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The Future of the IAG

Since the IAG was established at the Second International Conference in Frankfurt in 1985 it has flourished. This is a great tribute to its founders. It has held successful conferences every four years since then, in addition to numerous regional meetings and workshops. It also has a website, a regular news letter, and many publications to its credit. It has also been immensely supportive, through providing grants, of young geomorphologists from the less developed countries. We also have a large number of active working groups which co-ordinate research by world geomorphologists into major areas of ongoing interest. We now have affiliation from some 60 national groups, many of whom have come into existence because of the stimulation provided by the IAG. Finally, we are now closely involved with UNESCO and IUCN in developing World Heritage status for geomorphological sites.

However, the IAG is not in a strong financial condition. Members of the Executive Committee often fund their own attendance at committee meetings, we have received royalties from publications because authors and editors have generously waived their own royalties, and we keep national subscriptions very low – indeed they are free for small and less developed countries. Overall, however, it is a struggle to maintain all the activities of which we are so proud.

We are therefore writing to you to ask you to consider making a legacy in favour of the IAG. This could either be to support general expenditure, or, for example, to established named scholarships to support young geomorphologists.

The mechanics of doing this vary from country to country, as do the tax advantages, but the key thing is to ask your lawyer to contact the IAG Treasurer if he or she has any queries about payment. In the event of your death contact details will always be available on the IAG website.

We very much hope that you will consider doing this for the IAG, as indeed we are.

With very best wishes,

Denys Brunsten (Past President)

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