

# IAG HIGHLIGHTS



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## Resolutions of the latest IAG Executive Committee Meeting

On 22 November 2021 the IAG Executive Committee convened virtually. The following important decisions were taken:

- The IAG National Scientific Members will receive notification from the IAG Secretariat about the procedure and deadlines for nominations for the positions of members of the Executive Committee 2022-2026 (procedure details can be found [here](#));
- Bids for the next IAG Regional and International Conferences are open (to be received at least three months in advance of the IAG ICG in Coimbra, Portugal; more details are found at the IAG website [here](#));
- In agreement with the local Organizing Committee the IAG RCG in Mashhad, Iran will not be held in spring 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. An IAG Council will be called during the first trimester of 2022 in order to discuss the postponement to after the IAG ICG in Coimbra, Portugal in September 2022;
- 15000 EUR have been allocated by the Executive Committee to the IAG Training Programme during the IAG ICG in Coimbra, Portugal.

## International Geomorphology Week 2022

The IAG is pleased to launch the International Geomorphology Week 2022 from 28 February to 4th March (#IntGeomorphWeek2022)!

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

We are pleased to announce that due to the success of the IAG webinars for the International Geomorphology Week 2021, we are organising another series of webinars for 2022. More information as it becomes available will be posted here: <http://www.geomorph.org/international-geomorphology-week-2022>. Please join us for one or more of the IAG's regional webinars and save the date now. Registration will open in January 2022:

- Monday 28 February 09:00 CET Africa
- Monday 28 February 14:00 CET Central-Eastern Europe
- Tuesday 1st March 18:00 CET North America
- Wednesday 2nd March 01:00 CET East/Southeast Asia and Oceania
- Wednesday 2nd March 10:00 CET Malta, Iberia and Italy
- Wednesday 2nd March 13:00 CET South and Central America
- Thursday 3rd March 07:30 CET South and West Asia
- Thursday 3rd March 14:00 CET Central and Western Europe
- Friday 4th March 09:00 CET Northern Europe

We would like to encourage IAG National Scientific Members and Working Groups, academic institutions and research teams to organise your own events during the International Geomorphology Week 2022. Please get in touch with us and start planning your 2022 event now.

## 10th IAG ICG Coimbra, Portugal 2022



The 10th International Conference of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) will take place in Coimbra (Portugal) from 12 to 16 September 2022, under the theme "Geomorphology and Global Change". The conference offers 25 thematic sessions and 12 excursions to choose from. Abstract submission will be open from 14 January to 14 March 2022. For latest information and important dates please have a look at the ICG 2022 [website](#).

## International Geodiversity Day – 6 October A great opportunity to raise awareness of geosciences



On 23 November 2021 the International Geodiversity Day (IGD) was established by the 41st session of the UNESCO General Conference that was held in Paris. The 6th of October will be an annual worldwide celebration, raising awareness across society about the importance of non-living nature for the well-being and prosperity of all living beings on the planet! One of the initiators of the establishment of the IGD was the IAG's Working Group on [Landform Assessment for Geodiversity](#). The success of this initiative was in no small part due to the breadth of international and national organisations that endorsed the proposal. All information can be found on [geodiversityday.org](http://geodiversityday.org).

## IAG auspices for the Second Women in Geomorphology Workshop 2022

The IAG is glad to promote the second "Women in Geomorphology Workshop" that will take place on 8 March 2022. This event is organised by the Greek IAG National Scientific Member, the Hellenic Committee for Geomorphology and Environment and is inspired by the International Women's Day. More information and registration can be found on the website of the Hellenic Committee for Geomorphology and Environment or [here](#).



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## Second Intensive Training Program of the Indian Young Geomorphologists Forum

The Young Geomorphologists Forum (YGF) of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI) organised its second Intensive Training Program for Young Geomorphologists. This event was held online on 1-2 November 2021, comprising eight courses divided into four technical sessions covering various topics like Paleoclimate, Geochronology or Natural Hazards. The event was attended by 240 Young Geomorphologists. A report on the event can be found [here](#).

## First Cameroonian Conference on Geomorphology



The [Cameroonian Association of Geomorphologists](#) organised its first conference on 17 December 2021. The virtual event focused on the theme “*Landscapes and Landforms of Cameroon*” and comprised five scientific sessions covering different topics including fluvial basins, human impact, volcanic landscapes and natural hazards. For the conference program look [here](#).

## IAG Grants for the Youth Symposium “Geomorphology in Quaternary Research”

The Inqua Peribaltic Working Group (PWG) and the Polish Association of Geomorphologists together with the IAG are supporting the organisation of the first PWG Youth Symposium on the topic of “*Geomorphology in Quaternary Research*”. The Symposium will take place from 28 June to 1 July 2022. The IAG allocates two grants of 300 Euros to favour the in-person participation of Young Geomorphologists at this event. For more information see [here](#).

## IAG auspices for the I.S. Rivers Conference 2022



The IAG is pleased to provide its auspices for the 4th International Conference “Integrative Sciences Rivers” (I.S. Rivers), which will be held from 4 to 8 July 2022 in Lyon, France. The conference focuses on research and actions for the sustainable development of natural and anthropogenically modified river systems. Registration will open in March 2022. More information is available [here](#).

## Establishment of the German Society for Geomorphology

The IAG is pleased to announce that the German National Scientific Member has during the MGM 2021 conference in November 2021 officially transformed the AK Geomorphologie to the German Society for Geomorphology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geomorphologie – DGGM).



## EGU 2022: Sessions organized by IAG Working Groups and co-sponsored by IAG

The deadline for abstract submission is 12 January 2022 (see [here](#)/#EGU22).



GM3.4 (Dis)connectivity in hydro-geomorphic systems: emerging concepts and their applications  
GM4.1 Hillslope and fluvial processes and associated source-to-sink fluxes and sedimentary budgets under changing climate and anthropogenic impacts  
GM4.5 Geodiversity and Geosystem Services of Drainage Basins: from Assessment to Enhancement  
GM6.10 Submarine geomorphology  
GM11.1 Planetary Geomorphology

## Latest IAG Working Group activities

The Working Groups [DENUCHANGE](#) and [Badlands](#) organised public scientific webinars on 13 October and 29 November 2021 presenting latest scientific activities and research. The programs of both webinars can be found on the IAG [website](#).

## Obituary for Professor Leszek Starkel

Polish and international geomorphologists sadly say goodbye to Prof. Leszek Starkel who passed away on 6 November 2021. He will be missed very much but his contribution to geomorphology will stay with us. Please read the entire obituary [here](#).

## International Conference on Seafloor Landforms, Processes and Evolution 2022

The organisers of the International Conference on Seafloor Landforms, Processes and Evolution are pleased to announce that the deadline for abstract submission is extended to 28 January 2022. The conference will be held from 4 to 6 July 2022 in Valletta, Malta. For details see [here](#).

## 13th Brazilian Symposium of Geomorphology



The 13th Brazilian Symposium of Geomorphology, organized by the Brazilian Geomorphological Union (UGB) and the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF) took place as a virtual event from 15 to 19 November 2021 including keynote lectures, round table discussions and mini scientific courses.

## ANZGG Big Geomorphology Webinar Series

The Australian and New Zealand Geomorphology Group has organised a series of online webinars that cover advances in big themes and ideas in geomorphology in the context of contemporary climate change. Recordings can be found [here](#).

