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Last September, I had the opportunity to participate in the 2nd IAG-EGU Intensive Course in Athens, Greece, just after the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology with the theme of Coastal Geomorphology of Climatically and Tectonically sensitive areas. As a young geomorphologist (Fig. 1), this regional conference was essential to enrich and to exchange knowledge and experiences as well as to develop international networking with other researchers. At that time, with Prof. Muh Aris Marfai (previous IAG grant holders), we asked the Council members of IAG to accept Indonesia as a national scientific member (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1. IAG grant holders 2019.



Fig. 2. Prof Marfai with the Council members.



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During the conference, all the keynote speakers present interesting topics and gave me, personally, new perspectives and ideas for future research. I also made a communication oral related to paleo-tsunami on the west coast of Sumbawa, Indonesia. Due to this conference, I have earned lots of experience in coastal geomorphology as well as fruitful insight about Greece since this is my first time going to Athens.

The course lasted six days, from 22 to 27 September 2019, in a friendly environment. This course is my second IAG course after the first one in Delhi in 2017. Athens's intensive course is focused on coastal areas. That's why I am very enthusiastic about participating in this course since my research focuses on coastal geomorphology as well as risk and disaster management in coastal areas. The host, from the Harokopio University of Athens, is accommodating and well prepared. Furthermore, the participants are also adorable and friendly. I've already met some participants in Delhi in 2017 and have connections with others, so it is not so difficult to blend with them during the course (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4). Even though I've got some technical problems in the hotel, but the course, in general, was well organized with lots of activities. Overall, I am delighted and got an enjoyable experience during the conferences and the intensive course.



Fig. 3. Delhi alumni.



Fig. 4. Dinner with other participants.

