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First of all, we would like to thank you all for the trust upon us. In the following we list the activities of our group for the period 2019-2020:

1. We organized and held the Scientific Session “Geomorphological Hazards and Risk” during the Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Athens, 19-21 September 2019 together with Takashi Oguchi representing the IUGS Task Group on GeoHazards. In this conference, we evaluated more than 30 papers.

31 papers were presented in the oral sessions on September 19 and 20. The sessions were coordinated by Bianca Vieira, Mihai Micu (Fig 1A), Helene Petschko, and Takashi Oguchi, (Fig. 1B). All works were presented within the given time and throughout all sessions, we posted information and photos on our social media.

Fig. 1 (A) Session coordinated by Bianca Vieira and Mihai Micu e (B) Session coordinated by Helene Petschko and Takashi Oguchi.

On October 11, 2019, we sent an email to all 43 authors who presented their papers at the Regional Conference in Athens, inviting them to inform us about their interest in participating in the special issue. We received positive responses with a total of proposed 15 papers. Thus, a proposal was prepared and sent to Geomorphology Journal on November 19. After exchanging additional information, the proposal was accepted on February 11 2020.

The initial deadline for publication was set in July 2020. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we chose to extend the deadline (October 2020), since the authors have had several difficulties in organizing their research and finalizing their manuscripts.

3. We were invited and planning to contribute to the 3rd IAG-EGU Intensive Course on "Geomorphology of Natural Hazards in Mediterranean Areas: from Field Survey to Risk
Assessment" (Calabria, Italy) as part of the program committee and lecturers. This Intensive Course was approved for funding by the EGU which we considered a great success. As it was planned for the end of September 2020 it had to be postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

4. We have been promoting activities and themes of the WG using social media:

https://twitter.com/iag_hazards: 148 followers
IAG_hazards (Instagram): 79 followers
https://www.facebook.com/IAGeomhaz: 403 followers

5. We will participate in the organization of Thematic Session “Geomorphological Hazards and Risk Management” on the 10th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology, which will be held at the University of Coimbra - Portugal (6-10 September 2021).


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