

Dear YSCA Award Committee,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being awarded the EMS Young Scientist Conference Award (YSCA) in NMM 2024. This esteemed recognition allowed me to attend the Nordic Meteorological Meeting held in Copenhagen, Denmark, and I am excited to share how this award has significantly contributed to my academic and professional growth.

As a Ph.D. student, financial constraints are a significant concern, often limiting my ability to attend valuable conferences and networking events. The EMS Young Scientist Conference Award alleviated this burden by providing me with a generous cash prize, which was instrumental in covering my travel and accommodation expenses for the NMM 2024 meeting. This support made it possible for me to participate and present my research on "Impact Assessment of Heatwaves on Urban Microclimate: A Case Study in Turin, Italy." This award has not only eased my financial worries but also reaffirmed my commitment to pursuing scientific research.

Attending the Nordic Meteorological Meeting 2024 was an invaluable experience that facilitated both personal and professional growth. The theme of the conference spanned various crucial areas in meteorology and climate science, including polar meteorology, climate, numerical weather prediction, AI in forecasting, and energy meteorology. I had the privilege of networking with fellow researchers, academics, and professionals, forging valuable connections and laying the groundwork for potential collaborations.

Additionally, the conference's insightful presentations and sessions by leading experts enriched my knowledge, offering fresh perspectives and a deeper understanding of my research area. Presenting my research was particularly beneficial, as I received constructive feedback from peers and experts alike. The comments and suggestions provided during the conference have been instrumental in refining my work, helping me to identify areas for improvement and further investigation. This feedback will undoubtedly benefit my future academic and professional endeavors.

In conclusion, the EMS Young Scientist Conference Award has been instrumental in reducing my financial burden as a Ph.D. student, allowing me to attend the Nordic Meteorological Meeting 2024 in Copenhagen. This conference has not only enriched my knowledge but also facilitated valuable networking and collaborative opportunities. I am immensely grateful to the YSCA Award Committee and EMS for their support, which has significantly contributed to my academic and professional growth.

Once again, thank you for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to continuing my research and contributing to the field of meteorology and climate science.

**Sincerely,
Lippin Pauly**