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Report

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the European Meteorological Society for awarding me with the Young Scientist Travel Award. It enabled my attendance to the 33rd International Conference on Alpine Meteorology, which was held in Innsbruck from 31 August to 04 September, 2015. It was a great pleasure to have this opportunity as a PhD student, and the new insights in numerical modeling have definitely broadened my experience and knowledge. The conference gathered many leading experts in the field of Alpine Meteorology and it was very nice to finally meet some of them. Everybody was very pleasant and friendly in a very warm conference environment. The conference program was divided into 9 different topics which were arranged in 16 oral sessions with more than 90 presentations. Beside oral presentations, there were 3 poster sessions, with almost 140 posters presented. On the third day of the conference, there was an official conference dinner with celebratory ceremony. The ceremony was organized due to the three anniversaries, 150 years of Austrian Meteorological Society, 125 years of Institute of Meteorology and Geophysics in Innsbruck and 150 years since the first Austrian Weather Map. On the fourth day, I gave a talk entitled "Parameterization of NWP WRF in statically stable situations over complex terrain". Afterwards, I had several fruitful discussions with various experts in my research field. These discussions provided me with guidelines and advice on how to proceed in my research and deal with potential problems. With the new connections established, I hope to include data from other datasets, obtained at different locations in the World, in my research.

To conclude, it was the best conference I have ever attended where I spent a very interesting and educative week. I'm very thankful for receiving this award which enabled me to participate, get in touch with leading scientist from my field of research, and to present my work to mountain meteorology community and to get the feedback which will definitely help me in my future research.

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