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YSTA EMS2018 – Report about the conference

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Participation to the conference:

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Motivation:

As PhD student, it is important to take part to conferences and international meetings. In particular, I decided to take part to the EMS annual meeting 2018 as it is the only large European meeting where an entire session is devoted to “wind gust” – my main research focus. My supervisor participated also to the previous EMS meetings and he encouraged me to join this year and to apply to the YSTA.

Feedbacks:

- Great planetary sessions, with great speakers and interesting subjects. I also enjoyed a lot the lunch seminars (like the WMO townhall).
- The offered lunch for all the ones who have been granted was really nice; it was also a good ice-breaker and helped me to get in touch with new researchers.
- The EMS app was really useful: I was able to personalize my programme and see all the time what was happening at the conference. I appreciate that not so much printing was done (for example, the conference book would have been printed only if requested) – nice way of thinking about the environment.
- I appreciated a lot the visit of the President of Hungary: being welcomed by the state authority shows that our climate and weather research is highly appreciated by the politicians of the hosting country.
- Budapest is a great town and the location for the meeting was perfect: close by the city centre and easy to be reached. Next year the conference will be in Copenhagen and I hope that the EMS meeting will keep to change host city every year – more scientists will be involved, even though I know how hard it can be for the organization to change location every year.
- I am really glad that I had the possibility of having an oral presentation even though I am just a PhD student – oral presentation for young scientists is a great training and the best way to introduce your research to the scientific community (in my opinion, better than a poster presentation).

What can be improved?

- I would like to see the poster pitches at the beginning of all the sessions, where more people are present and such time is not overlapped with talks from other sessions.
- I would like to be part of other activities where young scientists at the EMS meeting (PhD students, young researchers) have the chance to meet in an informal way, like the offered dinner for the granted young scientists.