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- Recipient of an EMS Young Scientist Travel Award

I took part in the EMS Annual Meeting in October with support of the EMS. It is a good opportunity for young and un-experienced scientists to see other parts of the world besides the fact that they can meet older professional colleagues and they can get experiences in their field.

The accommodation and travel insurance were funded by my institute, but to fully enjoy this conference further support was needed. It is also a good point that people from poorer countries are supported: Every year one of my colleagues wins this award. The best part was that my accomodation was at the conference, though the centre was a bit far from the city centre. I also liked the city: my first, positive impression of the French. The Annual Meeting was well-managed and everything had its place and time. Congratulations for that.

Poster sessions are always weird and a bit unfamiliar to me, time is too short even to understand some issues. It is the same with meeting older colleagues from the field. Though it must be related to my shyness and the state of my career.

I may complain about the sounding system in the big conference room. Personally I was not able to hear my voice and to check if I speak close enough to the microphone or not. So I felt the lack of more support of the young ones.

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