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## IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Cappadocia, Türkiye 12–14 September 2023

The Regional Conference on Geomorphology was a great success. The Conference took place from 12 to 14 September in Cappadocia, Türkiye under the theme *Geoheritage and Geodiversity* and was organized by IAG and the Turkish Society for Geomorphology. The conference was hosted by the Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University in Nevşehir. 150 geomorphologists from 25 different countries gathered in the fascinating environment of Cappadocia to enjoy interesting thematic sessions, stimulating lectures, inclusive networking opportunities, exciting excursions and an Intensive Training Course for Young Geomorphologists.



### Conference key facts

- 150 registered delegates
- 25 countries represented
- 14 thematic sessions, partly organised by IAG Working Groups
- 3 keynote lectures
- 104 oral presentations
- 52 poster presentations
- 1 IAG Executive Committee Meeting
- 1 IAG Council Meeting
- Welcome cocktail event and conference dinner
- 1 pre-conference field trip with 29 participants
- 4 post-conference field trips with 100 participants
- Intensive Training Course with 20 participants



### New IAG Grant holders & Intensive Training Course

The IAG allocated 10 grants of in total 6500 Euros to favour and support Young Geomorphologists worldwide (7 from less favoured countries) to attend the Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Cappadocia as well as to take part in the related Intensive Training Course. 20 Young Geomorphologists participated in the two days Intensive Training Course with the main focus on *High Resolution Mapping and Cosmogenic Dating of Fluvial Landforms*. The Intensive Training Course was an extraordinary occasion for Young Geomorphologists, and especially for those from less favoured countries, to increase their knowledge in high resolution mapping and cosmogenic isotopes and to do networking with experienced scientists and early career researchers in an informal and international context.

### Impressions from the conference, excursions and Intensive Training Course



# IAG HIGHLIGHTS

## IAG Executive Committee and Council Meetings during the RCG 2023

On 14 September 2023 the IAG Executive Committee (EC) convened in a hybrid format during the RCG 2023 in Cappadocia. The EC members presented their reports according to their portfolios. The new Special Portfolio Member Florin Tatui being in charge for the organisation of the RCG 2025 in Romania was introduced and welcomed by the EC. Directly after the EC meeting, the Council of the IAG, comprised of its National Scientific Members (NSMs), came together. Two new NSM's from Mali and Burkina Faso and Madagascar as well as the new IAG Working Group Deltas were ratified during the Council meeting after the formal approval of the EC. More information on this new IAG WG will follow soon. A lively discussion was held on the potential revision of the NSMs membership fees with the decision to further investigate and discuss this issue. The minutes of both meetings will be available [here](#).

## New IAG National Scientific Members

The IAG warmly welcomes two new IAG National Scientific Members. It is our pleasure to announce that:

- the *Association of Geomorphologists of Mali and Burkina (AGMB)* was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of **Mali and Burkina Faso**, and
- the *Madagascar Association of Geomorphologists (AGMAD)* was accepted as the IAG National Scientific Member of **Madagascar**.

All current IAG National Scientific Members (NSMs) are listed [here](#).

## IAG Auspices and Grants

The IAG was pleased to provide its auspices to the Biennial Conference of the Southern African Association of Geomorphologists (SAAG). The event took place from 28 to 30 September in Hogsback, South Africa. Auspices is also given to the 35th National Conference of the Institute of Indian Geomorphologists (IGI) which will be held in New Delhi, India, 25-27 November 2023. The IAG supports both events with 700 Euros to favour the participation of Young Geomorphologists in these events and their dedicated training programs.

## IAG Grants for PhD students to attend the BSG Windsor Workshop 2023



The IAG allocates three grants of 300 Euros each to support PhD students from Europe (excluding the UK) to attend this year's Windsor workshop. The workshop is organized each year by the British Society of Geomorphology (BSG) and will take place this year from 4 to 7 December in London, UK. For more information please visit the BSG [website](#). All information regarding the IAG Call for Grants can be found [here](#).

## IAG celebrates the second Geodiversity Day

To celebrate and promote the second UNESCO International Geodiversity Day, the IAG will organize an international Geodiversity webinar on October 16, 2023 15:00-16:40 CET. This year's



webinar will focus on the *Geomorphological Diversity of the IUGS Geological Heritage Sites*, especially on the three accepted sites which were recommended by IAG: the Namib Sand Sea (Namibia), the Rock Glaciers of Engadine (Switzerland), and the Vajont Landslide (Italy). Presentations will be given by Piotr Migoń (Poland), Paola Coratza (Italy) and Andrew Goudie (UK). All information on the webinar including a link for free registration can be found [here](#).

## Latest news from IAG Working Groups

- The IAG Working Group on [Geomorphosites](#) is involved in and partner of the 3rd International Congress of Karst, Speleology and Valorization of Natural Heritage, which will be held in Rabat, Morocco from 2 to 5 November 2023. In particular, the session dedicated to "Geoheritage and enhancement" is under the auspices of the IAG Working Group on *Geomorphosites*, which is also invited to give a keynote lecture on karst heritage. For more information about the congress please see [here](#).
- As a result of the cooperation between the IAG WG on *Geomorphosites* and the WG on [Landform Assessment for Geodiversity](#), we are pleased to announce the new book edited by L. Kubalíková, P. Coratza, M. Pál, Z. Zwoliński, P.N. Irapta and B. van der Wyk de Vries. 2023: *Visages of Geodiversity and Geoheritage* (published by the Geological Society of London). This volume showcases both theoretical research and selected case studies on geodiversity and geoheritage. More information on this publication is available [here](#).

## ANZGG 2024 in Gisborne, New Zealand



The Australian and New Zealand Geomorphology Group (ANZGG) is hosting its 20th biennial conference in Gisborne, New Zealand, 12-16 February 2024. Details of abstract submission, registration, wonderful fieldtrip offerings, and other information are on the conference website: <https://anzgg2024.com/>

