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Report of IAG grant holder

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To start off, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the International Association of Geomorphologists for their support. The grant not only enabled my participation in the Young Geomorphologist Training Program and SAAG 2023 Biennial Conference, but also fostered a sense of belonging within the broader geomorphological community.



Figure 1. Elandsberg field excursion with esteemed geomorphologists leading the way.



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A field trip on the first day included a geomorphological journey up Elandsberg with many interesting features to identify and discuss (Figure 1). The Young Geomorphologist Training Program was particularly insightful, and offered not only expert content, but also hands-on learning (Figure 2).



Figure 2. A thorough and in-depth session on understanding wetlands and peatlands, as well as sampling and taking measurements (such as water depth and underground water pressure).

The conference on the second and third day featured a diverse range of sessions, and presentations, providing a unique opportunity to enhance our understanding of current trends, methodologies, and challenges in the field of geomorphology. The insights gained



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and connections established will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my research and contribute to the broader field of geomorphology. I had the opportunity to present some of my PhD research, which allowed for valuable constructive criticism and feedback. In addition, attending the conference also allowed me to build connections with fellow academics, researchers, and professionals. All the grant holders can be seen in Figure 3.



Figure 3. All the grant holders after the conference.

The IAG's commitment to nurturing the growth of young geomorphologists is commendable and has undoubtedly contributed to the advancement of knowledge and collaboration in our field. Again, I thank you for the opportunity that I was afforded, but also want to commend the IAG for the opportunities to the many other young geomorphologists.

Sincerely,
Marike Stander