

MASTS Small Grant report

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In February, I attended the 2015 Aquatic Sciences Meeting in Granada, Spain, hosted by the Association for the Sciences of Limnology & Oceanography (ASLO). The conference is held every 2 years and this year attracted almost 4000 attendees from around the world. For the first two days, I co-chaired a session on the impacts of ocean acidification on marine organisms with Prof. Carles Pelejero from the Institut de Ciències del Mar, Barcelona (session #32). This was the largest session of the conference, with 42 speakers and 10 posters and we had a super turnout for the full two days. It was great to hear about the breadth of different research going on in the ocean acidification field, ranging from phytoplankton to sharks!

I also gave a talk within the '*In-situ studies of the impacts of ocean acidification: observations, CO₂ vents and FOCE experiments*' session entitled '*Ecosystem-level response of a coralline algal bed to high CO₂ via in situ enrichment*'. The Aquatic Sciences meeting was a fantastic opportunity for networking with people from my field, to present my work to an esteemed audience, and it was great to meet up with old friends, and put faces to the names of many people I have read about!

Thanks to MASTS for providing vital funds for attendance; it would have been impossible to attend without this support.