



IAG HIGHLIGHTS



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International Association of Geomorphologists IAG

IAG Council meeting

The Council of the International Association of Geomorphologists, comprised of its National Scientific Members (NSMs) convened virtually on 19 January 2021. 48 colleagues were in attendance with 35 NSMs who casted votes. Three important decisions were taken:

1. The Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Mashhad, Iran will be rescheduled to Spring 2022,
2. The International Conference on Geomorphology in Coimbra, Portugal will now be held on 12-16 September 2022,
3. The Executive Committee's term will be extended to allow elections to be held in person at the ICG in September 2022.

As a consequence the IAG's working group terms will be extended to the ICG in September 2022. After this date the four-year cycle will be re-established with the next ICG being held in 2026.

IAG auspices for virtual lectures on Geomorphology in Patagonia & Argentina



The first cycle of virtual events will start on 8 April 2021 and will comprise four lectures that will highlight different aspects of the geological, geomorphological, paleoclimatic and paleoenvironmental characteristics of Patagonia and other regions of Argentina. The aim is to discuss the present state of different natural systems, their possible evolution in the future and possible climatic impacts. The lectures will be given in Spanish by Dr. Jorge Rabassa, member of the Argentine Association of Geomorphology and Quaternary Studies (AACYG). The registration link can be found [here](#).

IAG auspices for developing the Chilean Association of Geomorphology

The IAG was pleased to provide its auspices for the first meeting on developing the Chilean Association of Geomorphology with the major goal to elect a board of directors and to progress with a work plan to become an IAG NSM. 30 people participated in the virtual and live-streamed meeting on 17 December 2020. You can access a recording of the meeting at this [link](#).

New IAG National Scientific Members

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

- the *Bangladesh National Geographical Association* was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of **Bangladesh**, and
- the *Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts, University of ThiQar* was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of **Iraq**.

All current IAG National Scientific Members are listed [here](#).

International Geomorphology Week 2021

From 1-7 March 2021 the International Geomorphology Week was celebrated for the second time. We are deeply impressed by the common consent and the high level of activity throughout the entire week. The aim of the International Geomorphology Week is to promote geomorphology in all its forms, and mobilise the geomorphological community. In cooperation with our National Scientific Members the listed 11 regional webinars have been organized by the IAG. In total, 84 speakers from 48 different countries have been invited to give a scientific presentation with the aim to highlight new talents and emerging themes across the geomorphological community.

A number of supplementary great events took place during and around the International Geomorphology Week 2021 including the Young Geomorphologists meeting, organised by the *Italian Young Geomorphologists Group*. The full day programme included 12 short presentations of Young Geomorphologists Groups world-

wide and seven scientific talks, followed by lively discussions. A complete overview of all events is listed [here](#).

Short summary of IAG Regional Webinars and their coordinators:

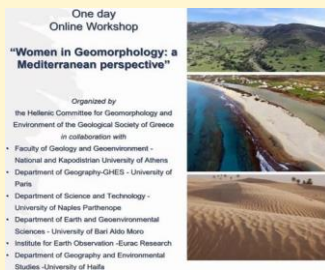
- **South & West Asia** (*Sunil Kumar De, Adel Sepehr*)
- **Iberia** (*Gloria Desir, Adélia Nunes*)
- **Central & Western Europe** (*Emmanuel Reynard*)
- **Africa** (*Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum*)
- **Western Europe & British Isles** (*Susan Conway, Mauro Soldati*)
- **Northern Europe** (*Katja Laute, Achim A. Beylich*)
- **Australia & New Zealand** (*Susan Conway, Ian Rutherford*)
- **South & Central America** (*Andrea Coronato, Grace Alves*)
- **Central-Eastern Europe** (*Piotr Migoń, Konstantinos Vouvalidis, Mihai Micu*)
- **North America & Costa Rica** (*Allan James, Jan Franssen, Adolfo Quesada-Román, Louis Scuderi, Susan Conway, Marisa C. Palucis*)
- **East & South East Asia** (*Takashi Oguchi, Kay Thwe Hlaing*)



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Women in Geomorphology / International Women's Day 2021

The Hellenic Committee for Geomorphology and Environment of the Geological Society of Greece under the auspices of IAG organized a virtual workshop on 8 March 2021 around the theme "Women in Geomorphology: a Mediterranean perspective". The programme included 17 oral presentations from invited speakers around the Mediterranean followed by a round table including scientific discussions and sharing experiences. The main aim of this event was to honour women geomorphologists in the Mediterranean and to establish a scientific discussion and collaboration among them.



Brazilian women's week in Geomorphology

A splendid initiative took place in Brazil in connection with the International Women's Day. From 8-10 March 2021 three virtual round tables were held to discuss the important role of female geomorphologists in promoting geomorphology in Latin America.



BSG webinar events for undergraduates and postgraduates

This spring the British Society for Geomorphology Postgraduate Forum has successfully organised a series of three webinars for undergraduates and postgraduates interested in pursuing a career in geomorphology or looking for a chance to network. The webinars covered topics on thesis writing, publishing papers, applying for grants, creating a work-life balance, and on how to find a job in academia and/or professional geomorphology. Recordings will be available online soon.



Promoting Geodiversity Workshop

A special kick-off event is organized on 16 April 2021 related to the process of approval of the International Day of Geodiversity by the UNESCO. The free online workshop will explore how to use such a Day to promote public and policy engagement. For more information, and to register, please see the website [here](https://www.igagig.org/).



Obituary for Prof. M.K. Bandyopadhyay

The Indian geomorphologists community sadly says goodbye to Prof. Manotosh Kumar Bandyopadhyay who passed away on 10 October 2020. Please read the entire obituary [here](https://www.igagig.org/).

Latest news from IAG Working Groups

- The IAG *Rocky Coast* WG is pleased to announce a Special Issue in *Marine Geology* on the topic Geomorphology of Rock Coasts. More information on the SI can be found [here](https://www.igagig.org/).
- The IAG WG on *Connectivity in Geomorphology* has held its third virtual Mini conference "Connectivity Conversations III" on 21 January 2021. 60 participants followed an exciting program comprising eight scientific talks on connectivity topics in Geomorphology and across disciplines.
- Within the framework of the International Geomorphology Week 2021 the IAG WG *DENUCHANGE* organised a "Virtual Round Table" including public discussions on the preparation of *DENUCHANGE* key synthesis and review papers on 4 March. 23 colleagues from 12 different countries participated in the lively discussions.

- The IAG WG on *Urban Geomorphology* has recently published a new volume on the Urban Geomorphology of Palermo: Agnesi V., 2021. *La Geomorfologia di Palermo*. La Sapienza Ed. in: *Geomorfologia urbana*, n. 24. pp. 192. ISBN 9788893771689, [book link](https://www.igagig.org/).
- The IAG WG on *Landform Assessment for Geodiversity* together with the Association of Polish Geomorphologists organized a scientific session with 469 participants on the morphological landscapes of Polish geoparks. The event on 4 March 2021 was part of the International Geomorphology Week and emphasized the great diversity of the morphology of geoparks in Poland and the urgent need to proclaim a national committee for geoparks.

