



Report on the 9th International Conference on Geomorphology and post-conference Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists

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I am delighted to have been awarded as a top Young Geomorphologist by the International Association of Geomorphologists. The IAG grants are very prestigious, and I am very proud of this achievement. Moreover, I had the significant opportunity of representing the Brazilian geomorphology to the international community, and I hope to be part of the IAG alumni in the future. The experience was fantastic: I communicated my science and my research inquiry to my peers, as well as I established and nurtured academic connections that will increase the overall level of my research and provide new possibilities of collaboration links both for myself as well as for my institution. Hence, I am very grateful for IAG for making this possible. The IAG grants are an excellent way of bringing together different geomorphological frameworks from all over the world, and that is a valid measure to promote collaboration, innovation, and (a very much needed) discussion within geomorphology. For instance, I work with bedrock channel evolution, and after discussing in length with my peers that work on alluvial rivers, I believe that, in the future, I may be able to bring together these two approaches.

The 9th International Conference on Geomorphology

The conference was great. Firstly, the venue was impressive, and I have never seen an auditorium as big as the main one on Vigyan Bhavan. Secondly, I had the opportunity to experience the presentations of great geomorphologists within a vast spectrum of topics, ranging from theoretical geomorphology to applied and 'planetary' geomorphology. A very good opportunity was the 'workshop' on how to write a good scientific paper, by Dr Stuart Lane. It was fashioned for young geomorphologists, and it had just the right amount of expository presentation as well as interactive debate. After the talks, most of my fellow Young Geomorphologists engaged in debates on the topics discussed in the presentations, and in this sense, I believe that I had lots of useful insights from it that will be useful to my research. On the other hand, I think that the poster session was a bit of poorly executed. The location of the posters, as well as the conflicting time between poster and talks, made the posters to be relegated to a second plan, and presenters often did not receive the attention that they deserved. My suggestion for the next conference is a more constrained program, with fewer talks and more posters, where the posters have their own time (just posters, nothing else) for every conference day.

The Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists

The Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists was the best part of the entire experience to me. I like to think that the Young Geomorphologists started the course as my peers, but we finished as friends. This is important on many levels, and these connections made through the course will efficiently influence my academic path. The lecture days were also excellent, primarily because they focused my research topic, tectonic geomorphology. It was my first time seeing active tectonics in the field. Before that, and despite working with tectonic geomorphology, I had only seen it via books and papers. My perception of geomorphic tectonic features changed a lot, and I thank IAG for that. It was also a humbling experience; I feel that there is so much that I don't know, but I also want to know it all.

Therefore, I am very grateful to IAG for this opportunity, and I will work hard to be ranked as a Young Geomorphology for the next conference, in Portugal 2021.



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