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Conference Attended:

Experimental Methods in Language Acquisition Research (EMLAR), Utrecht University, Netherlands.

EMLAR offers PhD students training in experimental research methods that are delivered by renowned experts in the field of speech/language acquisition. I will be using all three of the Tutorials I attended, PRAAT (software programme for speech analysis), SPSS Advances (statistical analysis courses) and CHILDES (system for analysing language), as data analysis methods in my PhD study to investigate speech intelligibility and language in individuals with Down syndrome. My knowledge around these methods has been significantly enhanced and I can now carry out these methods and operate the relevant software. The program also allowed me to network and meet other professionals in the field. I exchanged contact details with several other attendees which may create possible future research collaborations.

Thank you so much for the opportunity.