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The Nordic Meteorologist Meeting (NMM) in Helsinki gathered meteorologists from all the Nordic countries and several other countries for the 27th time. NMM is a quite unique meeting because it brings both the weather forecasters and the researchers together. Around 100 participants came together to widen and deepen their knowledge in the state-of-the-art developments in meteorology, climatology, hydrology and oceanography.

During five days, a wide range of topics were covered by oral presentations, which gave an excellent opportunity to extend the knowledge from your own specific topic into a wider context. One of the first sessions was dedicated to Eyjafjallajökull volcano eruption and its impacts. Although the session was not close to my own research topics, it was interesting and introduced new aspects of meteorological studies. Presentations concerning dynamical meteorology and mesoscale meteorology were the most useful for my current studies. In addition, several presentations gave useful information about the latest instrument development. Furthermore, NMM gave me an opportunity present my own research in an oral presentation 'Spatial variability and topographic effects over Arctic fjords in Svalbard', which was really educative experience for a PhD candidate.

Despite the fact that there were very interesting presentations, I feel that the most fruitful part of NMM was to meet meteorologists from the Nordic countries and strengthen the network. Since I work in a very small institution it is very important to have contact with other colleagues in the Nordic countries. These networks are useful in my current work but also in my future career.

I acknowledge EMS for the Young Scientist Travel Award which enabled my participation in this meeting. The meeting was very fruitful in several ways and therefore I want to encourage young scientists to strengthen the Nordic co-operation by participating in the future NMMs.

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