
PIANOFORTE Travel report

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I travelled to Munich from Gothenburg, where I'm doing my PhD studies, during Monday the 8th of May. On the first day of the conference, it was only registration/installation and icebreaker on the schedule, which gave me a lot of time to practice my presentation that was planned for Tuesday at 14:30.

Tuesday (first day with presentations) began at 08 with a formal welcome and then a session on the first topic, "Medical countermeasures". Very interesting, especially since I work with emergency preparedness and have a medical physicist background. During the coffee break and the lunch, I met some familiar faces from other universities and got introduced to some other researchers in the field, which always leads to interesting and uplifting conversations.

The lunch was followed up by a poster session, where I found two posters that were incredibly relevant for my research and my previous work, which led to very interesting discussions between me and the two corresponding authors, since all three of us have encountered and struggle with similar challenges. This was one of the goals with the travel; encounter other researchers in the same field and have fruitful and constructive discussions regarding our research.

Following the poster session, it was time for my oral presentation, during the topic "Medical countermeasures: Radionuclide related studies". The presentation went well, and I got some relevant questions on my research, and I got a feeling of what I need to put more time into. During the following coffee break many researchers came to me to give me compliments and to discuss my project. So, my research got out and caught the attention of the people that my presentation was aiming for, and this led to a lot of new ideas for me and hopefully for others as well.

The following two conference days were spent mostly listening to other presentations and meeting and discussing with people from other universities. I met some other PhD-students that I spent a lot of time with during these days, which made the conference even more joyful, not just regarding the scientific part.

To wrap this up I felt that I achieved a lot. I got to spread and discuss my research with the researchers in the field, which led to a lot of new ideas. I also got to expand my scientific network, which I feel is very important as well.

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