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I would like to thank the College of Fellows for this very generous fellowship that helps ASHRAE student members attending ASHRAE conferences. I am particularly grateful to have had the opportunity to join the Collage of Fellows meeting. It was nice to be a part of the group, which besides having very knowledgeable and experienced engineers, is also a fun group of people to be around.

Since the ASHRAE conference gathers very knowledgeable experts from both academic and industry worlds, it was extremely beneficial and great source of information to attend the seminars and talks related to my area of interest. The technical program covered a wide range of HVAC&R-related research, ranging from applied to academic, from topics that require basic level of technical expertise to quite complex technical problems. One of the most useful parts of the whole conference was attending the technical committee meetings, which gave me an insight into current and future research. Also, beside the “official program” there is a parallel world of meetings, networking, and discussions, which I found to be an invaluable opportunity for networking in a non-artificial manner. However, because it is such a huge conference, it can sometimes be overwhelming for somebody coming for the first time to decide which seminars to attend, and to understand what technical committee meetings are, who can attend them, or why should one attend them. The College of Fellows has recognized this problem, and besides offering financial support they also offered me their guidance through the process. I think that their guidance can help any young person to make the best out of the conference.

For me personally this conference has shown to be very useful for both my academic and professional lives, and I would strongly recommend it to other students interested in HVAC&R-related topics.

Sincerely,

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