

FSSG3:

ICES annual science conference attendance to present MASTS funded research as part of the "Advancement of stock assessment methods for sustainable fisheries" session.

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The MASTS Fisheries Science Forum student grant provided financial support for me to attend the ICES annual science conference (ASC) in Copenhagen on 21st – 25th September 2015. The conference was attended by more than 700 people and had 19 theme sessions. I presented my work ‘Integration of spatially-resolved size-structure in the management of data-rich and data-limited fish stocks’, the presentation was part of theme session A: ‘Advancement of stock assessment methods of sustainable fisheries’. Attending the conference allowed me to discuss my work with others in the field of stock assessment and assessment of data-limited stocks. I also saw a range of presentations from different theme sessions covering subjects such as stock assessments, data-limited stocks, spatial planning, economic impacts, marine connectivity and science-industry partnerships. It was very useful to get a better understanding of the work that is in progress in my field of research.

During the conference I attended two events for early career scientists. The ‘ICES mentoring programme’ where an established member of the ICES community act as a mentor for early career scientists and the ‘Career lunch’ which allowed early career scientist to discuss career options with experts in the field.

Attending the conference provided me with opportunities for networking. And I was able to discuss a range of subjects with fellow students and senior scientists. I’m grateful to MASTS for providing the funding to allow me to attend ICES ASC 2015.

The funding was used as follows:

Conference fee	£50.00
Accommodation	£487.93
Transport and subsidies	£197.40
Total	£735.33