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

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My participation in the 9th International Conference on Geomorphology (ICG) was surrounded by much anxiety, both for to see the collegue's works in the event and especially for the IAG-Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists participation. In relation to the ICG, the presentations were of high quality, particularly I had the opportunity to update myself and to have new insights for my researches in Brazil. Convention center was very good and assisted the grandeur of the event. ICG staff also worked very well, always friendly, and the ease of lunch in the same place was important, as it allowed a fraternization between the participants and saved us time. The only negative point that I would like to say is in relation to the high number of oral presentations absent, it would be fundamental to check before all those chosen for oral presentation actually do it. It is obvious that unforeseen events do happen, but this task would reduce the absences number.

About the IAG-Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists, I would like to congratulate IAG by the initiative. I knew about this opportunity at the last ICG in Paris and since then I had in mind to apply myself for the ICG in New Delhi. It is a great encouragement for me and I hope the IAG maintains this policy. In an overview, the course was very productive especially given the opportunity to meet excellent researchers and share experiences with the others young geomorphologists. It was a wonderful experience! I would like to congratulate Champati Ray, Mauro Soldati and Sunil Kumar De for organizing it for us. The sites we visited were good and our lodging and food at Dehra Dun were excellent.

Our lectures were very good and we could even have the opportunity to see divergent opinions (especially in field trip) among them which for us was very rich. Particularly for me, who did not know a context of tectonically active mountain regions, the course was productive. About the lectures on 13th November, it was an extremely exhausting day. There was a lot of information followed and little time for a practical exercise and discussion. As a suggestion for an upcoming course, I would like to suggest more activities in group such as geomorphological mapping, geomorphological process recognition in satellite image, DEM, etc. for further field work. It would be more productive this way.

Moments of greatest interaction among young geomorphologists occurred in extra-agenda periods in the hotel bar. It was fun because we stayed in a more informal environment and we were able to get to know each other better, and from that came the idea of whatsapp group between us.