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I would like to convey my sincere gratitude and thanks to the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) for providing me extremely useful and enlightening opportunity to attend the 8th IAG-Conference on 'Geomorphology and Sustainability' in Paris and also feel privileged to meet and share with so many distinguished scholars. I enjoyed, learnt and liked every session and the whole gamut of the IAG-Paris Conference.

It was indeed a successful conference and I felt very proud and honored to be IAG-Grant holder and participant of such a standard International congress; it has opened altogether a new era in my academic life! Having interacted face-to-face with luminaries in the field of Geomorphology was truly an honour of lifetime. For all of these, I would like to express my gratitude to the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG) and also for considering my candidature for the IAG-Grant which helped me to participate in this prestigious event. Here I would like to mention and pay my sincere thanks to Prof. Mauro Soldati for his enormous efforts. I am really grateful to him for his kind and sincere cooperation. I really thank both Prof. Soldati and Francisco Gutiérrez, for hosting such a nice Welcome dinner for the Young Geomorphologist Award winners in the fabulous Japanese restaurant. I had great discussions and established academic contacts with several young researchers who are working in similar field in different parts of the globe, shared our research interest and academic experiences with Prof Sunil Kumar De and Prof. Soldati.



As far as the conference is concerned the inaugural session was really appreciable. The best thing about the inaugural session followed by welcome cocktail was the opportunity to make new connections and learn about the opportunities, issues and projects of others. It was impressive that you were able to gather such an illustrious group of internationally renowned scholars in from such diverse yet very closely connected fields. I was overwhelmed to meet the world renowned geomorphologists, whose books and publications were the source of knowledge since my student life especially Prof. Andrew Goudie, Prof. Denys Brunsden, Prof. Victor Baker etc.

Apart from that the quality of the keynote and invited speakers were of the highest level. The presentations were worth more than endless hours of reading. They were brilliant and thought-provoking. I was tremendously fascinated by Prof. Denys Brunsden's keynote speech on the '*Tales from the deep, the sea floor: A geomorphological frontier*' and Prof. Brunsden explained a very complex phenomena in a simple easy to grasp manner. Moreover, I was deeply impressed by Prof. Victor Baker's keynote lecture on the '*Geomorphology of Earth like planetary systems*'. I was so elated with all the talks that I felt I could sit through for many more days of such impressive presentations even though I was exhausted from traveling and jet lag. I don't know if the conference organizers had any video or audio recordings of the sessions. I would love to go through every single one, especially those in the parallel sessions that I had to miss. They will also be of tremendous interest to the majority that did not have the fortune to attend this history-making conference. I was very much encouraged to note that the networking and discussions in the break periods generated as much debate as the conference topics themselves.



Besides, personally speaking it was a very useful opportunity for young scholars like me, who are going to start their work in the very vast area of Geomorphology. The conference was indeed an excellent occasion for researchers around the world to come together and share their research in field of geomorphology. I also learned a great deal from numerous innovative studies presented at the conference. Moreover, through presenting my own work I was able to obtain invaluable feedback from various researchers in the area. I'm glad that my paper presentation on '*Neo-tectonics and landform assemblage in the middle valley of Ramganga river (W) Kumaun Lesser Himalaya, India*' received enlightening comments and suggestions from participants of the conference. Some of them offered me very useful input which I can incorporate to enhance my understanding as well as to strengthen my research.

The organizing committee has done a great job in hosting the International Conference on Geomorphology. The conference was very well organized. The program structure as well as the information given by eminent scholars from different fields was excellent and very useful especially for the new as well as old research scholars of the area. I would like to express my gratitude to the organizing committee for the conference. I liked the informal manner of registration process. The friendly way of providing various information regarding the conference by the organizers, this was really appreciable. I think that it was the informal and friendly procedural orientation which helped the participants to know each other without any formal icebreaking session. I would also like to express my thanks to the young students of French Geographical Association (GFG) who helped me and were so attentive. Your enthusiasm was most infectious. I also enjoyed the cultural interaction of different countries in a friendly environment arranged in a systematic manner.



I also took part in the field trip of the conference on Valley of Zermatt and Carvin organized by Prof. Reynald Delaloye and his team, in Swiss Alps through which I have learned the detailed glaciological and geomorphological background of Swiss Alps. As a Geomorphologist, the field trip left me in awe with the vastness of knowledge that etched in the landform that surrounded us. It made me appreciate the value of understanding the surface processes that has formed and has been continuously shaping our landscapes today.

I am grateful to the IAG/AIG for providing me with such a great opportunity and such a unique experience that transformed my perception of geomorphological research, enriched me with the knowledge of new methods and techniques and help me determine areas for my research. There is no doubt that the conference provided an opportunity for participants to take some time out and think and reflect. The opportunity for discussion and dialogue that this conference provided needs to continue and be built on. I personally feel it is important not to lose threads of conversation that had been started; at least the young participants were obviously keen to explore the detail of collaboration and collaborative research in near future. I am willing to help in any way I can, and willing to be part of the planning group which could enhance my practical knowledge and understanding of Geomorphology in future.

I look forward to hearing about the future plans.

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