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Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for the outstanding poster award that I was granted during the 7th ESA Earth Observation (EO) summer school, held at ESRIN in Frascati, Italy, from August 4th to 14th.

The summer school was an amazing experience and an unique opportunity for me, as a Martian geologist, to learn more about our own planet. During 2 weeks, we were invited to follow a series of morning lectures on Monitoring of the Earth System followed by afternoon tutorials where we could get our hands on some EO data across disciplines. I enjoyed discovering new software and tools and working for the first time with terrestrial data which are commonly used for oceanography, land resource mapping or even risk management purposes. During the evenings, students had the opportunity to present their work during a poster session. Not only I enjoyed learning from the other attendees about all the potential applications of remote sensing studies, but on the last day I had a chance to present my own research, which focuses on the geology of planet Mars through remote sensing analyses. As I was not expecting the audience to be very familiar with the red planet, my poster was a very simple display of what can be done on other planets with what turns out to be very similar techniques to those applied on Earth. I was incredibly surprised and touched by the enthusiasm and receptivity of the other participants and the curiosity they showed regarding my research and planetary science in general. I am incredibly grateful to the other attendees for their kindness and attention, as well as to the organizers, to ESA and to EMS for their support.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Flahaut