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With the financial support of IAG/AIG, I can have such a valuable opportunity to attend the 8th international conference on Geomorphology held in France, 2013. Visiting Euro and the Alps massif was my young dream, this year it actually came true. I appreciate a lot for the great help from IAG/AIG.

Attending the conference is a very important academic activity for me to learn from those geomorphologists of different countries. This is my first time to take lessons about the ocean and fluvial (submarine) geomorphology. This research topic would be very important for me referring to the frequently occurred subaqueous natural hazards (landslides, debris flows, and tsunami) in East Asia. Also, I have learned much about the GIS technology and its application for hazard mapping and analysis. During the conference, I presented my recent research work about the “*Scale Amplification of Natural Debris Flows Caused by Cascading Landslide Dam Failures*”, and discussed with the famous professors (e.g., Prof. Evans of U. K., Th. W. J. van Asch of Netherland, Pasuto of Italy, et al.) about the mountain geomorphology and natural hazards. This conference was really a wonderful academic meeting to me.

Moreover, thanks a lot to the financial support of IAG/AIG that I can take a successful field trip in the Mont Blanc Massif. The beautiful weather, countryside of the Chamonix city, landscapes of the massif attracts me a lot. Meanwhile, I have learned a lot about the instrumented Anterne Lake and its watershed (i.e., the relationship between the climate and morphogenic and sedimentary dynamics).

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