

EMS Annual Meeting 2021

Conference Report

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I am extremely grateful to the European Meteorological Society for granting me a *Young Scientist Conference Award* to participate in the virtual EMS Annual Meeting (6–10 September 2021). I would have loved to attend the in-person meeting (and award ceremony!) that was originally planned to be held in Barcelona, where I am currently based: it would have been a pleasure to welcome my fellow awardees and the other participants, particularly early career scientists, to this beautiful city. However, due to the pandemic, we were all forced to meet in front of a screen, instead of a nice plate of *tapas*. The feeling is certainly different, but nonetheless I was able to enjoy this meeting, and I would like to thank the organizing committee for putting a lot of effort into planning an innovative format that encouraged interaction among the attendees.

Thank to this award, I had the opportunity to present my work “Multi-model assessment of the late-winter stratospheric response to El Niño and La Niña” in a 5-minute lightning talk during the UP3.2 session “Mid-latitude atmospheric teleconnection dynamics”. Because of the limited time, I could not dive into all the details of my results, but it was indeed a nice opportunity to disseminate my work. In the second half of the session, which was dedicated to discussions and questions, I had the chance to directly interact with the other participants. I enjoyed very much this part, which was nicely coordinated by the conveners, and the stimulating and – most of all – very friendly environment.

Additionally, I contributed to the OSA3.5 session “MEDiterranean Services Chain based On climate PrEdictions (MEDSCOPE)” with a lightning-talk entitled “Multi-model assessment of the late-winter tropospheric response to El Niño and La Niña”. I appreciated the variety of topics covered, which were all very interesting to me. Despite missing a lot the invaluable in-person interaction, I could sense the positive and open attitude of all the participants, which contributed to the success of this session.

I also enjoyed other sessions, mainly belonging to the UP and CS categories, which are closer to my research interest, and events, such as the “ECS Networking Icebreaker” and the keynote presentations. Since I am towards the end of my PhD, it was nice having the opportunity to hear about topics that I am currently not familiar with and that could inspire my future career. I am definitely looking forward to the next, in-person EMS Annual Meeting!



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