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First of all I would like to thank the European Meteorological Society for kindly providing me the Young Scientist Travel Award. That enabled me to spend a special week in Berlin and attend the 11th European Meteorological Society Annual Meeting and the 10th European Conference on Applications of Meteorology. The main topic of the conference was “Forecasting the weather – ensemble techniques in probabilistic weather prediction”. I participated in the NWP3 (Data assimilation and use of observations in NWP) session with a poster, titled: “Retrieval of vertically integrated water vapor from SEVIRI measurements”.

I think a conference like this is a very fundamental experience for young and un-experienced scientists to see what sorts of research projects are performed around the world. It is exciting and motivating to take part of the communication between scientist from different fields and different countries. Last year I had the opportunity to visit the 10th Annual Meeting of the EMS/8th ECAC conference in Zürich, so it wasn't my first time to travel abroad to a conference like EMS/ECAM, therefore in this year I was more confident and I talked with more people than last year. During my poster session I could get acquainted with two Italian scientists. They were interested in my research and we have a fascinating talk about how we could assimilate my results to their work. I hope we can keep in touch and maybe do some research together. At another poster session we met with two PhD students from England and we talked about the differences between the educations in my and in their countries, especially considering doctoral and master courses.

Few years ago in Hungary there were some research projects about urban climatology. I find this topic very interesting because nowadays the built up areas have a higher and higher exposure to climate change. On Tuesday there was a session about urban climate what I attended and I heard some excellent presentations about human comfort, mortality and urban heat island related issues.

This was the first time in my life when I had an opportunity to resort to Berlin so I spent also a lot of time in the city. Together with some of my colleagues we met a Portugal scientist and we went sight-seeing together and we could practice speaking English all day also outside the conference. I hope that I will have the chance to participate in the upcoming EMS meetings in the future.

Once again, I am very grateful for the travel support of the European Meteorological Society.