

## My Experience at MOCS 2025

This was my first time participating in an international conference, the Merck Organic Chemistry Symposium (MOCS) 2025, held in Blankenberge, Belgium. Attending this symposium was a valuable and eye-opening experience that greatly broadened my academic perspective and deepened my understanding of current research trends in the academic or even industry.

Instead of the wonderful invited lectures, the most impressive aspects of this conference were the oral competition and the poster sessions. All of the presenters shared their hard work from their PhD research, covering topics such as metal catalysis, biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, and flow chemistry. Seeing these diverse and advanced research projects was extremely inspiring for me as an undergraduate student. The competition I participated in was the poster session, where I presented my master's research on a nickel-catalyzed strain-release strategy for the construction of four-component azetidines. I had the opportunity to share my work with international students, and we engaged in in-depth discussions by exchanging opinions and ideas. This experience was extremely rewarding and truly inspiring.

In addition to attending the international conference in Belgium, I also had the opportunity to visit Bruges, a world-renowned tourist destination, where I explored many historic buildings and castles, as well as Ghent, a city that more closely reflects local daily life. Traveling during the conference allowed me to take a short break from the long journey and the intense academic schedule. Being able to combine academic participation with cultural exploration was a truly enjoyable and refreshing experience.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) for providing financial support for my participation in this international conference. This support was not only a great help but also deeply meaningful to me as a PhD student. In addition, I would like to thank IPPS for offering me this platform to share my overseas conference experience. I hope that the reflections shared above can be of practical benefit to others.

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