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Dear European Meteorological Society,

I would like to express my gratitude for the EMS for granting me a Young Scientist Travel Award (YSTA) to attend EUMETSAT Conference 2014 in Geneva. It was an honour to receive this award and to participate in the major conference in Europe on meteorological satellite applications for forecasting and studying atmospheric processes.

This year EUMETSAT conference had a 9 different thematic sessions and was attended by more than 300 participants from all over the world. I attended this conference for the first time and was cheered by the possibility to meet the leading scientists from the NASA, NOAA, ESA, EUMETSAT and other institutions.

During the conference I gave an oral presentation titled “Snow cover climatology over the Baltic States based on MODIS satellite data” in the “Climate” session. After the presentation I was approached by a few senior scientists. Their comments and feedback was very important, because it gave me an inspiration how to improve my research.

Added value of the conference was networking. By participating in the conference I had a great opportunity to meet a lot of specialists and experts from different countries and different institutions. This not only broadened my scientific background, but also had a very tangible outcomes. During the conference I made a contacts with the specialist from Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Center and we agreed to have the joint project on mapping solar radiation in Baltic States based on satellite data.

These outcomes would be impossible without the travel support provided by EMS, so I would like to thank you once again. Your support for young specialists and scientist builds a strong foundation for future cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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