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Weathering landforms in the Dadès valley,
Morocco (picture: E. Reynard)

Editorial

I have been appointed in the IAG Executive Committee as Publications Officer by the IAG Council at the last International Conference held in Paris in August 2013. During the last months of 2013, I have mostly learned about the tasks of the Publications Officer, and prepared the two last issues of 2013, with the help of the former Officer, Sunil Kumar De. You are reading now the first issue of 2014, and I propose several changes: first of all, the Letter will systematically be open by an Editorial, generally written by someone other than me; secondly, four common categories (From the Executive Committee; Working Groups; Young Geomorphologists; Upcoming Events) will be completed by various other contributions; finally, in order to improve the attractiveness of the Newsletter, two versions are published simultaneously: a Word version, that can be reproduced in the various journals, and a PDF version, with a specific layout, but of course exactly the same content.

Emmanuel Reynard
IAG Publications Officer

Words of the President

I would like to take the opportunity of editing this first newsletter of 2014 to thank all the elected and appointed members of the new Executive Committee of the IAG for their commitment to the development of our organization and particularly Emmanuel Reynard for the successful realization of the new layout of this letter. In 2014, we have to mobilize all our networks to ensure the success of our regional conference in Siberia in 2015! We know that we can count on you as well as you can count on us!

Eric Fouache
IAG President

Editor's Note

The success of the IAG/AIG Newsletter depends upon the contributions that we receive. On behalf of IAG/AIG we would ask 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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Working Groups

Tectonic Geomorphology

The Tectonic Geomorphology WG organises a session during the 2014 General Assembly of European Geoscience Union (EGU): Session GM3.2/GD5.10/TS4.6 Intermontane basins: key sites for multidisciplinary approaches to decrypt tectonically active landscapes, on Friday 2 May 2014, 15:30–17:00, Room G11 (oral session) and 17:30–19:00 (poster session).
Program: <http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/egu2014/sessionprogramme> (choose: Geomorphology).

Geoarchaeology

The Geoarchaeology working group proposes several symposia and workshops on this topic, has published a newsletter in December 2013 and a special issue of the journal *Quaternary International*, Volume 324, 2014, Human dimensions of palaeoenvironmental change: Geomorphic processes and geoarchaeology, edited by Maria Artemovna Bronnikova and Andrey V. Panin. More information on <https://sites.google.com/site/iaggeoarch/home>

Geomorphosites

The Geomorphosites working group organises an intensive course on Geomorphosites on Wednesday 1st October 2014 in Beni Mellal (Morocco). The course is followed by an international workshop organised by the Universities of Beni Mellal and Lausanne, in collaboration with the Moroccan Association of Geomorphology and Geopark M'Goun. Deadline for applications: 30 April 2014. Website: <http://www.unil.ch/igul/page16469.html>

SEDIBUD

The SEDIBUD working group is organising its 8th Workshop on "Sediment Cascades in Cold Sediment Geosystems" at the Zugspitze, Bavaria, Germany, from the 1st to the 4th September 2014. More information: <http://www.geomorph.org/wg/wgsb.html>



Ouzoud Waterfall in the area of Beni Mellal, Morocco, venue of an international workshop organised by the Working Group on Geomorphosites in October 2014 (picture: Y. El Khalki)

The value of Membership

First and foremost we are an international organisation based on the science of Geomorphology. Geomorphology recognises no boundaries and no frontiers other than those imposed by the terrain itself. As such we embrace all those who pursue geomorphology irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, culture or creed. Our aim is to increase our knowledge of geomorphology by sharing knowledge amongst all peoples on Earth.

The formal aims of IAG/AIG are:

- a) The development of geomorphology through international co-operation;
- b) Promotion of the study and development of geomorphology in all aspects;
- c) Fostering and dissemination of Knowledge of geomorphology.

What we offer:

- An opportunity for all affiliated National Groups around the world to have an equal voice in furthering the aims and objectives of the Association;
- An International standing, that enables the Association to provide expertise in geomorphology. This can be exercised by its ability to draw on its international membership to offer scientific knowledge, discipline standards and professional advice to government and private agencies. For example, IAG/AIG co-operates with IUCN in the evaluation of UNESCO World Heritage sites;
- Endorsement of meetings and training programmes supported by National Groups (indicated by use of IAG/AIG logo);
- Support for groups who wish to develop a National Group membership. One way this is achieved is the possibility of fee waiver in the first years of association with IAG/AIG;
- Financial support for Working Groups of IAG/AIG;
- Financial support for young geomorphologists, particularly from less developed countries, to attend training courses and meetings;
- Access to IAG/AIG website for disseminating information.

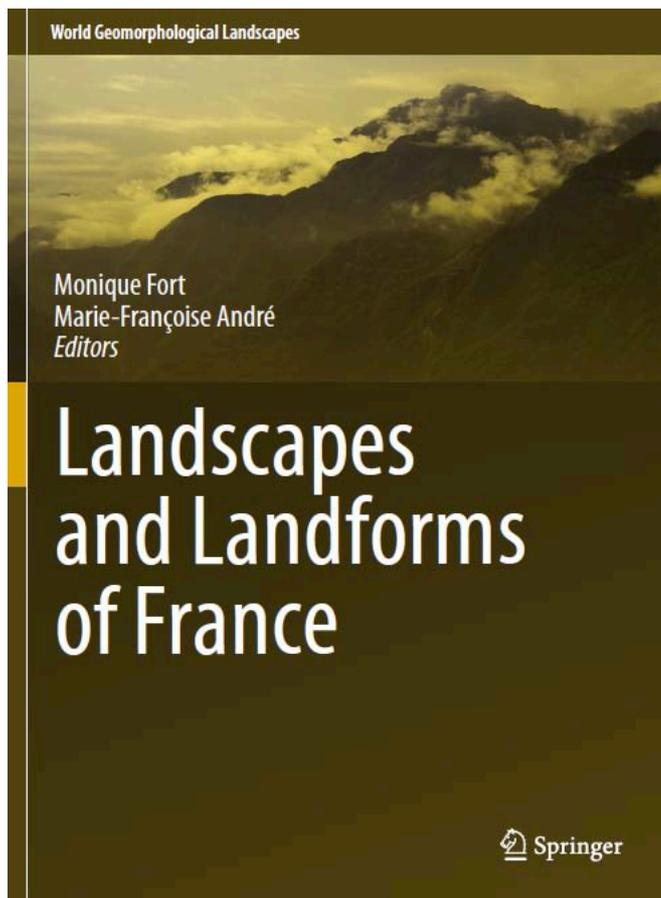
That annual fee and other income (See website) is prioritised towards:

- 1) the support of young geomorphologists to attend IAG recognised meetings and training courses. We make a special effort to support young geomorphologists from less privileged countries.
- 2) the support of scientific working groups that have been approved by the Association.
- 3) towards supporting administration of the affairs of the Association through the work of the Executive Committee.

Michael J. Crozier, approved by IAG Executive Committee, 20 August 2013

World Geomorphological Landscapes – An IAG-endorsed book series with Springer

At the 8th International Conference on Geomorphology in Paris in August 2013 the participants had an opportunity to inspect a newly produced book, 'Landscapes and Landforms of France', edited by Monique Fort and Marie-Françoise André. The book consists of 25 chapters, presented in full colour, on 274 pages in total, a selection of most scenic and geomorphologically significant parts of France, including some of its overseas territories.



The release of this book was actually the launch of a new series produced by the Springer under the scientific patronage of the IAG, entitled 'World Geomorphological Landscapes'. The series aims to be a scientific library of monographs that present and explain physical landscapes across the globe, focusing on both representative and uniquely spectacular examples. Each book will contain details on geomorphology of a particular country or a larger, but geographically coherent region (thus grouping a few adjacent countries together). The contents will be divided into parts, containing the necessary background about geology and tectonic framework, past and present climate, geographical regions, and long-term geomorphological history. The core of each book will be however succinct presentation of key geomorphological localities (landscapes) and the number of such studies will generally vary from 20 to 30. There will be additional scope for discussing issues of geomorphological hazards, geoheritage, and suggesting itineraries to visit the most important sites.

Besides 'Landscapes and Landforms of France', more than 15 further volumes have been commissioned and they are now at various stages of preparation and production. The forthcoming volumes will present geomorphological landscapes of Spain, India, Brazil and Hungary, while manuscripts of Italy, South Africa, Namibia, Ethiopia, Portugal, and the Czech Republic are expected to be submitted later this year. Work has also started, among others, on volumes on western Canada, Colombia, Egypt, the Lesser Antilles, Malta, New Zealand, and Switzerland. The series website www.springer.com/series/10852 features regular updates about the published and forthcoming volumes.

The ambitious aim is to eventually achieve the coverage of the entire globe, providing a unique reference source not only for geomorphologists, but all Earth scientists, geographers, and conservationists. Therefore, anyone interested to edit the series volume for a particular country or region, please feel free to contact the series editor, Prof. Piotr Migoń (piotr.migon@uni.wroc.pl), or the publisher, Dr Robert Doe (robert.doe@springer.com), who coordinates the series at Springer. We will be happy to provide additional information and look forward to work with the geomorphological community worldwide to present the most important landscapes and landforms in a way that has never been attempted before.

Piotr Migoń, University of Wrocław, Poland

Upcoming Events

Note:

This calendar proposes a list of events organised by IAG, IAG working groups, and large international conferences concerning geomorphology. It is based on information transmitted by IAG members. For more information see also the IAG website: www.geomorph.org

Austria

European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2014. Vienna, Austria, 27 April 27 – 2 May 2014. Website: www.egu2014.eu/ In particular: Session GM3.2/GD5.10/TS4.6 Intermontane basins: key sites for multidisciplinary approaches to decrypt tectonically active landscapes (organised by the IAG WG on Tectonic Geomorphology).

United Kingdom

TRACE 2014. International Conference "Tree Rings in Archaeology, Climatology and Ecology". Aviemore, Scottish Highlands, UK, 6–10 May 2014. Website: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~rjsw/TRACE2014/index.html>

Portugal

EUCOP. 4th European Conference on Permafrost. Evora, Portugal. 18–21 June 2014. Website: <http://www.eucop4.org>

Japan
6th International Conference on
Debris Flow Hazards Mitigation:
Mechanics, Prediction, and
Assessment. Tsukuba, Japan 22–25
June 2014. Website: <http://dfhm6.jp/>

Belgium
17th Joint Geomorphological Meeting
“The geomorphology of natural
hazards: mapping, analysis and
prevention”. Liège, Belgium, 30 June
– 3 July 2014. Website: <http://www.17th-jgm-liege2014.org/>

France
Interdisciplinary meeting on climate
change and seismic hazards during
the Holocene in the Mediterranean.
Aix en Provence, France, 7–8 July
2014. Website: <http://www.cerege.fr>

China
12th International Conference on Salt
Lake Research. Beijing, China, 14–18
July 2014. Deadline for abstract
submission: 10 May 2014. Website:
[http://csle.cags.ac.cn/2014icslr/
index.aspx](http://csle.cags.ac.cn/2014icslr/index.aspx)

Poland
IGU (International Geographical
Union) Regional Conference. Kraków,
Poland, 8–22 August 2014.
Website: <http://www.igu2014.org>

Turkey
International Workshop “Implications
of Late Quaternary Sea Level
Changes on the Eastern
Mediterranean and Black Sea
Coasts”. Şile, Turkey, 31 August – 6
September 2014. Deadline for
abstract submission: 30 May 2014.
Website: [http://www.ardahan.edu.tr/
medblacks2014/](http://www.ardahan.edu.tr/medblacks2014/)

Germany
8th IAG SEDIBUD Workshop
“Sediment Cascades in Cold
Sediment Geosystems”. Zugspitze,
Bavaria, Germany, 1–4 September
2014. Deadline for abstract
submission: 31 May 2014. Website:

[http://www.geomorph.org/wg/
wgsb.html](http://www.geomorph.org/wg/wgsb.html)

United Kingdom
Annual Conference of the British
Society for Geomorphology (BSG).
Manchester, UK, 1–3 September
2014. Deadline for abstract
submission: 30 May 2014. Website:
[http://www.geomorphology.org.uk/
meeting/54](http://www.geomorphology.org.uk/meeting/54)

Norway
3rd Slope Tectonics Conference.
Oslo, Norway, 8–12 September
2014. Deadline for abstract
submission: 15 May 2014. Website:
<http://www.ngu.no/slopetectonics>

Spain
13th Meeting of the Spanish Society
of Geomorphology “Geomorphology
to be applied”. Cáceres, Spain, 9–12
September 2014. Website: [http://
www.grupogiga.es/index.php/
principal](http://www.grupogiga.es/index.php/principal)

Indonesia
International Conference “Living in
Harmony with Volcano : Bridging the
will of nature to society”. Yogyakarta,
Indonesia, 9–13 September 2014.
Website: [http://
citiesonvolcanoes8.com/](http://citiesonvolcanoes8.com/)

United States
44th Binghamton Geomorphology
Symposium on “Planetary
Geomorphology”. Knoxville, United
States, 12–14 September 2014.
Deadline for poster abstract
submission: 1st August 2014. Website:
[http://web.eps.utk.edu/symposium/
index.php](http://web.eps.utk.edu/symposium/index.php)

Italy
IAEG 17th Congress “Engineering
Geology for Society and Territory”.
Torino, Italy, 15–19 September 2014.
Website: <http://www.iaeg2014.com/>

Luxembourg
AGU Chapman Conference
“Catchment spatial organization and

complex behaviour”. Luxembourg
City, Luxembourg, 23–26 September
2014. Deadline for abstract
submission: 21 May 2014. Website:
<http://chapman.agu.org/catchments/>

Morocco
International Workshop
“Geomorphosites, lever of local socio-
economic development: From
European experiences to Maghrebian
and African projects”. Beni Mellal,
Morocco, 2–4 October 2014.
Deadline for abstract submission: 30
April 2014. Website: [http://
www.unil.ch/igul/page16728.html](http://www.unil.ch/igul/page16728.html)

Italy
International Conference “Analysis
and Management of Changing Risks
for Natural Hazards”. Padova, Italy,
18–19 November 2014. Deadline for
abstract submission: 1st July 2014.
Website: [http://www.changes-itn.eu/
Conference/tabid/132/Default.aspx](http://www.changes-itn.eu/Conference/tabid/132/Default.aspx)

Spain
International Conference “Georisk
2014. Improving geophysical risk
assessment, forecasting, and
management”. Madrid, Spain, 18–21
November 2014. Deadline for
abstract submission: 10 September
2014.
Website: [http://
www.georisk2014.com](http://www.georisk2014.com)

United States
International Symposium “Sediment
Dynamics: From the Summit to the
Sea”. New Orleans, United States,
11–24 December 2014. Deadline for
registration: 30 April 2014. Website:
<http://www.rnr.lsu.edu/icce2014/>

United States
AGU Fall Meeting. San Francisco,
United States, 15–19 December
2014. Website: [http://
fallmeeting.agu.org/2014/](http://fallmeeting.agu.org/2014/)



The Cirque de Navacelles, one of the landscapes of France presented in the book recently published in the series *World Geomorphological Landscapes* (picture: E. Reynard)

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