

TITLE: PhD Vlogs 6 Months on Verena

TIME	SPEAKER	AUDIO
00:00:06	Respondent	Hello again, it's now been almost three months since my last update from Korea, and obviously a lot of things have happened since. So for one, I've completed my research stay in Korea, I'm back now in Denmark. And if you remember I went to Korea to conduct a couple of research interviews, so in total I've completed 20 research interviews with project practitioners and researches, so I've collected really a rich amount of data, which I'm now currently analysing and meaning to
00:00:36	Respondent	hopefully two papers, later on. But although it's been a pretty turbulent time while I was in Korea, so if you have read the news, you might have heard of the impeachment of the president and then election of the new one. And moreover all the sabre-rattling between the US and North Korea. So, it was an exciting time, but also it was a really enriching time, and I learned a tremendous amount of things over there. Yet I must say I'm quite happy now to be
00:01:06	Respondent	back in Denmark where things are a little bit calmer and also a little bit less confusing. Moreover, I just made it back right in time for the Danish summer, which is really great, at least for the five days that it lasts. So, what else happened? Just two weeks ago I was at a conference in the US, in Boston to be precise. So this whole conference thing, this is also part of the academic life - so presenting there, getting in touch with other researchers, learning about their progress, but most
00:01:36	Respondent	of all, networking for potential future collaborations, or potentially future jobs, if you want. So, how do you get to these conferences? Well, the simple thing would just be to pay the fee and go, but usually you would [unclear 01:51] to make yourself heard there and

		<p>present something, so this means you have to apply with some work on your research. And I know in other fields that often just requires an abstract, or maybe a poster to go into the application, but it's a little bit different</p>
00:02:06	Respondent	<p>in my field, which is probably [unclear 02:07] organisational sciences. So I typically have to submit a paper, mostly a full paper, at some early stage, so usually for the summer conferences it's around New Year's, which makes for great christmas holidays, as you can imagine. So these submissions are then reviewed and you'll hear back regarding an acceptance, or in a bad case a rejection a couple of months later.</p> <p>So you might remember during my last update,</p>
00:02:36	Respondent	<p>in March, I was really excited because both of my conference submissions were accepted, so that's how long it takes. Then after this acceptance, there is usually a revision round, where you have to address the paper, based on the review and comments that you hopefully get. This can be a very quick fix, just a couple of additions, but sometimes it can also take up a lot of time, and this is currently the case for me for a conference I'm going to in two weeks. For that, we have submitted only the short version of the</p>
00:03:06	Respondent	<p>paper, back in January, and now I have to develop it from the initial eight pages to some 30 pages. So you can imagine, this is quite some work to do, especially since my knowledge on the whole matter has significantly increased since back in January when we submitted the short paper version. So, putting that all together is almost like writing an entirely new paper.</p> <p>Anyway, so the conference in Boston, from which I've just returned, was really great, it was a comparatively small conference, with</p>
00:03:36	Respondent	<p>a little less than 200 participants, because it was a really focused conference. It was centered</p>

		<p>almost exclusively around project studies, so the crowd was pretty homogeneous, obviously. But what we were surprised about was how many practitioners attended. So, it seems like what we do academically does have some relevance outside the universities, the people from industry are actually interested in hearing about this research and engaging</p>
00:04:06	Respondent	<p>in communication. So, anyway, I presented my paper there and I got really interesting comments, which now help me to really develop the work further into a journal paper - so this is basically the end game - and it's just a very normal approach in my field. So you take some medium, well developed concept or research to a conference, you present it there and hope for insightful comments and insightful discussions. And then you take these comments, you take the critique you get to sharpen the idea and</p>
00:04:36	Respondent	<p>transform it then to a solid journal paper. And having journal papers, this is then the academic end-game, this is how you really build up your reputation.</p> <p>So based on that criteria, I would say Boston was quite a success for me, I got a lot of good feedback that I can work with, but moreover it's always really a great opportunity to get to know the other people in the field. Not only the very experienced names you know from the papers, where you can now finally put a face to it, but it's also about meeting</p>
00:05:06	Respondent	<p>other PhD students, who just have similar struggles, but often the same kind of [unclear 05:11] regarding the research, so there is a really nice possibility to connect with them. Yet going to conferences is obviously not cheap, so not only do you have a flight to pay for and accommodation there, but usually there's all the conference fee, that even at early bird student rates can amount to a couple of hundred euros - so this can amount to quite a lot of money. Luckily my</p>
00:05:36	Respondent	<p>university actually grants me a budget for these kinds of activities, and additionally it's</p>

		<p>reasonably easy for students from my university to also obtain additional extra external funds, so third party money. Yeah, I mentioned some time ago that Danish PhD life is pretty unique, and not having to go through this tedious search for funds is just one of the really great things about it that really allows me to go to conferences and, yeah, take part in this academic part of life.</p> <p>So,</p>
00:06:06	Respondent	<p>now I'm looking forward to a great summer with lots of writing to do, unfortunately, so I'll see you again in half a year with my final update. Take care until then, and bye, bye.</p>

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