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Report

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I am glad to present the final report following my participation in the workshop organized by the BSG in Windsor, held from December 4 to 7, 2023, at the picturesque Cumberland Lodge. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity granted to me, made possible through the financial support provided by IAG grants.

The workshop proved to be an incredible formative experience, characterized by a stimulating environment. This atmosphere was shaped not only by the presence of distinguished organizational figures but also by the diverse backgrounds of the participating PhD students. The array of perspectives enriched the learning sessions, contributing to the creation of a uniquely engaging context.

The sessions covered a diverse range of topics pivotal to the doctoral journey. These included the significance of maintaining active and up-to-date social networks, ethics in academia, the philosophy underlying the PhD, project planning and time management, and scientific writing practices. Additionally, a couple of sessions were dedicated to introducing the use of the Python programming language applied in a scientific context. Each session was well structured with a balance between theoretical concepts and practical applications.

Participants were also given the opportunity to present their ongoing projects to the group.

This provided us a platform for honing public speaking skills and yielded to some constructive feedback on our strengths and areas for improvement by the experts. It also served to pique the curiosity of our colleagues. The interactive nature of these sessions enhanced curiosity among



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participants and laid the groundwork for a potential network of future geomorphologists, even though the "careers panel" session highlighted the reality that only a small percentage of PhDs continue working in the academic sector.

This workshop has profoundly shaped my perspective on the PhD journey and my future career. The sessions offered not only practical knowledge but also tangible inspiration, which I will surely apply in both my research and beyond.

To sum up, participating in this workshop was an extraordinary opportunity that significantly contributed to my doctoral journey. I express my gratitude for the support provided by the organizers, speakers, and funders. I face the future with confidence, fully aware that the experiences shared during this workshop will continue to guide my academic and professional path.



Photo 1: View of the amazing Cumberland Lodge (Photo credit: Aelaf Mulugeta)



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Photo 2: One-minute presentation by Letizia Pace (Photo credit: Annalisa Sannino)



Photo 3: Group photo of Windsor Workshop 2023 participants and tutors (Photo credit: Lucy Clarke).