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Report

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It was enriching to attend the Southern African Association for Geomorphologists' biennial conference, and a privilege to receive a grant from the IAG. The weekend kicked off with an interesting excursion providing exposure to peatland sampling and research. This was a fantastic learning opportunity providing insight in the formation, conditions and identification of peatlands and gave opportunity for students to sample peat and experience its properties. The following two days provided researchers, scientists and students of geomorphology the opportunity to present their work and discuss it other experts in the field. I presented the progress of my Masters' research and received helpful feedback and input for which I am very grateful. It was a great opportunity to network with other researchers and discover the vast range of opportunities still available in geomorphology. The SAAG conference is a fantastic platform for young Southern African scientists to get exposure to relevant research opportunities and broaden their horizons. I hope many young researchers and students can receive a similar opportunity through the assistance of the IAG.



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Figure 1 Students sampling peat with a Russian Peat Borer.



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Figure 2 Student sampling peat with the facilitator



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Figure 3 Students examining the properties of peat.



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Figure 4 Group from the University of the Free State on the SAAG 2023 excursion.