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I presented my paper titled "Application of Perpendicular Drought Indices as a Dynamic Drought Monitoring Method" which I have derived it from my PhD thesis. This Young Scientist Travel Award was great for me and gave me an opportunity to learn a lot things in EMS2009 and I was able have meetings with some researchers from other countries which had same scientific research topics. I found many papers (oral or poster) which had similar topics of my interests and I had a great chance to visit the authors and have some scientific discussions during this conference. I enjoyed very much my attendance in Toulouse.

I would like to thank all of EMS2009 organizers and I hope I will be able to attend the next EMS conferences! I encourage other researchers to attend in EMS conferences and get the chance to find other scientists or researchers with the same interests and share their experiences and achievements.

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