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GEOMORPHOLOGY FOR HUMAN ADAPTATION TO CHANGING TROPICAL ENVIRONMENTS

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
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Mesozoic sediments; Southwestern Tigray (View from top)

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BACKGROUND

The Ethiopian Association of Geomorphologists (EAG) is under formation process initiated by IAG and will be formally inaugurated in 2011 during the IAG/AIG Regional Conference on Geomorphology. The Objectives of the Association are to advance and encourage all aspects of geomorphology in the region and to promote cooperation between researchers and those engaged in related fields of study.

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VENUE

Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Registration and Reception: February 18, 2011

Scientific Sessions: February 19 – 22, 2011

Mid Conference Field Excursion or City Tour: February 20, 2011

All correspondence (including registration, abstract submission and application for sponsorship) should be addressed to the **Conference Secretariat**:

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CONFERENCE TOPICS

The major topics of the Conference include:

Geomorphology of Tropical Mountains

Land Degradation and Resilience

Drylands Geomorphology and Desertification

Wetlands Geomorphology

Landslide Hazard Assessment and Zoning

Fluvial Geomorphology and Flooding Hazard

Volcanic Geomorphology and Hazard

Tectonic Geomorphology, Active Tectonics and Seismic Hazard

Karst Geomorphology

Geomorphological Mapping

Mining Areas Rehabilitation

Quaternary Stratigraphy and Paleoclimate

Urban Geomorphology

Coastal Geomorphology

Geoheritages, Geoparks and Geotourism

FIELD TRIPS

1. **Pre-Conference Field Trip 1 (MER):** “*Geomorphology of the Main Ethiopian Rift*” (dates: February 15 – 17, 2011; route: Addis Ababa, Butajira, Awasa, Langano, Addis Ababa).
2. **Pre-Conference Field Trip 2 (AFAR):** “*Tectonic Landforms and Volcanism in the Southern Afar*” (dates: February 13 – 17, 2011; route: Addis Ababa, Nazreth, Dire Dawa, Harar, Semera, Addis Ababa).

- 3. Post-Conference Field Trip (NEH):** *“Geomorphological hazards, land degradation and resilience in the northern Ethiopian highlands”* (dates: February 23– March 1, 2011; route: Addis Ababa, Dessie, Mekelle, Adigrat, Axum, Mekelle, Addis Ababa by flight).

As side events to the Conference, the following additional events will be organized upon special request. Please contact Prof. Francesco Dramis for details (dramis@uniroma3.it).

- 1. Post-Conference Field Trip Extension to the Danakil Depression (NEH-EX):** (dates: March 1 - March 2, 2011; route: Mekelle, Berhale, Lake Asale, Dallol Volcano, Mekelle).
- 2. Intensive Course on Landslide Geomorphology and Mapping (LANDMAP):** (dates: February 14-17, 2011; working area: Dessie town).

REGISTRATION

The Conference is open to everyone. Please send all details in the attached registration form to the Conference Secretariat (asrata@geol.aau.edu.et or moha_umero@yahoo.com) before **May 1, 2010**.

CONFERENCE FEES

Event	before May 1, 2010	after May 1, 2010
Conference registration	200.00 €	240.00 €
Accompanying person	100.00 €	120.00 €
Pre-conference field trip 1 (MER)	200.00 €	240.00 €
Pre-conference field trip 2 (AFAR)	250.00 €	300.00 €
Post-conference field trip (NEH)	750.00 €	850.00 €

Conference registration fees will cover costs of reception, coffee/tea breaks and lunch during the scientific sessions, One day Mid Conference excursion or city tour and conference materials. Pre-/post-conference excursion fees will cover costs of transportation, accommodation, meals, and guidebook. Participants are required to **pay registration fees by bank transfer before December 10, 2010 (see address below and the attached payment form)**. After this date, it will be possible to pay the registration fees at the conference registration desk with a 10% surcharge. Refund will be charged by 20% deduction. No refund will be made after December 10, 2010.

Bank Transfer address:

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via Ostiense 105/A,
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“IAG/AIG Conference 2011- Dipartimento Scienze Geologiche”.**

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Subject to funding, the Organizers may provide full or partial financial assistance to the participation of African Geomorphologists and/or Research/Postgraduate students on a competitive basis. Applicants for fellowship should fulfill the following: be a citizen of and working in any African Country and has an Abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation. Some fellowships to young geomorphologists from tropical countries will be provided by the IAG.

Applications for fellowship letters, together with a brief CV and a supporting letter from the pertinent institution should be sent along with Registration form and Abstract to the Conference Secretariat by **May 1, 2010**.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts will be accepted for oral or poster presentation. Please indicate your preference when submitting. Abstracts are to be submitted by e-mail as an attached file in Word format to the Conference Secretariat (asrata@geol.aau.edu.et or moha_umero@yahoo.com). The deadline for abstract submission is **August 31, 2010**. Acceptance will be decided by the end of **September 2010**.

Format:

Abstract is limited to one A4-size page, text only without any figures or tables. Top, bottom, left, and right margins 25 mm.

Title: Upper and lower case, left justified, Times font, 14 pt bold.

Contributors' names: Upper and lower case, left justified, first name first, surname last, Times font, 11 pt.

Affiliation: Upper and lower case, left justified, Times font, 10 pt. Numbered superscripts should be used to indicate the affiliation of each contributor. E-mail address can be added in parentheses at the end of the corresponding contributor's affiliation.

Main text: Single-spaced text, Times 10 pt font, no section headings.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1, 2010	Registration with reduced fees Application for sponsorship along with Abstract
August 31, 2010	Abstract submission
September 30, 2010	Decision on abstracts and fellowship requests communicated to applicants
December 10, 2010	Deadline for payment of fees by bank transfer Deadline for money refund

ACCOMMODATION

It is suggested to book your room at the Ghion Hotel where the conference will be held. Many other hotels suitable for all sorts of budgets are located at walking distance from the venue. A list of the major hotels along with pertinent information is indicated in the following address: <http://www.ethiopiahotelguide.com/index.php> Participants are expected to make reservations on their own.

VISAS

Visas are required for all visitors to Ethiopia (except nationals of Kenya) and can be obtained from Ethiopian diplomatic missions abroad. According to new regulations, citizens from 33 countries, including North American and most European countries, can obtain a *Tourist Visa* at the Addis Ababa Bole airport. Participants are strongly advised to check on visa requirements with their nearest Ethiopian Embassy or Consulate. For a scientific visiting/workshop visa application, you need an official invitation letter. If you wish to apply for this visa, please send an e-mail to the Conference Secretariat (asrata@geol.aau.edu.et or moha_umero@yahoo.com) with

your personal details, including: full names (as in passport), gender, birthday (month/day/year), nationality, passport number, professional position, institute/university/company name, detailed mailing address, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. The official invitation letter will be sent to you as soon as possible. More information concerning Ethiopian visa application can be found at: http://www.mfa.gov.et/Consular_Affair_Diplomatic/Consular_Affair.php

TRAVEL SERVICE

Flights to/from Addis Ababa: *Ethiopian Airlines* serves the following destinations: Abidjan, Accra, Bamako, Bangkok, Beijing, Beirut, Brazzaville, Brussels, Bujumbura, Cairo, Dakar, Dar es Salaam, Delhi, Djibouti, Dubai, Entebbe, Frankfurt, Harare, Hargeisa, Hong Kong, Jeddah, Johannesburg, Khartoum, Kigali, Kilimanjaro, Kinshasa, Lagos, Lilongwe, Libreville, Lome, London, Luanda, Lumumbashi, Lusaka, Malabo, Mombassa, Mumbai, Nairobi, N'Djamena, Paris, Rome, Ryad, Sanaa, Stockholm, Tel Aviv, Washington, Zanzibar. Others: *Lufthansa*: Frankfurt; *British Airways*: London; *KLM*: Amsterdam; *Turkish Airline*; *Emirates*, *Egypt Air*.

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Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Name for Badge			
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Total _____ €				

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