

REPORT

8th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology – Paris, August 27th to 31st, 2013

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1. Motivation on participating the conference

First, Paris my second “home-town”, is the most important City abroad in my live, where I spent my live almost 5 years for finishing my Master and PhD. In this city, my international networks were developed, and some scientific projects were also started. Therefore participating the IAG conference was very important for my international network. During this occasion, I could meet a lot of people, colleagues and professors who are now conducting the joint project with us in Indonesia. Almost every year I visit Paris as visiting scientist in my previous laboratory in which I was doing my PhD. See some research project that we are now involving : <http://www.lgp.cnrs-bellevue.fr/sedimer/index.html> , and <http://www.tsunarisque.cnrs.fr>

Second, the IAG conference is one of the most important conference event for me since I’m geomorphologist this event provided me a lot of opportunity to update the state of the art of geomorphological research especially on mountainous hazards. Indeed, some advanced technologies developed for geomorphological were important for updating some researches in my laboratories.

2. Scientific Experience

The subject of this seminar was relevant to my field of study. Recent developments in geomorphology both in concepts and practices such as natural hazards, particularly landslide and volcanic hazard provided the basis and applied knowledge and enriched my experience. Moreover, the discussion with other participants during the session of Volcanic Geomorphology gave me a lot of idea on volcanic research. Indeed, during the Volcanic Session, I could successfully advertise the conference of next year that UGM will be the host: Cities on Volcanoes 8 in my hometown, Yogyakarta (<http://www.citiesonvolcanoes8.com>). Indeed, some potential collaboration has been discussed during the conference especially on disaster related issues.

3. Human/Social Experience

We got wonderful experience to get in touch with the international recognized scientists in different fields. Indeed, I have some opportunities to meet the peoples from different countries to share the experiences on our current research. Some discussion during the dinner organized by IAG training officers (Prof. Mauro Soldati and Prof. E. Gutiérrez) with all IAG grantees provided us knowledge of different cultures over the world. Cocktail session allowed me to find the old friends during my PhD period as well as my inspiring world class scientist, one of the important person in IAG, Prof. H.Th. Verstappen from Holland who encouraged me to continue my study until in PhD level.

4. Current Activities

I’m now teaching at Department of Environmental Geography, Faculty of Geography, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. I’m also head of International Cooperation Office who is responsible on promoting the international network of the Faculty. I’m also co-director of Master Programme on Disaster Management, UGM. I’m currently adjunct Senior Fellow at University of Canterbury, College of Sciences, NZ.

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