

Report on the DACH2016 conference in Berlin/Germany, 14 to 18 March 2016

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The DACH meteorology conference is co-organized every three years by the meteorological societies of Germany (DMG: German Meteorological Society), Austria (ÖGM: Austrian Society for Meteorology) and Switzerland (SGM: Swiss Society for Meteorology). It is probably the largest German-speaking conference on meteorology and climatology.

In 2016 the conference took place in the Henry-Ford-Bau of FU Berlin offering well sized lecture rooms. The catering with snacks (fresh fruits, cakes) and cold and warm drinks created a nice and pleasing atmosphere of the coffee breaks. The conference covered a broad range of scientific topics within 13 sessions. Each conference day started with a plenary session. The plenary speakers introduced in their talks the sessions of the daily schedule. In the following session time blocks three sessions ran in parallel, making it sometimes difficult to choose, as often at least two sessions offered interesting presentations for my research topic. The sessions on *Climate Variability* and *Weather and Climate induced risks and opportunities* were of particular interest for me, as I gave my presentations related to drought analysis and monitoring within them.

The two hours long poster sessions took place during the lunch breaks at Tuesday and Thursday. They were well frequented and offered manifold interesting discussions and contacts. Nonetheless, the space between the poster walls could have been larger, as for really reading a poster one had to stand in front of the opposite poster disturbing the discussion there. Having several posters in the same session, it proved difficult to look after all of them and with only two large poster sessions it was difficult to attend the many interesting posters that were presented in the "own" poster session slot.

At Wednesday afternoon seven excursions were offered by the conference organizers. I participated in the trip to Albert Einstein Science Park at the hill Telegrafenberg in Potsdam. After two very interesting and illustrative short talks on the scientific work of the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) and the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) we had a guided tour around the research facilities situated in the Science Park, where we learnt many memorable anecdotes on the history of science connected to that place.

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