

The FORM-OSE Post-graduate Training School “Coastal hazard assessment and risk management”, organized by the *European Centre on Geomorphological Hazards*, within the framework of the *Council of Europe – EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement* took place in Caen, France, at the Department of Geography of the University of Caen Basse-Normandie (*GEOPHEN - LETG UMR 6554 CNRS*), between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2011, with support of the *International Association of Geomorphologists* (IAG), and the *French Group on Geomorphology* (GFG).

The training school “Coastal hazards assessment and risk management” was a well-organized and interesting event with a range of relevant contents for post-graduate students working in coastal geomorphology.

Theoretical lessons were complemented with practical exercises and field trips. The talks encompassed interesting subjects with different perspectives by considering coastal processes, risks, management and monitoring equipment in geomorphological studies. Personally, I found particularly interesting the presentation of specific study cases in an informal environment with opportunity for discussion and students questions during the presentation. Field trips (*Etretat-Fécamp* shoreline) and practical training (*Villerville* landslides) were widely beneficial as they allowed us to visit some study sites of the department’s researchers and learn on-site about their field of work, purpose of data collection, techniques and equipments being used. Processing of data acquired in field allowed geomorphological processes interpretation. The fieldtrip to the imposing Mont Saint Michel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, provided the opportunity to know about the management throughout its natural and anthropic evolution. The follow-up of professors during talks and fieldtrips was important as they promoted the discussion by bringing up questions not raised by the participants.

The training school was also an opportunity for networking with who also work in coastal geomorphology; an occasion to know experienced researchers and PhD students working in the same field of work, or in different perspectives of the same field of work, which enable me to broaden my knowledge and be aware of application possibilities in the future.

Personally the FORM-OSE post-graduate training school was a constructive experience, not only by the opportunity to meet a new city and friendly people, but also by the chance to increase my knowledge in important areas directly related to my field of work.