

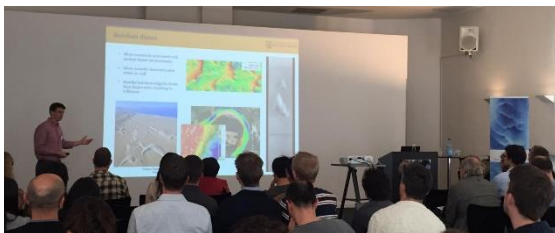
MARID VI

Marine and River Dune Dynamics 2019
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Student travel grant report by
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Back to Bedforms in Bremen: A second round of MARID

The first time I attended a MARID conference was in 2016, as a second year PhD student in the early stages of my research. In between MARID V and VI, which effectively bookended my time as a student, I have attended over a dozen other conferences, both in my home country in the United States and elsewhere, and yet MARID has remained my favourite of them all.



Presenting: no parallel sessions

The combination of scale and focus for this conference is what makes it so special. My dissertation involved the study of barchan dunes, and so a meeting which entirely focuses on bedforms means that every presentation is relevant. The fact that less than a hundred researchers are in attendance means there are no parallel sessions, and as such everyone gets to hear each and every talk, which is a real benefit.

In particular, the end-of-conference dinner was lots of fun, and a great chance to socially connect with other researchers. It's a rather unique setting which enables a student to end up side by side with the president of the EGU Geomorphology division, singing hit songs by Queen. While of course not directly related to the science of the meeting, such social after-hours interactions, combined with what are decidedly more professional interactions is often what leads to fruitful networking and future collaboration.

Without the support of the student travel grant I would not have been able to attend this excellent conference, and as such I am very grateful for this program.



Bremen town square