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## IAG Executive Committee Meeting (virtual meeting)

Monday, 21 November 2022, 12:00-15:55 CET (UTC+1)

## EC Meeting Minutes

### 1. Welcome (Sunil Kumar De)

The President welcomed all IAG EC Members to the First Full IAG EC Meeting and, at the same time, he thanked all EC Members for their valuable work for fulfilling missions of the IAG since our inception in September 2022.

He has divided the responsibilities among the EC Members to carry forward the activities of the IAG as per the Article 4 of the IAG Constitution:

- Establishing relationships with international scientific and governmental organizations through the signing of agreements, memoranda of understanding etc. including International Geomorphology Week and International Geodiversity Day – Takashi Oguchi (Support from Mihai Micu, Andrea Coronato, Katja Laute and Susan Conway)
- Cooperating with national and international organizations whose objectives are complementary to those of the IAG - Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum, Narges Kariminejad, Tim Beach (Support from all EC Members)
- Establishing and maintaining contact with the National Scientific Members of the Association - Mihai Micu (Support from all EC Members)
- Holding an International Conference on Geomorphology every four years and, at least, one Regional Conference between consecutive international conferences – Sam McColl, Cengiz Yildirim
- Stimulating the establishment of Working Groups and supporting their scientific activities - Andrea Coronato (Support from Francisco Gutierrez and Susan Conway)
- Encouraging and supporting the production of publications on geomorphology, including books and monographs, as well as special issues in international journals – Katja Laute



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- g. Organizing or supporting meetings, workshops, intensive courses, field programmes and other appropriate events to promote geomorphological research and train geomorphologists - Efthimios Karymbalis, Anita Bernatek-Jakiel
  - h. Encouraging and publicizing the activities of the IAG and the linked organizations through the website, social networks, mailing lists or other appropriate means - Susan Conway
- 2. Overview of presence and absence (Achim A. Beylich)**
- EC Members being present during the EC Meeting: Sunil Kumar De (India), Andrea Coronato (Argentina), Mihai Micu (Romania), Takashi Oguchi (Japan), Achim A. Beylich (Norway), Francisco Gutiérrez (Spain), Katja Laute (Norway), Anita Bernatek-Jakiel (Poland), Narges Kariminejad (Iran), Efthimios Karymbalis (Greece), Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum (Cameroon), Sam McColl (New Zealand), Cengiz Yildirim (Turkiye); EC Members being absent during the EC Meeting: Timothy Beach (USA), Susan Conway (France)
- 3. Short self-introduction of all EC members (All)**
- All present IAG EC Members introduced themselves briefly.
- 4. Timing of the IAG ICG 2026 in Christchurch, New Zealand (Samuel McColl)**
- Samuel McColl informed the EC Members about the weather conditions, availability of the venue, expected number of participants and tentative registration fees during the 11<sup>th</sup> ICG organization in Christchurch, New Zealand in 2026. After thorough discussion about the timing of the 11<sup>th</sup> ICG in Christchurch, New Zealand, considering all the aforementioned points, it is resolved that the conference will be held during the first half of February 2026 (either during the week 2-6 February 2026 or during the week 9-13 February 2026). It is also resolved that the ICG 2026 Local Organizing Committee will finally decide the actual dates of the conference and field trips.
- 5. Duration of the IAG EC term 2022-2026 and timing of the transition to the IAG EC term 2026-2030 (Sunil Kumar De)**
- As per Article 2 of Chapter II of the Constitution, the tenure of the EC is for four years. Since the 11<sup>th</sup> ICG is going to be held in the southern hemisphere in the first half of February 2026, the members of the EC unanimously decided that all the election formalities of the IAG will be completed during the conference, but the charge will be handed over in the first week of September 2026 through a virtual Council meeting. To conduct the election processes smoothly, the following time schedule has been decided by the EC:
- Election Notification: First week of April 2025,  
Nomination submission: 30 November 2025,  
Declaration of valid candidates for different positions: 15 December 2025.
- 6. Update on the IAG RCG in Cappadocia, Turkiye, September 2023 (Cengiz Yildirim)**
- Cengiz Yildirim informed the EC about the status of the planning of the RCG2023, 12-14 September 2023, Cappadocia, Turkiye including travel, accessibility, estimated costs and conference fees, invited keynote speakers, preliminary list of sessions, training courses and field excursions. All preliminary information of the RCG is available at the initial conference website at <https://www.rcg2023.info>. After a thorough discussion regarding different issues of the RCG, the EC suggested Cengiz Yildirim, Convener of the RCG, to



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reduce the conference registration fees, to modify the list of sessions (to include also a regional focus/component of the conference), and to request the IAG Working Groups for proposing conference sessions. The list of conference sessions should be further discussed by the IAG EC after having received session proposals from IAG Working Groups. Session convener teams should be compiled by the lead conveners of the respective conference sessions. The conference organisers will take into consideration all comments received from the EC Members and will get back with updated information on the conference planning.

7. **Young Geomorphologists (Sunil Kumar De)** (including (i) Request for IAG travel grants for the “PYRN days” during the upcoming IPA 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Permafrost (EUCOP 2023), 18-22 June 2023, Puigcerdà, Spain, (ii) Request for two IAG travel grants for Young Geomorphologists for the Third IAG WG DENUCHANGE Workshop, Haifa, Israel, 13-16 March 2023, and (iii) Request for grants and IAG auspices for the Joint Swiss-Italian-French Young Geomorphologists Meeting, 9-11 June 2023, Mt. Blanc, France (Efthimios Karymbalis, Anita Bernatek-Jakiel))

The President appraised the EC Members regarding the formation of Evaluation Committees for selecting the IAG Grant holders, and the following decisions have been made:

- a. Convener of the Workshop/Conference, EC Members responsible for IAG Training Programmes (Efthimios Karymbalis, Anita Bernatek-Jakiel) and the President (Sunil Kumar De) of the IAG should not be part of any evaluation committee because they are co-ordinating the whole process.
- b. Members of the evaluation committee should be selected from different continents: The number of evaluators to be involved in the assessment of grant application should be: small-scale events/Windsor – 2, grants to Regional Conferences – 3, International Conferences – 5; other issues: if identical scores, the grant goes to the youngest applicant.
- c. IAG Training Officers (Efthimios Karymbalis, Anita Bernatek-Jakiel) will prepare the list of members and will get approval from the President. After that, they will seek opinion of the evaluation committee members for their availability and accordingly will inform the EC Members. The whole process should be as much transparent as possible.

The three different requests for IAG grants were discussed by the EC Members: After thorough discussion it is decided that all proposers should provide more detailed information on their respective events.

It is provisionally decided that IAG will provide two travel grants of 350 Euro each (except YG from Spain) for the PYRN days during the upcoming IPA 6<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Permafrost (EUCOP 2023), 18-22 June 2023, Puigcerdà, Spain, and two travel grants of 450 Euro each for the IAG DENUCHANGE Workshop, 13-16 March 2023, Haifa, Israel (except YG from Israel). Before formally confirming these grants for Young Geomorphologists participating in these events, the organizers of EUCOP 2023 should provide more information to the IAG on waiving of conference registration fees for young geomorphologists, and the organizers of the third IAG WG DENUCHANGE Workshop should provide more information on the possible development of young geomorphologists activities (e.g., formation of a national young geomorphologists group) in Israel.



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Regarding the Joint Swiss-Italian-French Young Geomorphologists Meeting, 9-11 June 2023, Mt. Blanc, France, the EC has decided to provide the auspices of the IAG. Before taking a final decision on travel grants for this event, the organizers will be requested to provide more detailed information to the IAG on the proposed event. Preference will be given to the candidates from countries without existing young geomorphologists groups.

## **8. Map with spatial and global distribution of IAG NSMs (Mihai Micu)**

A frequently updated world map with the global distribution of the IAG NSMs and the current IAG EC Members was presented. The ongoing process of further expanding the current number of IAG NSMs was discussed.

## **9. IAG Regional Webinars during the International Geomorphology Week 2023; division of regions, timing of the International Geomorphology Week, March 2023 (Takashi Oguchi)**

It is decided that the International Geomorphology Week 2023 will take place during 1-7 March 2023. The Webinar on 'Women in Geomorphology' will be included, as before, in addition to the various IAG Regional Webinars. It was decided that the division of geographical regions for the various IAG Regional Webinars will be as follows: Oceania, East and Southeast Asia, South and West Asia, Northern Europe, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, Africa, North America, South and Central America

## **10. Report on IAG Working Groups, newly proposed Working Group report form to be discussed and approved: <https://forms.gle/yiMusVBM13HkuD5v9> (Andrea Coronato)**

The following updates and activities related to IAG Working Groups are reported: (i) Approval letters for all continuing and new IAG WGs have been sent to the WG Chairs or WG Secretaries, except for the WG DYNAGEOZONES "Dynamic geodiversity of critical zones in mountain and polar regions: from Nature to Culture". They have been requested to shorten the name of this WG before final approval (as decided during the IAG Council Meeting in September in Coimbra, IAG ICG 2022), (ii) Two WGs have changed their Chairmen and Secretary: Tectonic Geomorphology (newly appointed Chairmen: Giandomenico Fubelli, Italy; Konstantinos Tsanakas, Greece; newly appointed Secretary: Andy Howell, New Zealand), DENUCHANGE (newly appointed Chair: Zbigniew Zwoliński, Poland; newly appointed Co-Chair: Nurit Shtober-Zisu, Israel; newly appointed Secretary: Eliza Placzowska, Poland), (iii) Information on IAG WGs at the IAG website has been updated, (iv) IAG WG activities: Call for DENUCHANGE Workshop 2023 in Haifa, Israel, March 13-16, 2023. <https://denuchange.wixsite.com/denuchange2023>; Expression of intend of the WG IAGeomhaz to organize a meeting during the International Geological Conference to be held in Korea in 2024.

New format for IAG WG annual reports: A google doc format for the IAG WG annual reports is prepared by Susan Conway and Meven Philippe (see link above). The purpose and advantage of this newly developed report form for IAG WG annual reports are to facilitate their preparation and their publication on the IAG website. The newly developed report form was presented by Andrea Coronato, and discussed and approved by the IAG EC Members.



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## **11. The First 100 Geological Heritage Sites (IUGS) and discussion/confirmation of the IAG Global Geosite Committee that was established in January 2022 (Sunil Kumar De)**

The IAG EC thanked the Global Geosites Committee led by Piotr Migoń and composed of the other members Paola Coratza, Emmanuel Reynard, Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum and Zbigniew Zwoliński, for their efforts for having four Geosites approved in the IUGS Geological Heritage Sites, out of which three have been included in the first list and one will be included in the next list.

The EC Members, in principle, agreed to keep the former IAG Global Geosites Committee, provided the Committee should be enlarged, incorporating members from all continents. The President is requested to contact the Convener of the IAG Global Geosites Committee, Piotr Migoń, regarding this issue. After receiving the names of possible additional members from him, the EC will decide for the final approval of the Committee during the next EC Meeting in April 2023.

## **12. Contact of IAG with scientific publishers and journals (Achim A. Beylich)**

IAG has existing contacts with various publishers and scientific journals, also resulting in (i) various journal special issues related to IAG conferences (e.g., eight expected special issues to the journal *Geomorphology* (Elsevier) arising from the IAG ICG in Coimbra, Portugal), and in (ii) the existing book series on World Geomorphological Landscapes (Springer). The existing contact and support to the diamond open access journal *Geomorphica* will be continued.

## **13. Reimbursement of expenses (Sunil Kumar De)**

The EC approved the following decisions regarding reimbursements of expenses:

- a. For active physical participation: in the EC meeting in Vienna 2023, the Regional Conferences (Turkiye 2023 and Romania 2025), and the International Conference (New Zealand 2026) defined costs may be reimbursed (accommodation cost for the actual days of the conference) for all EC Members (including co-opted members) in relation to their expected contribution at each EC meeting.
- b. As per tradition, the President and one Vice President are eligible for any IAG activities during the International Conferences of allied organizations. In case of IGC and IGU (Korea and Ireland), instead of one Vice President reimbursement for two Vice Presidents will be considered, provided the title of their sessions in those Conferences should begin with 'IAG Session on....' or 'IAG sponsored/proposed session'.
- c. One reimbursement each for IAG Committees of DDE and Global Geosites during any International Conference.
- d. In any other extraordinary situation, the President will consider the reimbursement as per the constitution.

## **14. Report on the scientific sessions at EGU 2023, 23-28 April 2023, Vienna, co-sponsored by IAG (Achim A. Beylich)**

Four planned conference sessions co-sponsored by IAG are included in the provisional geomorphology programme of the EGU General Assembly in Vienna, Austria, 23-28 April 2023: GM4.2 Denudational hillslope and fluvial processes and associated source-to-sink fluxes under changing climate and increasing anthropogenic impacts, GM4.4 (Dis)connectivity in landscape systems: emerging concepts and their applications, GM6.3



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Submarine Geomorphology, and GM7.2 Dynamic geodiversity of critical zones in mountain and polar regions; from landform assessment to scenarios interpretation.

**15. IAG EC meeting during EGU 2023, 23-28 April 2023, Vienna (Achim A. Beylich)**

A hybrid IAG EC Meeting will be held during the EGU General Assembly in Vienna, Austria, 23-28 April 2023 (the exact day for this meeting needs to be decided in December 2022). During the EGU Geomorphology Division business meeting, IAG shall, as in the previous years, have a time slot of at least 10 minutes available for presenting information on IAG and IAG activities. The IAG Secretary General will get in contact with the present and the incoming EGU Geomorphology Division Presidents regarding these points.

**16. Any other business**

Since two IAG EC Members (Takashi Oguchi - Vice President and Susan Conway - Co-opted Member) are going to participate in the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Congress in December 2022, the EC requests them to get in touch with Timothy Beach (IAG Co-opted Member) to find out the possibilities of signing the MoU with the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and of a Joint Congress with the Binghampton Geomorphology Symposium.

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Achim A. Beylich

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