



VIII ITALIAN YOUNG GEOMORPHOLOGISTS' DAYS

and

Meeting of the YGs national delegates:

“Building the IAG Network of Young Geomorphologists’ Groups”

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Report

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This year, young Italian geomorphologists had invited young geomorphologists (YGs) from all over the world to their annual meeting. The VIII Italian Young Geomorphologists Days were held from 26th to 28th June 2019 in Milan (Italy). The event attracted many participants (80 people!) not only from Italy, but also from Austria, Brazil, France, India, Costa Rica, Poland, Russia, Romania and Switzerland. We spent three fantastic days discussing and networking.

First two days were devoted to scientific sessions (oral and poster) during which YGs presented 15 oral presentations within 4 thematic blocks (glacial and periglacial dynamics, geomorphological hazard assessment, coastal dynamics, fluvial and lacustrine dynamics) and almost 50 posters. On third day there was a fieldtrip to the Veny Valley in the Mont Blanc Massif.

The conference in Milan was a special event, because for the first time a meeting of YGs national delegates took place. Thanks to the IAG financial support, the meeting was attended by delegates from 7 countries (Costa Rica, France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania and Switzerland). The meeting was moderated by Prof. Mauro Soldati and Dr. Susan Conway. The discussion focused on building the IAG network of YGs. Also the definition of a young geomorphologist was discussed – whether it is a person up to 35 years of age (young geomorphologist) or a person up to 7 years after the PhD defence (early career geomorphologist). It was also proposed that every year, within the framework of YGs meetings organized by national organizations, people from other countries might be invited to enhance the collaboration between YGs across the world.

I would like to thank the Organizing Committee and the IAG for the invitation to Milan. It was a great and inspiring meeting. I came back to Poland with a lot of ideas motivated to further work with new people that I met in Milan.

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