



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

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It was my first time to attend the ICG. Academically, there is no doubt that I learned a lot from the nearly two weeks' conference and training course. My present research field is paleohydrology in arid region, which is different from my PhD research. As a newcomer of this field, the conference provided a golden opportunity for me to learn about new trends in the field and catch up with the colleagues. Many sessions in the conference, *Palaeohydrology and Fluvial Archives*, *Fluvial Processes and Landforms*, *Arid and Semi-arid Geomorphology*, for instance, were closely related to my research. Of course, what I learnt from is not restricted to these sessions. The talks from the session of *Planetary Geomorphology* impressed me that so much geomorphic information could be obtained from the remote sensing data. These approaches undoubtedly could be borrowed to my research. I still remembered the plenary lecture given by Prof. Takashe Oguchi, at the end of which he compared millimeter-resolution DEM in geomorphology with the quantum in physics. I was inspired by the question he proposed that what changes in geomorphology would be brought by the high resolution in the future.

However, what impressed me most is IAG's culture that values young geomorphologists. This value is not only revealed by the scholarship opportunities provided to the youth, but also conveyed by its endeavor in training and improving young geomorphologists' professional skills. Prof. Stuart Lane spent nearly two hours to share his opinions and give us advices on writing scientific paper. Five-day course for the young geomorphologists in the foot of Himalayas is an unforgettable experience. I deeply appreciate those professors who taking their time for our lectures and field training in Dehra Dun. They improved my understandings on the geomorphic processes occurred in the most tectonically active area on the earth, and I am sure it would be helpful for my research in the future. The training course also gave me a chance to meet young geomorphologist from different countries with different academic background. I have gained new ideas by sharing knowledge with others and developed a close friendship with them.

Overall, it is an impressive conference and I got a lot from it. I am grateful to have been offered a scholarship by the conference and hope to see the training programme continue and become better into the future. As Prof. Soldati said, we were IAG alumni. I hope I could do something for the IAG in the future as an alumnus.