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Report on the Windsor Postgraduate Workshop 2021

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The Windsor Postgraduate Workshop, organized by the British Society for Geomorphology, was held December 6-9, 2021, at the fabulous royal residence Cumberland Lodge in Great Windsor Park. Despite the COVID -19 pandemic, difficult travel, and mandatory self-quarantine, nine of us young geomorphologists gathered for the workshop. In addition to the seven PhD students from UK universities, Marta from Italy and I (Marin) from Zagreb attended as fellows of the IAG.

Upon our arrival, we were welcomed by Dr. Lucy Clark, Dr. Thomas Coulthard, and Dr. John Wainwright, the workshop leaders. They introduced us to the schedule and main objectives of the workshop. We introduced each other to our PhD thesis titles and main methods. There were brilliant PhD projects in coastal, glacial, fluvial geomorphology, landslides, and pyroclastic density flow. We attended several lectures, including philosophy and geomorphology and REF / TEF /academic-career. We also had a group meeting where we had to create a PhD project plan and present it and discuss in front of the other participants and mentors. During this task, we practiced our organization and planning skills. Furthermore, Sam, a former Windsor Postgraduate Workshop participant, described his PhD experience, methods, influence of COVID-19 pandemic on his work, solutions, etc. Over the next few days, we modeled and programmed some geomorphic processes using various programs that were very useful and applicable to our PhD projects. We also talked about non-academic careers. Mattie from the UK Environmental Agency talked about opportunities for geomorphologists in non-academic companies or government agencies and explained the importance of the role of geomorphologists in society. On the last day, we discussed about writing and publishing scientific papers. Tom and John explained us the importance of choosing right journal, planning the work, innovative methods and reference.

Aside from the knowledge, skills, and experience we gained at the workshop, we had the opportunity to make new contacts, build friendships, and share ideas and plans. Every coffee/tea break or meeting in the lodge bar was the perfect opportunity to get to know each other better and talk about PhD projects, experiences, difficulties, solutions, etc. We all kept in touch and hope to meet again at other geomorphology meetings. I would like to thank the IAG for supporting my participation with the travel grant and all the BSG organizers for organizing such a perfect workshop. I highly recommend this workshop to all interested geomorphologists.

