

Travel grants report

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Career benefits

In terms of my academic career, being present at ISPRS made me in contact with many authors cited in my ongoing PhD research. This was super stimulating. Meeting those people made me rethink the next steps of my academic career, such as a possible period of studying abroad, to have closer contact with them.

Further, it was my first in-person presentation at a conference, and, despite all the anxiety involved, I feel much more confident now about repeating it soon. The chair of my session is a reference in our field of study, and for me, it was essential to be noticed by her.

Also, besides the academic colleagues, I could talk with people from different companies worldwide. Seeing how much theoretical knowledge is being applied in practice was fantastic. Finally, it was great to have networked with other travel grant receivers. I knew quite some different people involved in so many different subjects of study, this increased my overview of remote sensing in general.

Event caveats

The conference was great, but I think some things could be improved for the next one. For instance, mixing remote and in-person presentations without informing the participants in advance was a little frustrating. It would be great to have a chance to prioritize (to watch) the in-person ones.

Also, on the first day, I felt that the event staff was unaware of the Travel Grants existence. We had a few difficulties finding someone who could give us information about where we should pick up the cash.

Overall impressions

As I said previously, **thank you very much** for the travel grants, without this support, for sure, I won't be able to attend the event. This kind of incentive is extremely important for science and promotes equal opportunities for all.