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成果の概要

This year's EARLI / JURE Conference was held in Graz University, with more than 2500 participants attending during the total of 7 days. Every day the conference started at 8:30 and ended at 18:30, with each time slot filled with 26 or more sessions to choose to attend. This made choosing which session to go to a difficult job, but also very fulfilling to attend.

My presentation was a round table presentation in the JURE conference for junior researchers one the first session of the first day. Round table sessions in my opinion allows more opportunity for discussion and comments. This was very helpful as I received many valuable comments and made friends right away. Some participants even suggested sessions later during the week that I may find interesting, such as sessions on multimedia or eye trackers, and I went to all of them.

Another presentation I contributed to, "Collaborative Online Workshops for Kenyan Doctoral Students Who are Teacher-Researchers," was part of an invited symposium on "Exploring (Student) Teachers' Agency in Developing Research Competence within Educational Contexts." This was on a project we have been working on for some time about how to support doctoral students to finish. Speaking as part of a symposium is very different compared to when speaking at a round table. While we sit in a circle and emphasis is put on the discussion after an introduction of the study in a round table, a symposium is more structured and the time we can speak is longer. I tried to speak clearly and confidently during the presentation, and I am very happy to have had the chance to contribute to this presentation alongside with my supervisor and teammate. In the future, I hope to also organize and present a symposium at this conference.

Last year when I attended the JURE conference there were fewer participants and most of us were still studying. This year, since it was a combined conference of EARLI and JURE, more senior researchers attended. My supervisor, Professor Emmanuel Manalo, also attended and scheduled several meetings and dinner events with his colleagues and collaborators. I had the chance of joining several of these events and was able to see with my own eyes, how researchers interact with each other at conferences and how they build connections to develop future collaborations. It was a very valuable learning experience in my opinion, and during the conference I also tried to be more outgoing and talk to more people.

This year is also the 40th anniversary of the EARLI / JURE Conference, so we had some special events during the conference, such as the past presidents' symposium, an actual cake to celebrate the anniversary, and we could also see a lot of famous researchers in their field attending. I made the most of my time attending several keynote speeches, symposiums, workshops, roundtables, and poster sessions. I also spent time outside of attending sessions meeting and interacting with new people, catching up with other researchers, and discussing potential collaborations. In particular, I met up with Yoana from Potsdam University and we discussed the potential of combining our interest to set up a collaboration which will be discussed in further detail via zoom.

Through this conference, I feel that I have broadened my horizons and gained not only experience on presenting my study, but also the lifestyle of a researcher. In a pre-conference workshop that I attended, one professor mentioned that attending conferences is not to be considered as traveling or holiday, but is instead part of the job as a researcher. Before the conference we should look up other attending participants and contact people who may have similar interests. During the conference apart from presenting and promoting our research, what is most important is to be active and make connections. During this conference I tried to apply this in action, and I feel I have achieved most of his suggestions. I would like to participate again in future conferences of EARLI / JURE and continue to learn and make connections. I also will make the most of the connections made during this conference and follow up on the collaboration discussions made.

Thanks to the International Conference Presentation Support, I was able to attend the EARLI / JURE conference in Graz University, Austria. As a student from Japan, attending conferences in Europe is difficult due to geographical constraints and the costs to go to the destination. Thankfully, with the help of this support grant, I was able to attend and have a fruitful experience. I was able to listen to presentations of researchers who's study I cite in my own research, and meet new researchers working in the same field in person. This has been a very valuable opportunity.