about everything and I could say that this is definitely the biggest and most well prepared event I have ever attended.