

# Report on the 12th EMS Annual Meeting & 9th ECAC

10th – 15th September 2012, Łódź, Poland

I would like to thank the awards committee of the European Meteorological Society (EMS) for selecting me for one of their Young Scientist Travel Awards, which supported my attendance at the 12th EMS Annual Meeting and 9th European Conference on Applied Climatology (ECAC).

The conference was very well organised, with parallel talks, plenary sessions and poster presentations covering a wide range of subjects. The conference theme was “*European climate services capabilities – user needs and communication with stakeholders*”, and the different parallel theme sessions and plenary discussions enabled many different aspects of this topic to be explored in detail.

My own presentation, on “*European Wind Variability over 140 Years*”, was in the parallel session on Energy Meteorology (ASI 13), and the talk was well-received. I had various interesting discussions with other attendees afterwards. Many of the other talks and posters in that session were also very interesting – as well as learning about the interests and concerns of others in the area, the methods and results I have seen will help inform my future work.

The conference has been a valuable experience, both in terms of expanding my background knowledge of the subject, and for allowing me to meet and discuss with other scientists in the field from across Europe and the world.

Once again, I am very grateful to the EMS for providing me with the opportunity to attend the conference and present the results of my research.

Dr Philip Bett

Met Office Hadley Centre, Exeter, UK

October 2012