

MARID VI

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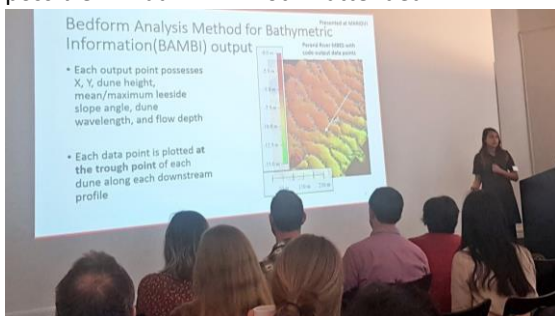
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Full circle back to MARID

In the first year of my PhD in 2016, I attended the 5th International Conference on Marine and River Dune Dynamics (MARIDV) in Caernarfon, North Wales, to listen, gain ideas and meet new researchers. Much of the ideas and motivation in my PhD research initiated from my experience at MARIDV. At this conference, I met Dr Thaiënne van Dijk, Deltares, Netherlands and we successfully collaborated on a project concerning river dune dynamics in the River Waal, Netherlands. Three years later, as a fourth year graduate student, I attended MARIDVI, in Bremen, Germany to present this work entitled 'Dune morphology and hysteresis in alluvial channels during long-term floods revealed using high temporal resolution MBES bathymetry'. As a fourth year graduate student, it was surreal to present work at the MARIDVI conference that would not have been possible had I not attended MARIDV.



A full audience during my presentation!

In my time as a graduate student, I've attended several conferences, but I think the major difference that the small setting of MARID has is

the feeling of camaraderie and support. In addition, as a graduate student it is really nice to not have parallel presentations as it ensures that everyone will attend my talk and that I can attend every talk, which I think enhanced the level of interest and discussion about my work.

In addition to the presentations, I really enjoyed the other events during this conference, such as the tour of MARUM and the conference dinner. These events gave me more time to get to know my fellow researchers in a way that I could not do during presentations and coffee breaks. At MARUM, we got to tour one of the three IODP core repository in the world, and I personally got to check off visiting two out of the three (TAMU and MARUM, a unique achievement to have!). The conference dinner, sing-along and all, helped me, as a graduate student, have less stressful and light conversations with other researchers in a way that is often not possible during the fast pace of bigger conferences. In all, MARID has once again helped me see where I fit in this academic community.



One of the many stacks of ocean cores at MARUM.