

YSCA Report: 37th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology in Poreč, Croatia | 29th September - 3rd October 2025

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This report summarizes my attendance at the 37th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology in Poreč, Croatia. I am grateful to the European Meteorological Society for having received the Young Scientist Award for this conference.

The conference was a great experience, not only in terms of science, but also in terms of networking opportunities and getting to know the community. The conference week started on Monday morning with a unique opening ceremony accompanied by a local choir and a talented young accordion player. After a few opening words by the director of the Croatian Meteorological Service, the mayoress and others, the scientific programme commenced. Compared to other conferences, ICAM is a relatively manageable conference, with no parallel sessions, which I highly appreciated because one does not have to prioritize between them. In general, I enjoyed the high level of quality in oral presentations and posters. The programme was diverse and presenters had different backgrounds and traveled from all over the world, even though it was the Alpine Meteorology conference. I appreciated the different contributions, and it was great to see how different projects can still connect to the same foundations. The invited talks at the beginning of each session were one of my personal highlights. It inspires me to hear from experienced scientists who are successful in their field and have a large body of work to show. Many of them acknowledged the high number of young scientists in the room and took time to explain the fundamentals of their projects. Another highlight for me was the Boundary Layer session, not only because I presented there, but also because it provided a good overview of what is happening in the community at the moment. Something that can get lost without conferences like these.

I gave my first oral presentation at this conference, and I do not think I could have chosen a better event for it. The atmosphere was relaxed, and I enjoyed presenting my work much more than I thought I would. Afterwards, I received some questions during the short Q&A part, but the really fruitful conversations happened after the session during the coffee break. There were great exchanges with people who work on similar topics, as well as people who were just interested in the project. Overall, I got useful feedback, and it felt like the right place to present to the community what we are working on.

Apart from the interesting but densely packed conference programme, I was surprised by how much time was left for scientific and non-scientific conversations. The organizers did an amazing job organizing post-conference activities that included a half-day excursion to a nearby national park. In a setting so far removed from the usual conference atmosphere, everyone seemed even more encouraged to talk to each other, regardless of their academic status. I appreciated this a lot as a young researcher, and some acquaintances were formed.

We were also not deprived of the beautiful town of Poreč and its long and impressive history. A city tour on Tuesday evening, arranged by the conference organizers, gave us insight into the local culture.

Finally, I would like to thank the award committee again for making this conference trip possible, the organizers for a successful conference, and all the attendees for their contributions to an unforgettable event.

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