



A milestone in the history of the International Association of Geomorphologists:

The IAG is registered as an international non-profit organization

It is our immense pleasure to announce that a major step has been made earlier this year, regarding the legal status of the International Association of Geomorphologists. Not all of you may be aware that when the IAG was established in the 1980s, it was done by agreement between the founding parties – national geomorphological societies – without a corresponding legal foundation. For many years this status was sufficient to maintain the aims of the Association and to function as a scientific organisation, and the IAG was not different from many other international scientific associations. After considering various possibilities based in different countries, action was initiated last year (2018) towards the registration of the IAG as a full capacity, scientific, non-profit organization. Spain was found to be the best choice for formal registration of the IAG. Accordingly, we submitted the necessary documents to the Spanish Ministry of Interior, including the Constitution of the IAG. Beforehand, we had also informed the National Scientific Members about this motion, calling for feedback and advice. On 4 March 2019 the Spanish Ministry communicated the decision that the IAG was formally established, and has all capacities to act internationally and open and maintain its own bank account.

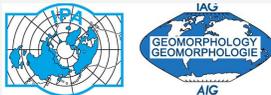
As a consequence, in future the IAG will be entitled to participate as a fully-recognized and registered association in a variety of actions, projects and initiatives for which it was not eligible before. We are confident that our Association and the wider international geomorphological community will benefit from new opportunities thanks to the new status of the IAG.

Mauro Soldati

IAG President and on behalf of the IAG Executive Committee

The IAG President announcement is available at the following link: http://www.geomorph.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/IAG-presidential-announcement-08_2019.pdf

CALL for GRANTS for the 12th International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2020)



Through the IPA-IAG Agreement, the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) offers two travel grants of 300 euros to Early Career Researchers to take part in the 12th International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2020) to be held 22

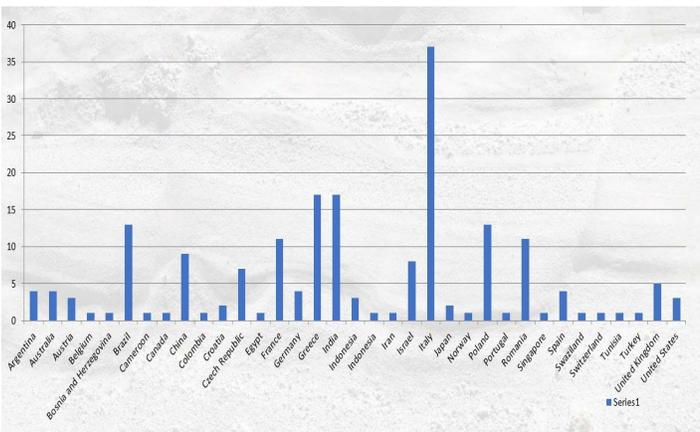
-26 June 2020 in Lanzhou, China (<http://icop2020.csp.science.cn/dct/page/1>). The International Permafrost Association (IPA) will cover the conference registration fee of the grant winners. The grants will be devoted to support the active participation (oral or poster presentation) of two Early Career Researchers whose interests with those of the two associations, generally in the area of permafrost and periglacial geomorphology. Applicants are requested to submit the following documents by 15 January 2020: More information's available at the following link: <http://www.geomorph.org/2019/08/call-grants-12th-international-conference-permafrost-icop-2020/>

Grants awarded to Young Geomorphologists for the 7th International Conference on Mars Polar Science and Exploration



The International Association of Geomorphologists offered 2 grants of 500 euros to favour the participation of Planetary Geomorphologists in the 7th International Conference on Mars Polar Science and Exploration organized by the Planetary Science Institute- York University and the Space Research and Planetary

Sciences-University of Bern, among others, with the support of the Centro Austral de Investigaciones Científicas (CADIC-CONICET). The IAG offered 2 grants of 500€ that have been awarded to the following candidates: 1) Mauro Gabriel SPAGNUOLO (Argentinian based in Argentina), 2) Prakhar SINHA (Indian based in USA). More information's are available at the following link: <http://www.geomorph.org/2019/11/grants-awarded-to-young-geomorphologists-for-the-7th-international-conference-on-mars-polar-science-and-exploration/>



RCG 2019 participations

The RCG 2019 RCG2019 achieved the goal of 200 participants. The above diagram shows the number of participants from each country.

News from RCG 2019

New Constitutions and Bylaws of IAG

The IAG Council met on 19th September 2019, during the RCG 2019 IAG Regional Conference in Athens, Greece. The new Constitution and Bylaws of the International Association of Geomorphologists, were discussed and approved by vote of the National Scientific Members (NSM's), during the Athens 2020 Regional Conference of the IAG.



In the above photo the IAG President with the grant holders Young Geomorphologists during the Regional Conference on Geomorphology.

New National Scientific Member in IAG

New National Scientific Members (NSM's) approved by the IAG Executive Committee Meeting during the RCG 2019 Regional Conference in Athens, the GeoNorth Group (Nordic National Geomorphology Groups of Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland), Costa Rica, Congo-Brazzaville, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Two new working groups named Connectivity in Geomorphology and Urban Geomorphology were also approved.

Report on the 8th edition of Italian Young Geomorphologists' days

The VIII edition of Italian Young Geomorphologists' days "Sharing experiences on geomorphological research in different morphogenetic and morphoclimatic environments" was held from 26th to 28th June 2019 at the Sala Napoleonica, University of Milan, and at Veny Valley (AO). The congress was jointly organized by the Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology (AIGeo), the Earth Sciences Department of University of Milan and Earth Sciences Department of University of Turin, under the auspices of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), the Italian Geological Society (SGI), the Italian Glaciological Committee (CGI) and the Italian Association for Quaternary Research (AIQUA), and sponsored by Beta Analytic.



The meeting was attended by approximately 80 participants, of which about 60 were young geomorphologists, from 11 different countries (Austria; Brazil; Costa Rica; France; Greece; India; Italy; Poland; Romania; Russia; Switzerland). Moreover, seven grants were awarded by the IAG to young geomorphologists coming from all over the world.

A field trip was organized by the University of Turin, along the Veny Valley on the Italian side of the Mont Blanc Massif (4808 m a.s.l.), NW-Alps. An introduction on the main geological and geomorphological aspects held by Prof. Marco Giardino (University of Turin) and Prof. Philip Deline (University of Savoie Mont Blanc). For more information about Italian Young Geomorphologist day's visit the web site: <http://www.geomorph.org/2019/07/report-8th-edition-italian-young-geomorphologists-days/> More photos, videos and the program with

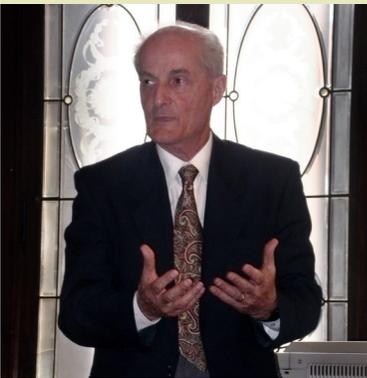
acknowledgments of financial supports are available at: <http://www.aigeo.it/viii-italian-young-geomorphologists-days-first-announcement/>



Obituary for Giovanni Battista Castiglioni (1931-2018) by the geomorphologists of the University of Padova

The eminent Italian geomorphologist Giovanni Battista Castiglioni passed away on May 10th, 2018. A great person was lost by family, friends and colleagues, and marks a very sad day for the geomorphological and geographical community. A rigorous and innovative scientist, during his long and productive career, G.B. Castiglioni was a bright example for his numerous students and a constant reference for many physical geographers and geomorphologists that collaborated with him, or simply knew him through his scientific publications.

He started his academic career in 1954 as Assistant Professor at the University of Padova and became Full Professor in the School of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences and the School of Letters and Philosophy of the universities of Catania and Padova. He taught physical geography and geomorphology in Padova until 2002. He was the Head of the Department of Geography of the University of Padova for almost a decade, and member of the Istituto Veneto di Scienze Lettere ed Arti di Venice and the Accademia Galileiana di Scienze Lettere ed Arti di Padova. He was also corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Science of Vienna and of the Academy of Science of Torino. He chaired the Italian Glaciological Committee and, due to his commitment to scientific research, was later nominated Honorary Fellow of this Committee as well as of the AIGeo – Associazione Italiana di Geografia fisica e Geomorfologia.



The research of G.B. Castiglioni mainly concerned the geomorphology of the Alps and the Po Plain, but he also carried out several studies of regional geography on the Iranian Balucistan and the rural landscapes of Veneto, Trentino and South Tyrol. His early activity almost exclusively focused on Alpine glacial geomorphology, Quaternary geology, slope and karst processes and natural hazards. He devoted a great effort to geomorphological mapping. One of his major commitments was the coordination of the Geomorphological Map of the Po Plain at a scale of 1:250,000, that he presented at the 4th International Conference on Geomorphology held in Bologna in 1997. The work and life of G.B. Castiglioni was commemorated during the Summer Meeting of the Italian Glaciological Committee in June 2018 and the Spring Meeting of AIGeo – Associazione Italiana di Geografia fisica e Geomorfologia in March 2019. For more information visit the web site : <http://www.geomorph.org/2019/07/obituary-giovanni-battista-castiglioni/>

31st IGI Conference 12-14 Nov 2019, University of North Bengal India

The 31st Annual Conference of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI) on Applications of Geospatial Technology in Geomorphology and Environment will be held 12-14 November, 2019 at the University of North Bengal in India. The first circular is available here: www.indiageomorph.org

Important Dates

- ⇒ Early Bird Registration Closes 30th September, 2019
- ⇒ Abstracts Submission by 30th September, 2019
- ⇒ Acceptance Notification 15th October, 2019
- ⇒ Full Paper Submission 31st October, 2019

For more information see the IGI website: www.indiageomorph.org



IAG working groups at EGU 2020

The IAG working groups have the following sessions at the European Geosciences Union general assembly to be held on 3-8 May 2020 in Vienna, Austria, GM3.6 Connectivity in hydrology and sediment dynamics: concepts, measuring, modelling, indices and societal implications, GM4.5 Denudational hillslope and fluvial processes, source-to-sink fluxes and sedimentary budgets under changing climate, anthropogenic impacts and other disturbances, GM6.7 Submarine geomorphology, GM11.1 Planetary Geomorphology, GM12.1 Essential variables influencing geodiversity: contributions to geoheritage in response to global change Key deadlines:

- ⇒ 15th January 2020 Deadline for abstracts Important Dates
- For more information's see the IGI website: <http://www.geomorph.org/2019/11/iag-working-groups-at-egu-2020/>

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