

REPORT ON THE BSG POST-GRADUATE TRAINING WORKSHOP

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I would like to begin my report by conveying my sincere thanks to the IAG evaluation committee for granting my attendance to the BSG Post-Graduate Training Workshop 2016.

The workshop is organized by the British Society for Geomorphology (BSG) and is primarily focused to PhD students at the beginning of their first year. The content is mainly non-technical, there are only a couple of classes about programming through Python and numerical modeling through NetLogo. The majority of the courses provides training in project management, group work, dealing with large data sets, fieldwork and gaining funding, in the field of geosciences (especially geomorphology). Moreover, the last two classes are about publication, future career development and social media in research and they are given by young researchers who attended the workshop in the previous years. The timetable is quite full (from 9am to 9pm) but, thanks to the different teaching approaches (frontal lessons, practical and group activities, oral presentations) and to the coffee breaks, it is well manageable.

My personal opinion is that the workshop is very interesting and pretty well organized. The speakers are friendly and very well prepared, with a large experience in supervising PhD thus they provide useful advices and tips about handling with a research project. I am currently starting the third year of my PhD so I was a bit "out of time" but I think that the information furnished by the workshop can be helpful also for my post-doctoral activity.

Most of the participants were English native speakers and this was very good to practice the language. To attend the workshop, you must register as a member of BSG and this gives the opportunity to apply for grants and funds for publishing and attending BSG conferences.

The registration fee is not expensive, can be entirely covered by the IAG/AIG grant and supplies all the costs for food and accommodation. Classes start after lunch the first day and they end before lunch the last day, thus there is no needing to find further accommodations for the nights before and after the workshop.

The location and the food are five stars and, in the evening, you can have fun with the other guys at the bar of the wonderful Cumberland Lodge!

To conclude, I highly recommend to all young PhD students to consider participating to the BSG workshop!

Cheers,

Gabriele