The moment I stepped into the Ahoy Convention Centre in Rotterdam, I knew I had made the right decision to fly halfway around the world for this conference. For the next five days, it became my home. It was an incredible experience to connect with so many people who shared my passion for speech and language.

The Interspeech program showcased speech research on a large scale. Thousands of researchers came together to learn from keynote lectures, presentations, and poster sessions. I presented during one of the poster sessions, which I found especially valuable. Having people view my research with fresh eyes and from the perspective of their own specialties provided me with insightful feedback. I also built meaningful connections with researchers from all over the world.

This conference inspired me to keep pushing my work in new directions and to tackle challenges head-on. If you ever get the chance to attend Interspeech, I highly recommend it!

