

IAG International Conference on Geomorphology Report

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The 8th International Conference on Geomorphology was held on 27-31 August 2013 in Paris (France) and regrouped almost thousand distinguished geomorphologists and PhD. students. This important event held once at every four years was organized by the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG). The scientific activities were developed during 5 days (27 to 31 August 2013) in Paris, at *Cité des Science*, consecutively in nine rooms and amphitheatres. In addition to this, 14 scientific excursions in Paris and in other parts of France (Haute Normandy, French Alps, Pays d'Auge, Pyrenean Mountains etc) were organized.

The conference was organized in 27 sessions covering the majority of geomorphological topics and, during the conference, well-know experts like Denys Brunsten, Vic Baker, Xiaoping Yang, delivered very interesting keynotes. All the participants received in the registration map the book *Géomorphologie de la France*, edited by D. Mercier. The social side was also very good organized, with a welcome cocktail at Paris City Hall and with a Wine and Cheese meeting during the conference. At the end of the event, a Gala Evening on the Seine River was organized.

For me, as participant and grant holder, this conference was a great experience concerning the volume and the quantity of information passed, especially as my field of study is a new perspective of geomorphological heritage: the geomorphosites. Another important aspect was that I could know and keep contact with various notorious researchers on geomorphology and geomorphosites.

I had also the chance to present a part of my PhD researches. My study was called *Typology and Repartition of Geomorphosites from Danube Gorges (Romania)* and focused many discussions and opinions. I took this opportunity to enrich my perspectives of this field of study (the geomorphosites) and to improve my PhD work, before to defend it.

To reach this course I received a grant of 500 euros, including all the course costs (registration). I take this opportunity to thank the IAG members for their confidence in me. A very great honor for me was also the fact that I was ranked in Top 20 Young Geomorphologists and I was officially introduced to the international geomorphological community, as IAG-grant holder, during the First General Assembly.

To conclude, this experience offered me by the IAG was a great honor for me and will help me scientifically by the fact that I interacted with the best specialists in my field of study. This grant offered to me will also have a great impact of my future career as professor and researcher by the fact that all the new skills, competencies and perspectives achieved will contribute to my academic performance and consequently to my career advancement.

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