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Dear EMS,

I am very thankful for EMS Young Scientist Travel Award. It made me possible to attend the 7th International Conference on Air Quality – Science and Application.

It was very interesting and intensive conference. There were about 260 delegates from more than 40 countries. I was the only delegate from Estonia, so my participation was very important for our small science community.

Strictly speaking – YSTA made my participation possible, as due to economic decrease, applying money in Estonia for PhD student has got very complicated. Also our department's budget was cut back this year.

I did not receive neither apply funds from other bodies, as my attendance fee, budget hotel and low cost airline tickets were around 500 EUR.

I think that the amount what has been given is appropriate to stimulate additional support from other organisations or institutes. All the decision and the transfer of money was made in time.

Air Quality conference in Istanbul was the excellent opportunity to present my results. I got several questions and comments afterwards during the coffee breaks.

As the number of topics was wide, the conference helped to wider my knowledge in many fields related to air pollution. The most important topics were presentations related to specific exposure assessment methods, air pollution health effects, human biomonitoring and themes related local heating problems. I was also interesting in specific topics related to particles, as this is my main research field as well.

The most valuable thing in the conference was contacts what I made to build up co-operation in future. Besides new people, who I got to know, I had much deeper discussion with people who I had met briefly before. These contacts are very important for development my career and to attend co-operation projects in European level etc.

Once again I am very grateful for EMS who made my attendance in Air Quality conference feasible.

Sincerely,
Hans Orru

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