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*of the First IAG/AIG Executive Committee Meeting,
held on the 11th of November, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi*

On Saturday, November 11, 2017, during the last day of the 9th International Conference on Geomorphology held in New Delhi, India, the **first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG/AIG)** was organized, as proposed by its new President, Mauro Soldati.

Following the elections held during the IAG Council, the composition of the 2017-2021 IAG/AIG EC looks as follows: Mauro Soldati (Italy; President), Susan Conway (UK; Vice-President; Communication, Co-operation and Outreach portfolio), Sunil Kumar De (India; Vice-President; Working Groups portfolio), Francisco Gutiérrez (Spain; Vice-President; National Scientific Members portfolio), Kosmas Pavlopoulos (Greece; Publications Officer), Emmanuel Reynard (Switzerland; Treasurer), Mihai Micu (Romania; Secretary General), Marta Della Seta (Italy; Co-opted Member; Training Officer), Piotr Migon (Poland; Co-opted Member; Roots and History of IAG portfolio), Takashi Oguchi (Japan; Co-opted Member; contacts with Asian and Pacific countries portfolio), Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum (Cameroon; Co-opted Member; contacts with African countries), Konstantinos Vouvalidis (Greece; Social Portfolio Member; 2019 IAG Regional Conference organizer), Adel Sepehr (Iran; Social Portfolio Member; 2020 IAG Regional Conference organizer), Lucio Cunha (Portugal; Special Portfolio Member; 2021 IAG International Conference organizer). Two additional positions of Co-opted Members will be decided during the Second IAG EC meeting, which will take place in April 2018, during the EGU General Assembly, Vienna.

The following point on the agenda was the discussion and approval of President's proposals towards the **priorities** of the IAG for the period 2017-2021:

1. National Scientific Members

- Reinforce or re-establish contacts with National Delegates;
- Establish new membership, especially from less-favoured countries;
- Provide incentives to National Delegates for their crucial service to the IAG;
- Recall anytime the 'Value of Membership' (see statement by Michael Crozier on the IAG website homepage);

2. Communication, co-operation and outreach

- Management and enrichment of the IAG website;
- Use social media to spread information about IAG initiatives and events;
- Follow-up of interaction with international bodies, such as EGU, IGU, INQUA, IPA, IUCN etc.;
- Establish new co-operations with international bodies, in America and Australasia;



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- Geomorphology outreach to public institutions.

3. Working Groups

- Continue and possibly strengthen the successful activity of IAG WGs promoting new WGs on topical geomorphological issues (also in co-operation with other scientific bodies);
- Maintain constant communication between EC Members and WGs' Chairs;
- Deliver regularly information on WGs' activities through the IAG Newsletter, IAG website and social media;
- Support WGs' activities through the IAG Training Programme.

4. Reappraisal of IAG roots and history

- Rediscover the IAG roots and make them known to the present IAG community, and especially to Young Geomorphologists;
- Reconstruct the history of the IAG and provide material to be published and posted on the IAG website;
- Explore an idea of 'IAG Virtual Museum';
- Involve IAG Past-Presidents and EC Members, as well as Honorary Fellows (being conscious that our magnificent past is the key for a promising future for the IAG);
- Promote a dedicated event in occasion of the 30th anniversary of the IAG (2019).

5. Training Programme

- Continue and strengthen the IAG Training activities through the traditional IAG-Grant programme;
- Stimulate the birth/growth of Young Geomorphologists' national groups worldwide;
- Foster interaction between Young Geomorphologists' national groups and promote networking among them;
- Support the IAG WGs through the awarding of grants for selected events.

Additional goals were also brought into discussion by the President and validated as follows:

1. Legal status

- Explore the possibility of providing the IAG with a legal status as non-profit organization.

2. Constitution

- Review the IAG Constitution and assess whether any amendments have to be proposed to ICSU (via IGU and IUGS).

3. IAG Alumni

- Establish an IAG Alumni list, initially including the 170 Young Geomorphologists granted since 2002, so that they can become Ambassadors of the IAG.

4. Actions for senior geomorphologists

- Favour at any time the participation of IAG Honorary Fellows and Retired Geomorphologists in the IAG events.



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5. Support to the organization of IAG Conferences

- Establish and maintain links with the Convenors and Organizers of Regional and International IAG Conferences.

The last part of the meeting was devoted to any **other discussions** and to sketch the agenda of the Second IAG EC meeting.

IAG/AIG President

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