

REPORT ON THE PARTICIPATION OF IAG 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY 2013, 27-31 AUGUST 2013 PARIS, FRANCE

The 8th International Conference on Geomorphology of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) was successfully organized. I am very grateful for being one of top 20 young geomorphologists globally and received the IAG Grant for attending such a remarkable scientific event covering 26 sessions and 5 keynote lectures from August 27 to 31, 2013.

The introduction session was excellent. It provides the participants to firstly recognise the committees responsible for the activity within the IAG in particular, as most of them are on the stage during the IAG general assembly, and initiate a good platform for face-to-face knowing session for a better communication opportunity amongst the scientists throughout the event.

Scientific sessions, notably the oral and poster presentations are extraordinary and well-planned. Even there was a moment where it was almost difficult to decide the on 'most' relevant and worth-attending talks as they were in parallel. Indeed the presenters did a great job, by presenting and highlighting the research interest and current findings, and with the support of session conveners who created the fruitful discussion. It also gives the participants chance to even learn the basic concepts in a wide range of geomorphology topics, and improve the existing knowledge. The slots for poster presentations were noteworthy session. A large number and tremendous scientific posters presented in such a way it creates more close discussion among the researchers in the related field. I took the most advantage of this session to improve the skills of presenting the research finding in a poster and to recognize the (non) European researchers for future research collaboration.

Moreover, the coffee breaks were very informative affair. Besides able to mingle with close colleagues and new friends, I found the booths by the bronze IAG2013 partners such as TOTAL and IMOIA including BRGM shared an interesting project-based scientifically driven output, coupling with very informative and knowledgeable posters and pamphlets. Several booths for the international publishers, in particular the Wiley and the Cambridge University Press, create an opportunity to notice new publications and subsequently provide a space to buy several books for my research institutions with discounted prices.

I personally devoted many thanks and acknowledged the organizer providing a travel grant, particularly for the people from the developing countries and organizing a successful and remarkable event. I believe via this event, more knowledge and collaboration can be built and strengthen, and I promise to continuously play a major and active role as a young geomorphologist especially to increase scientific research in the tropics and promote modern geomorphology tools to the changing and pressing world.

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