



REPORT ON THE WINDSOR WORKSHOP 2015

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The Windsor BSG post-graduate training workshop represents a meeting of young-future geomorphologists coming from different countries and with different degrees that want to share their knowledge and problems and learn how to manage time and make some experiments during PhD studies.

I think BSG post-graduate training workshop is a gorgeous experience organized in an amazing setting “Cumberland Lodge” inside the Great Park in Windsor.

The discussions addressed during the workshop gave us (PhD students) several advices such as:

- how to organize time;
- what kind of experiments make or improve to well understand process/processes involved in our objective;
- how to use modeling code;
- how to manage unforeseen results;
- which are the difficulties of publishing a scientific article.

We learnt that support of supervisor/supervisors and family is one of the most important things, during the three (or more) hard years of PhD programme.

The peculiarity of BSG post-graduate workshop is the interactive methodology used to involve each of us.

During this period we were divided into groups and subjected to work as a team in a multidisciplinary environment with several aims:

- to observe pictures and describe phenomena;
- to discuss some scientific models;
- to create and talk about new PhD projects.

I think that to work as a team is a very interesting way to engage people with different degrees and experiences, to create a flow of interaction and exchange of personal ideas, and to introduce us into the real world full of difficulties, contrasts, comparisons and discussions.

During the afternoon of the third day, we also talked about individual PhD projects and at the end we received advices to improve our research.

Geomorphology represents the “emergence of a vibrant, new discipline of Earth surface processes that is resulting from uniting the normally disparate disciplines of Solid Earth Geology, Geomorphology and Atmospheric and Oceanographic sciences” (Allen, 2008).

We have the must to follow and promote its way, and try to make it well visible and comprehensible to the scientific community.

Geomorphology has a significant importance for several disciplines such as: geology, ecology, global changes, planetary science, archaeology, environmental engineering; geomorphological changes can be observed during a common human lifetime.

I suggest to each young-future geomorphologist to participate in the Windsor BSG workshop, because it elucidates doubtful issues for PhD students at the beginning of their research.

Reference

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