

MARID VI

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Student travel grant report by
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A great chance to get in touch with some of the
most respected actors in morphodynamic research

During the preparation of a Master's Thesis in our coastal engineering programme, my supervisor called my attention to the MARID's call for abstracts. Probably due to severe fatigue, I did not object to prepare some pages for my application to this conference.

However, shock came shortly after my defence talk: what was I thinking, to agree to speak in front of numerous renowned experts about a topic I just touched in the context of a student work? And could I change my name in case of publicly disclosed knowledge gaps? To cut a long story short, I did not have to do so ...



*Icon of the 2019 venue:
the four Bremer Stadtmusikanten.*

A first relief came when I estimated the number of participants and read some of the existing travel grant reports. Former students pointed out the benefits of this rather specialized conference and consistently highlighted the familiar atmosphere during the events. I could soon verify this notion during the initial ice-breaker on Sunday evening, where I felt warmly welcomed by the organizers. The following conference days only enhanced the feeling of affiliation, so that – when I was finally called to give my presentation – it seemed all natural to speak in front of those experts I had abundantly cited in the context of my thesis.

Retrospectively, it seems like MARID offered the ideal setting for me to broaden my horizon with regard to subaqueous dunes, to become familiar with scientific customs and to get in touch with some of the most respected actors in morphodynamic research. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to personally contribute to this event and, what is more, for the generous promotion by the student travel grant. I can, therefore, only encourage pondering students to seize the chance and participate in future MARID conferences.