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MARIDV conference experience

As I have been awarded a travel grant for Marine and Riverine Dune Dynamics Conference V (MARIDV), I would like to express my sincere appreciation, gratitude and thanks to the society committee for giving me the chance and the bursary to attend the conference and to present my work at this highly valuable meeting.

I would like to explain my personal experiences over the conference and the advantages that I have gained during this event in this report:

It was a great chance for me to present part of my own research in the frame of my PhD thesis. It provided number of valuable comments on my work which led to the emergence of research ideas that will improve the quality of my particular case study. I also appreciate the experience to co-chair a session of the MARIDV conference programme helping and collaborating with the chair.

The conference assistants were high-level researchers, consultants, senior and junior trainees, research fellows and research students. They presented their work experience, case studies and also put in their valuable comments and discussions.

Attending lectures, poster presentations and sessions as well as all the studies included in the book provided me a great chance to get the most up to date research works and to learn more about different specialities at different spatial and time-scales of bedforms dynamics with a variety of examples from around the world, in addition to have the possibility to be in touch, expose or discuss some aspects with the authors of these studies.



Photo 1: Welcome to MARIDV



Photo 2: Oral presentation

The poster presentations were very useful to get a quick idea of the subject developed at each case, all of them very interesting and some of them directly related to my particular topic. Moreover, each oral presentation session, as well as the keynote lectures were useful to improve my knowledge in my early scientific degree. They let me learn lots of methodologies, models, how to deal with or plan studies and the problems I might encounter, as well as examples of variety of individual case studies from around the world which provided me with wider insights of the subject.

The second session about bedforms and their interaction with the flow above them was particularly fascinating and provided me some ideas and thoughts directly applicable to my particular analysis. Session 5 and 6 about dune morphometric, morphodynamics and their evolution over different time and space scales was directly related to my main work. I was impressed, fascinated and very interested in them; it was definitely beneficial and valuable to me.

Overall, my personal experience in the MARIDV was very positive, the meeting was wonderful and has satisfied and exceeded my expectations. I am very motivated to attend the next MARIDVI in Bremen, Germany.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the organising committee as well as the scientific committee for the great work and thank you for your warm welcome and kindness during the MARIDV.