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Meeting MARID: in the middle of a new community

Going to conferences is an exciting experience for early career researchers, such as myself. Pretty much every conference is a first-time experience with the specific focus and community of that conference. They are excellent opportunities to be updated on state-of-the-art research, discuss new ideas and expand networks.

These aims were certainly met at MARID. Yet, the specific focus that brought together a targeted audience, was what I liked most in my meeting with MARID. It was a pleasure to meet scientists and practitioners who all have a passion for bedform research. The scientific sessions were of high quality with focus on theory and applications in the context of sandwaves, dunes, banks and other bedforms. I also enjoyed the field trip with a guided trip to Jade Bay (Dangast) and a boat trip down the Weser River.



I presented my work on modelling the transient evolution of tidal sandbanks during the first scientific session on Monday morning. My aim was to share and discuss our methods and findings with colleagues. I was happy with the feedback on and the interesting discussions following my presentation. Furthermore, I felt honoured to be awarded best abstract award during the closing ceremony.

I am most grateful to MARID for their support in the form of a travel grant. It gave me the opportunity to share my work, meet new people and, hopefully, become part of a community. I certainly would love return for the next MARID, confident that it will be as exciting as my first experience.



*Above: Boat trip down the Weser River
Left: MARID conference venue.*