# IAG HIGHIGHTS

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International Association of Geomorphologists IAG

#### **New IAG National Scientific Members**

The IAG warmly welcomes three new IAG National Scientific Members. It is our pleasure to announce that:

- the Ivorian Association of Geomorphology was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of Ivory Coast
- the Ghana Association of Geomorphologists was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of Ghana and,
- the Senegalese Association of Geomorphologists was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of Senegal.

All current IAG National Scientific Members are listed here: <a href="http://www.geomorph.org/national-scientific-members/">http://www.geomorph.org/national-scientific-members/</a>

### Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Geological Society of America



We are pleased to announce that the IAG and the Geological Society of America have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which establishes our aim to work together in cooperation and friend-

ship to further strengthen their shared aims of promoting the geological sciences and supporting geosciences professions.

The IAG will identify GSA as one of its Associated Societies, and as such will promote GSA's mission and activities. Similarly, GSA will identify IAG as one of its Associated Societies, and as such will promote IAG's mission and activities.

As a first accomplishment of this MoU all participating IAG National Scientific Member National Delegates benefited from a discounted rate of \$200 for the registration fee of the GSA 2020 Connects Online meeting (26-30 October).

#### **International Geomorphology Week 2021**

We are pleased to launch International Geomorphology Week 2021!

International Geomorphology Week is celebrated during the first week of March of each year. Its aim is to promote geomorphology in all its forms, and mobilise the geomorphological community in general. Any geomorphology-themed activities held during this week can be declared a part of the International Geomorphology Week.

The first International Geomorphology Week was held in 2020 and despite the Covid-19 pandemic successful initiatives took place, including the Intensive Programme for the Young Geomorphologists of India (see: <a href="http://www.geomorph.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IGI-YGF-Training-Programme-2020-Circular.pdf">http://www.geomorph.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/IGI-YGF-Training-Programme-2020-Circular.pdf</a>).

For International Geomorphology Week 2021 the IAG will be organising regional geomorphology webinars, so please watch out for future announcements!

We are also keen for IAG National Scientific Members and Working Groups, academic institutions and research teams to organise their own events in 2021. We encourage initiatives around the theme of Women in Geomorphology, because in 2021 International Women's Day falls within International Geomorphology Week. The type of events can be diverse (conferences, meetings, lectures, round tables, intensive courses, etc.). So, please get in touch with us and start planning your 2021 event now (internationalgeomorphologyweek2021@geomorph.org)! We aim to make this week a focus for the geomorphological community, so all ideas and initiatives are very welcome.

#### IAG auspices for the first GeoNorth and GeoNor Conference

The IAG was pleased to provide its auspices for the first GeoNorth and GeoNor Conference, which was held virtually on 1-2 October 2020.



The theme was "Geomorphology and Geomorphological Research in the Nordic Countries". The conference had varied and exciting scientific talks with 41 scientists and students from 17 different countries. The event was characterised by lively discussions and a very positive and welcoming atmosphere. The published abstract volume can be found here.

#### **World Geomorphological Landscapes / Hot off the press**

The IAG is pleased to announce the latest additions to the IAG-endorsed Springer book series "World Geomorphological Landscapes":

- Vol. 22: Beylich A.A. (Ed) 2021: Landscapes and Landforms of Norway.
- Vol. 21: Reynard, E. (Ed) 2021: Landscapes and Landforms of Switzerland.
- Vol. 20: Vieira G., Zêzere J., Mora C. (Eds) 2020. Landscapes and Landforms of Portugal.
- Vol. 19: Goudie A., Migoń P. (Eds) 2020. Landscapes and Landforms of England and Wales.
- Vol. 18: Slaymaker O., Catto N. (Eds) 2020. Landscapes and Landforms of Eastern Canada.

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All books are available via: <a href="https://www.springer.com/series/10852?detailsPage=titles">https://www.springer.com/series/10852?detailsPage=titles</a>

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#### IAG auspices for the Conference on "The role of Geomorphology in Modern Society"



The Hellenic Committee for Geomorphology Consider Society of Crosses

Allelenic Committee for and Environment of the Geological Society of Greece is organizing an online one-day Conference on 16 December 2020. Among the main goals of the Conference are:

- to present and discuss the results of modern research in all topics of geomorphology;
- the application of new innovative techniques and methods in geomorphological research;
- to assess and predict the future landscape evolution in the light of climate change;
- to reveal the role of geomorphology in modern times and to enhance its contribution to the prevention, preparedness and adaptation of societies to natural hazards and disasters;
- to activate young geomorphologists and encourage cooperation among them.

The scientific program of the Workshop will include online oral and poster presentations. Participation in the Workshop is free and there is no limit to the number of abstracts each author may submit. Detailed information can be found here.

#### **AGU Fall Meeting 2020**

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The AGU2020 Fall Meeting will be one of the world's largest virtual scientific conferences, with

exciting programming and events. This years Fall Meeting is scheduled for 1-17 December to accommodate over a thousand hours of virtual content to minimize conflicts while maximizing global engagement. Scientific program content will be available on-demand, with pre-recorded oral presentations and virtual posters available for attendees to view and peruse outside of the scheduled live Q&A sessions during the meeting. Registration is now open!

#### Latest news from IAG Working Group on **Connectivity in Geomorphology**

Due to the great success of part I, the IAG Working Group on Connectivity in Geomorphology is organizing another virtual "mini conference", called "Connectivity Conversations II" on 26 November 2020 (15:00 - ca. 18:00 CET). If you are interested to participate and/or give a short presentation on a connectivity topic of your choice, please send an email/abstract until 12 November 2020 to: ronald.poeppl@univie.ac.at or a.j.parsons@sheffield.ac.uk.

#### **Landscapes Live / Online Seminars in** Geomorphology

look at the organiser's website.

#### EGU 2021/vEGU21: Sessions organized by IAG Working Groups and co-sponsored by IAG

The deadline for abstract submission is 13 January 2021 (see here/#vEGU21).



GM 1.3: Visages of geodiversity: time-spatial scales, uncertainty of assessments, promotional activities GM 4.13: Denudational hillslope and fluvial processes, sourceto-sink fluxes and sedimentary budgets under changing climate, anthropogenic impacts and other disturbances

GM 4.16: (Dis)connectivity in hydro-geomorphic systems: emerging concepts and their applications

GM 5.2: Advancing theory and modelling of river systems

GM 6.3: Submarine geomorphology

GM 11.1: Planetary Geomorphology

NH 9.7: Vulnerability, loss and damage modelling of the built environment

GM 12.8: Visages of Geoheritage

#### Latest news from IAG Working Group on **Tropical Rivers**

The Working Group published a Virtual Special Issue in the journal Geomorphology under the title "Geomorphology of fluvial systems: focus on tropical rivers". The issue is edited by Rajiv Sinha and Edgardo Latrubesse and includes several papers presented during the International Conference on Geomorphology (ICG) held in New Delhi in November 2017. The complete issue can be accessed here.



#### Latest news from IAG Working Group DENUCHANGE



#### **Activities of IAG National Scientific Members**

The IAG National Scientific Members (NSM) are running a wide range of different activities and events. Detailed information on current and future actions of the IAG NSMs can be found at their individual websites which can be accessed through:

http://www.geomorph.org/national-scientific-members/







