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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Geomorphologists

I am very much thankful to all of you for your kind help and co-operation for enabling me to publish the newsletter in time. In this issue, special emphasis has been given to the IAG Senior Fellows, Tricart Scholar and comments of Young Geomorphologists on 7th ICG. I would request you to continue this co-operation to publish the future issues of the newsletter in time.

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1. IAG/AIG Honorary Senior Fellows



Professor Paul Williams,
New Zealand,
Karst geomorphology
Hydrology,
Quaternary palaeoclimate



Professor John Chappell,
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Quaternary Geomorphology,
Global climate and sea level
fluctuation



Professor Takasuke Suzuki,
Japan,
Geomorphological processes,
Rock properties in
geomorphology
Engineering Geomorphology



Professor Olav Slaymaker
Canada,
Cold and mountainous regions,
Climate change and
Geomorphology,
21st Century Landscapes

(For details please log on to the site <http://www.geomorph.org>)

2. TRICART Scholar

In order to honour the achievements and spirit of the French Geomorphologist Jean TRICART, the *French Geomorphology Group (GFG)*, in agreement with IAG, nominated a young geomorphologist as the TRICART SCHOLAR during the International Conference in Melbourne. It is planned to award (nominate) a TRICART Scholar every four years in occasion of the IAG/AIG International Conferences on Geomorphology.

The **TRICART SCHOLAR 2009** - who was supposed to come from a country of Africa, Asia and Latin America where Jean Tricart was very active - is Bianca CARVALHO VIEIRA (Brasil).



(For details please log on to the site <http://www.geomorph.org>)

3. IAG/AIG Young Geomorphologists Grants

In occasion of the 7th International Conference on Geomorphology "Ancient Landscapes - Modern Perspectives", Melbourne, Australia, 6-11 July 2009, the International Association of Geomorphologists awarded with grants 13 outstanding Young Geomorphologists from 11 different countries, who were selected among 33 eligible candidates.

Mauro Soldati, IAG/AIG Training Officer

("Please see the young geomorphologists' grants comments" in the full IAG Newsletter available at <http://www.geomorph.org>)

4. Minutes of the IAG/AIG Executive Committee Meetings during 7th ICG

**MINUTES OF THE IAG/AIG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 11 JULY 2009; 11:40-12:40
MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE; ROOM 101**

1. Apologies

None received

2. Welcome and congratulations

Mike Crozier (newly elected President) welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members: **Eric Fouache** (Vice President), **Piotr Migon** (Vice President), **David Dunkerley** (Vice President) and **Sunil Kumar De** (Publications officer)

3. Constitution of Executive Committee

Mike Crozier stressed the need to keep administration costs as low as possible with the aim of not increasing the proportion of the IAG budget spent on administration. This needed to be kept in mind in establishing the mode of operation and the number of members ultimately appointed to the Executive Committee.

Two possible models were considered. First having a small EC or, second, having a larger, more representative EC that would meet on a few occasions.

It was decided to form a more representative EC which would meet face-to-face as a whole group on a reduced number of occasions. This would mean resorting more to electronic communication.

It is possible that two small management groups might meet more frequently, depending on the need: *Small Group A* President and Vice Presidents; and/or *Small Group B* President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

4. IAG Meetings, Regional Conferences and International Conference

It was thought desirable to reduce the number and /or time involved with IAG business meetings during the Regional and International Conferences. Such meetings are indeed difficult to schedule at conferences without disrupting the scientific program. However, a minimum of business meetings is stipulated by the IAG-Constitution (Council-Meeting, two General Assemblies).

5. Primary portfolios

It was considered that every EC member should have a portfolio with definite activities. The following important portfolios have been identified to promote the IAG activities widely.

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Working Groups
- Young Geomorphologists: training programs and award
- Website
- Publications and Newsletter
- Linkage/liaison with other organisations: IUG, IGU, EGU/AGU, IUCN...
- Conferences/meetings: liaison and protocols
- Membership promotion
- Media and communications
- Strategic direction planning

6. Co-option and responsibilities/portfolios

The elected members agreed to co-opt the following members. Responsibilities/ Portfolios are also listed.

Morgan De Dapper: Secretary

Francisco Gutiérrez: Treasurer

Bianca Carvalho Vieira: Latin America and early career geomorphologists; assist Young Geomorphologists Training Officer

David Higgitt: Media Officer and liaison with Webmaster

Lothar Schrott: German speaking countries; Linkage /liaison with other organisations: IUG, IGU, EGU/AGU, IUCN,...

Mauro Soldati: Young Geomorphologists Training Officer

Yoshimasa Kurashige: Japan: to be defined
Xiaoping Yang: China: to be defined
Zbigniew Zwolinski: Webmaster

Following responsibilities/portfolios are assigned to the elected members:

Piotr Migon: Working Groups

David Dunkerley: Strategic planning, special projects, raising profile of geomorphology

Eric Fouache: Conference Policy/ protocol; liaison organisers of International Geomorphology Conference 2013 – Paris; membership promotion (liaise with David Dunkerley)

Sunil Kumar De: Publications and Newsletter

8. Other issues to be addressed

- Engaging with emerging countries with prospect of new membership or re-contact/ re-invigoration (Russia?)
- Consider co-opting from Africa
- Stimulation of bids for future Regional and International Conferences
- Succession planning for IAG Executive
- Consider a statement on benefit of Joining fee

9. Next EC meeting

To be notified; but possibly in 2010 in Austria, at or near the time of the General Assembly of the European Geosciences Union (EGU) which takes place in Vienna from 02–07 May. This would be a full EC meeting.

Please note: Wherever possible, please try to find institutional funding for attendance at EC Meetings.

10. EC-Members contacts

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5. National Conference Reports

XXII National Conference of Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI)

on

'Man Environment Relations: A Vision Plan for Green Earth'

(October 29 - 31, 2009)

Venue: Department of Geography, University of Allahabad, Allahabad – 211 002, Uttar Pradesh, India

22nd National Conference of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI) on the focal theme of "Man Environment Relations: A Vision Plan for Green Earth" began with great fan fare on Oct. 29, 2009. The conference was inaugurated in the historic Senate Hall of the University of Allahabad by Prof. D. P. Singh, Vice Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and was presided by Prof. V. C. Jha of Vishvabharti University, Shantiniketan. More than 400 delegates from states of the country representing universities and academic

institutions assembled for Three-day deliberations on various issues pertaining to man- environment symbiosis, problems related to deteriorating global environment and to find out ways and means to improve the sustainability of the geo-environment and make the earth a healthy place for present and future generations. More than 190 papers were presented in 16 technical sessions covering the subthemes on Geomorphology of Humid Environment, Geomorphology of Semi - Arid Environment, Geomorphology of Arid Environment, Geomorphology of Glacial Environment, Geomorphology of Coastal Environment, Structural Geomorphology and Environment, Environmental Geomorphology, Regional Geomorphology, Applied Geomorphology, Geomorphic Hazards and Disasters and Use of Remote Sensing & GIS in Geomorphology. The highlight of the Conference was the felicitation of the Founder and Secretary of IGI Prof. Savindra Singh on attaining superannuation and release of the felicitation volume entitled “*Geomorphology In India*”. From such three-day academic deliberations and brain storming sessions the conference took some resolutions and recommendations.

Reported by:

Prof. Alok Dubey, Organizing Secretary, 22nd IGI

6. Upcoming Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Trainings Programmes

1. **EGU General Assembly in Vienna, 2-7 May 2010**
2. **Workshop on Relations between Physical Erosion and Chemical Weathering, Potsdam, Germany, 1- 4. July 2010** (Contact: Friedhelm von Blanckenburg (GFZ Potsdam, fvb@gfz-potsdam.de)
3. **Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India (July 21-23, 2010)**
4th Session of the IAG/AIG Working Group on Geomorphological Hazards (IAGEOMHAZ) & **International Workshop on Geomorphological Hazards**, (Contact: Prof. N. Chandrasekhar, Centre for Geo-Technology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli – 627 012. Tamil Nadu, India. Email: geohazardsmsu@gmail.com. Website: <http://www.geohazardsmsu.co.nr/>)
The Convener is appealing to all IAG/AIG EC members to motivate some Geomorphologists to participate and to make the workshop successful.
4. **Tel-Aviv (July, 2010)**
IGU Regional Conference, (Contact for details: Professor Hanoch Lavee, President, Mobile: 972-50-2153839, E-mail: lavee.igu@kinneret.ac.il)
5. **Thessaloniki, Greece (23-26 September 2010)**
19th Congress of the Carpathian-Balkan Geological Association (CBGA 2010). Deadline for receipt of manuscripts of full paper is November 30, 2009 (for details log on to: <http://www.cbga2010.org>)
6. **8° National Symposium on Geomorphology/ Ibero- American Meeting on Geomorphology**. Recife City, Pernambuco, Brazil, 12-16 September, 2010. *Brazilian Geomorphological Union*. Deadline for receipt of manuscripts of full paper is May 5, 2010. **Informations:** www.ugb.org.br or viisinageo@gmail.com
7. **Landscape and Archaeology in Egypt and the Mediterranean World**, IFA, Working group on Geoarchaeology (IAG) Cairo (Egypt), 19-21 September 2010

Editor's Note

The success of the IAG/AIG Newsletter depends upon the contributions that we receive. On behalf of IAG/AIG I would request you to assist us by supplying information related to the forthcoming activities and innovations in geomorphology in your respective countries (commentaries, reviews of regional or national meetings and field trips, summaries of issues pertinent to geomorphology and announcements of future meetings and workshops. Your contributions should be forwarded to the IAG/AIG Publications Officer.

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