

REPORT OF PARTICIPATION TO THE 8th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY HELD IN PARIS (FRANCE)

The 8th International conference of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) held in Paris from 27th to 31st August 2013. It was organized by the *Groupe Français de Géomorphologie* (GFG) in the venue called *Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie*. The Conference gathered around 1,500 Delegates from worldwide. Our participation has been dominated by some events that ruled the conference.

The opening ceremony took place in the amphitheatre Gaston Berger of the venue on Tuesday 27th August 2013 at 11:00. It was preceded by the first General Assembly of IAG during which 20 Young Geomorphologists as Grant Holders were presented to panellists. The Jean Tricart Scholarship was attributed to *Danang Sri HADMOKO (Indonesia)* who was one of IAG Grant Holders. Moreover, Senior Geomorphologists who led their researches in their respective country and/or abroad, were decorated to that end. After the welcoming function organized at the Paris City Hall at 19:30, IAG Grant Holders were invited by Prof. Mauro Soldati and Prof. Francisco Gutierrez for a dinner in a Japanese restaurant. Although the absence of half of IAG Grant Holders, it was a huge opportunity to face and exchange experience with other young geomorphologists.

We attended the First Council Meeting for IAG National Delegates scheduled on Wednesday 28th August 2013 in Room 4 of the Conference Venue at 19:30. It was very interesting for us to have an idea about the operating of IAG during the last four years (2009-2013) through various reports from IAG Executive Committee members. Moreover, we were also pleased to be eligible to vote. The election of new IAG Executive Committee for the next four years (2013-2017) took place on Friday 30th August 2013 in Room 4 of the Conference Venue at 12:30. During this meeting, Russia has been confirmed to host the Regional Conference on Geomorphology in 2015 while India was designated to host the 9th International Conference on Geomorphology in 2017.

The Paris Conference was also an opportunity for us to present our works through two posters respectively on “*Study of Landslide hazards and Assessment of Associated Risks in the West-Cameroon Highlands (Central Africa)*” and “*The geomorphological Units of Mount Bambouto Caldera (Cameroon Volcanic Line): an asset for geoeducation and geotourism*”. We met several experts in various domains of geomorphology through numerous scientific sessions and their contribution was fruitful. The 8th International Conference on Geomorphology ended with the closing ceremony in the amphitheatre Gaston Berger on Saturday 31st at 18:45 and was preceded by the 2nd IAG General Assembly.

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