



## **Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geomorphology and post-conference Intensive Course for Young Geomorphologists**

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I really started dreaming about a possible international scientific experience when I realized I was among the IAG Grant holders. From that moment, I kept focusing on my presentation as to satisfy the scientific expectations for such event.

When I downloaded the scientific program, I went through the different sessions and respective titles and I noticed I had a lot to learn on the numerous approaches and subjects of geomorphological interests. During the Conference, it was quite difficult to attend all the presentations I marked as suitable for gathering modern methodologies to be implemented in my future challenges. I then focused my time mostly on: **tectonic geomorphology** where I submitted my research for an oral presentation; and then **tropical geomorphology; Weathering, Soils and Regolith on different time scales; Remote sensing and GIS application in geomorphology; and geomorphological mapping.**

On my work itself, on “**Morphotectonic of Regolith Landsurfaces in Cameroon (Central Africa): Weighting the Evidences of Late Cretaceous Uplift and Climatic Deep Weathering and Stripping**”, I prepared and I presented it the way to make my first international presentation as memorable as possible. The presence of Indian researchers whose questions focused on comparing the landsurface shaping processes of the Cameroon Tectonic Line with the complex ongoing uplift and denudation history on the Western Ghats Escarpment of Southern India allows me to weight the scope of my study.

On the other hand, it was a huge opportunity to meet the researchers I previously cited in my papers, and more others that are international references in the field of geomorphology. Approaching them during the Conference allows making important contacts for further scientific meeting, fellowships or recent papers. It was also nice to meet students (among which Young Geomorphologists) and try to be aware of what there are intending to address as geomorphology is concerned.

On the intensive courses, I really enjoyed the travel to Dehra-Dun and benefiting for lectures specifically on the complex active Himalayan orogen. At the end of the trip I had a global view of the major ongoing phenomenon as observed in the reference Dehra valley and the frontal Himalayan boundary. The end point at ~2000 m asl provided another view with contrasting morphologies between the Himalayan southern border and the wide alluvial plain downslope. Moreover, Lecturers on the field and during the courses were willing to provide required details with questions from Young Geomorphologists.

Finally, visiting Asia and specifically India was a massive step for my international career. I enjoyed staying in New Dehli. People in India are very welcoming and their dynamism for development issues is highly commendable.

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