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**REPORT ON THE IAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE
AND POST-CONFERENCE FIELD-TRIP AND INTENSIVE COURSE IN THE ALTAI
MOUNTAINS**

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This is my first time visit in Russia. So I was really excited about this conference. In addition there was an assigned post conference field trip for the Young Geomorphologists, that was also a peak of attraction to me.

I have really enjoyed and got lot of experience in both of my subject fields as well as in other fields. From the very beginning of that conference I came to know about the concept, history and publications of the IAG organization. This conference has given me the opportunity to meet with more than 80 renowned delegates under geomorphology discipline, coming from different countries of the world.

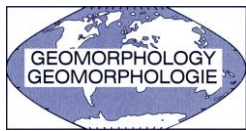
On the 1st day of the conference I had attend the invited lecture and plenary session of Prof. Baker, Carling, Duszynski, Fort, Herget and more. I was spell bound to see and listen their frontiers of research on different branches of Geomorphology.

At the 3rd day of that conference I had my oral presentation on the topic of “Anthropogenic Impacts on the Morphology of the Haora River, Tripura, India” in the ‘Human Aspects on Geomorphology’ session. I found that a quite impressive number of renowned Geomorphologists as well as promising scholars were attending that session. I had received one question came from the audience related to the time period which I have considered for analyzing the problem. I have replied the questions satisfactorily and they were convinced. I had attained several other sessions like ‘Geomorphological Hazards and Cataclysmic Events, past and Present’, ‘Gradualism and Catastrophism in Tectonic Geomorphology’, ‘Extreme Events and Gradual Change in Process Geomorphology’, ‘Geomorphological Techniques’ etc. I listened several oral session as well as posters and I received a huge knowledge in several disciplines of geomorphology.



Pictures during the Regional Conference in Altai State University, Barnaul

After the conference was over, we started the post conference field trip in Altai. We started our journey on the 5th July morning. We were total 46 participants along with 6 tutors- guides and 3 assistants. We spent 7 days in different parts of the Russian Altai namely Altaisk, Ongudai and Aktash. During the field trip we have visited several landslide spots, former glacial dammed lakes, former alluvial dammed lakes, spots having alternative deposits of fluvial, lacustrine and glacial,



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spots experience glacial outburst floods along the Biya Rivervalley, the Katun River valley, the Kuray river and the Chuya River valley. During those days Prof. Paul, Prof. Juergen, Prof. Roman, Prof. Gennady, Prof. Anna and Prof. Andrei have taught and show us about the distribution of moraine deposits, formation, distribution and composition of bars under the lacustrine conditions and other geomorphic features beautifully. They have also explained the formation of strandline and gravel dunes in Kuray River basin. We have also visited the Republican National Museum, Teletskoye Lake, Korbu Waterfall, some archaeological spots, spots restoring Petroglyphic arts, theseismically destroyed Beltir village and the Canyon in the Chuya River. I have really enjoyed the cruise-trip in the Teletskoye Lake, the ethnographic programme in Ongudai and the primitive type accommodation in the camp of Aktash. As a whole, I have enormously enriched in academic concepts and have got some new fields of interest in my research. I would like to continue this type of research in future, too.



Pictures of Field trips and discussion session in Altai