

## **My Experience about the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Geomorphology (Paris) and the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG)**

This is for the first time in my life I have attended an international seminar outside my country. Thus, I was enormously excited to participate the conference. I have really enjoyed the conference, acquired lots of experience on my field of interest as well as I have got the opportunity to meet with stall wards of Geomorphology. I am thankful to the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG), specially Prof. Mauro Soldati and the Jury Board for offering me the Young Geomorphologists scholarship to participate conference. Although I had acquired some basic knowledge about the activities of IAG/AIG from my Supervisor before going to Paris, but came to know more about the organization through my participation in the conference. I have really been boosted up to work more on my field of interest in order to make myself compatible for availing future scholarships of IAG/AIG too.

I had my oral presentation on “A proposed new method of River Bank Erosion Hazard zonation” in the first technical session of ‘Geomorphological hazards’ (S 14). I have found a quite impressive numbers of renowned Geomorphologists as well as promising scholars were attending that session. After my presentation I had received two questions from the audience, i). related to the weightage which I have assigned to individual parameters and ii). about the validity of estimating bank erosion hazard based on three years field data. I have replied the questions satisfactorily and they were convinced. After the session the Chairperson (Prof. Irasamea Alcantara-Ayala) and Co-chairperson (Prof. Sunil Kumar De) informed us to submit our full research paper in order to publish in an edited volume.

On the second day I had attained several other sessions like ‘Geomorphological Hazards’, ‘Fluvial Geomorphology’, ‘Large Rivers’, ‘Tropical Rivers’ and ‘Landslide Hazard’. After selecting from the programme list and abstract volume I have tried to listen several oral presentations as well as went through some remarkable posters through which I have gathered huge knowledge on different fields of geomorphology.

The Keynote lecture delivered by Prof. Denys Brunsden on a new branch of Geomorphology, i.e. Submarine Geomorphology was really memorable for me. I have become spell bound to see and listen his frontiers of research starting from other planets and satellites to the bottom of oceans.

As a whole, my knowledge base has been enriched enormously and has got some new fields of my research. I would like to continue this type of research, would like to publish findings in different internationally reputed journal in order to achieve the most prestigious Tricart Fellowship, in future.

I once again thank the IAG/AIG to give me the opportunity to participate the conference.

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