

IAG HIGHLIGHTS

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International Geomorphology Week 2024

The IAG is pleased to launch again the International Geomorphology Week, this year from 1st to 8th March 2024! Its aims are to promote geomorphology in all its forms and to mobilise the geomorphology community. Any geomorphology-related activities held during this week can be declared a part of the International Geomorphology Week. We are pleased to announce that, building on the success of the IAG webinars for the previous International Geomorphology Weeks 2021, 2022 and 2023, we are organising another series of webinars in 2024. More information will be posted [here](#). Please join us for one or more of the IAG's regional webinars and save the date now. Registration will open in February:

- Friday 1st March 09:00 UTC Western Europe
- Friday 1st March 15:00 UTC Southern Europe
- Saturday 2nd March 06:00 UTC South and West Asia
- Monday 4th March 07:00 UTC Africa
- Monday 4th March 16:00 UTC North America
- Tuesday 5th March 04:00 UTC Oceania
- Tuesday 5th March 14:00 UTC Central and South America
- Wednesday 6th March 06:00 UTC East and Southeast Asia
- Wednesday 6th March 13:00 UTC Northern Europe
- Thursday 7th March 11:00 UTC Eastern Europe

Women in Geomorphology Workshop 2024

The IAG is glad to promote the fourth "Women in Geomorphology Workshop" in a row that will take place on 8 March in 2024. More information will be provided soon.

The second International Geodiversity Day

To celebrate the second UNESCO International Geodiversity Day, the IAG organized a webinar on October 16, 2023. The webinar was very well received and attended by a number of international colleagues. In case you missed the webinar, please find the edited video available under this [link](#).

IAG Photo & Video Contest



The IAG launches its new Photo and Video Contest this January. The contest is open to geomorphologists worldwide, belonging to active National Scientific Members of the IAG. With this contest, the IAG would like to celebrate the incredible diversity of geomorphological processes and landforms on the Earth's surface. Participants will be able to send us their best photo/video on a specific theme together with a scientific description. The Winner will see their photo/video posted on the IAG website and shared on the IAG social media. At the end of the year, the two Overall Winners will be granted reduced registration fees for an IAG international or regional conference. The theme for January is *Volcanic landforms and landscapes*. All information can be found at the IAG [contest website](#).

IAG Geomorph-list update

The IAG cordially thanks C. Houser for his incredible and continuous service for the Geomorphological community by hosting and moderating the Geomorph-list during the last 14 years. Geomorph-list is now hosted by the CNRS and moderated by S. Conway and N. Le Becq at the University of Nantes, France. Please refer to the IAG website [here](#) for the list rules and new subscribe/unsubscribe procedures, and continue to use this opportunity in order to stay connected with the entire geomorphology community.

New IAG Working Group "Deltas"



The IAG is pleased to announce a new working group focussing on [Deltas](#) chaired by G. Fernandez and S. Chaudhuri.

Deltas can be defined as accumulations of river-derived sediment deposited on or near the coast, when a stream enters a receiving body of water, which may be an ocean, sea, gulf, lagoon, estuary or lake. In most cases densely populated, the deltaic landscape is extremely important both from the perspectives in geomorphology and also from aspects related to agriculture, trade, and commerce. This new Working Group primarily aims to form an international network of delta scientists, who will collaborate, exchange ideas and develop new methodologies related to delta geomorphology. The working group proposes to organise online international meetings, virtual training, and field courses on delta geomorphology every year.

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In commemoration of Professor Mateo Gutiérrez-Elorza

With great sadness, the IAG Executive Committee received the notice that Prof. Mateo Gutiérrez-Elorza (Spain) passed away on 9 September 2023. He made a significant contribution to IAG by hosting the 6th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology held in Zaragoza in 2005 and by editing a number of well-cited books on diverse geomorphological topics. At the ICG 2017 in New Delhi, Prof. Gutiérrez-Elorza became a Honorary Fellow of the IAG. Please read the obituary for Prof. Gutiérrez-Elorza written by A. Cendrero [here](#).

In commemoration of Professor Morgan de Dapper

The Belgium geomorphology community as well as many international colleagues sadly say goodbye to Prof. Morgan de Dapper who passed away on 17 November 2023. Prof. de Dapper had an outstanding scientific and collegial impact on our discipline, the worldwide community and the IAG. He was the former Secretary General and Treasurer of the International Association of Geomorphologists and founder of the IAG Working Group 'Geoarchaeology'. At the ICG 2017 in New Delhi, he became a Honorary Fellow of the IAG. Please read the reproduced tribute written by E. Fouache [here](#).

Fourth IGI-YGF Intensive Training Program

The IAG-auspiced 4th [IGI-YGF](#) Intensive Training Program took place from 28.11. to 01.12.2023. The event had 25 participants from 16 different Indian institutes. See detailed report [here](#).

IAG Auspices and Grants

The IAG is pleased to provide its auspices to the [X Young Geomorphologist's Day and III IAG International Young Geomorphologists' Meeting](#) in Venice, Italy, 1-2 March 2024. This year's event will be combined with the IAG Southern Europe webinar organised during the International Geomorphology Week 2024. The IAG has allocated three grants of in total 1200 Euros to support the participation of Young Geomorphologists from Europe and around the world.

EGU 2024: Sessions co-organized by IAG Working Groups and co-sponsored by IAG

GM5.5 Geodiversity and geoheritage – toolsets for a more sustainable world
GM6.2 (Dis)connectivity in landscape systems
GM6.5 Drivers and rates of denudation across spatiotemporal scales
GM7.1 Planetary Geomorphology
GM9.6 Submarine Geomorphology
Please note that virtual registration for EGU 2024 will be free for all bachelor and master students, and for anyone based in a low- or lower-middle income country.

ANZGG Conference, 12-16 February 2024

The draft program of the [ANZGG conference](#) in Gisborne, New Zealand, 12-16 February 2024 is available [here](#). Late registration and poster presentations are still being accepted!

Latest IAG Working Group activities

- The [Submarine Geomorphology](#) WG is organising the second International Conference on Seafloor Landforms, Processes and Evolution in Lipari (Italy) on the 1st-3rd July 2024. All information can be found [here](#).
- Save the date! The IAG WG [DENUCHANGE](#) will organise its fourth workshop from 23 to 26 September 2024 in Rome, Italy. The first workshop circular will be circulated very soon.
- During the 3rd International Congress of Karst, Speleology and Valorization of Natural Heritage in Rabat, Morocco, 2-5 November 2023, the session "Geoheritage and enhancement of karst heritage" was held under the auspices of the IAG WG on [Geomorphosites](#). F. Hobléa, co-chair of the WGG, gave a keynote lecture entitled: "From cave to speleo-geosite: the endokarst, a natural heritage with multiple values."
- The IAG WG [Advancing Theory and Modelling of River Systems](#), in collaboration with the Management Committee of Zhangjiajie UNESCO Global Geopark of China, organized an International Workshop on Theory and Modelling of River Systems and Zhangjiajie Landscape in Wulingyuan District of Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province, China during 13-15 November 2023. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Wulingyuan District and the Administrative Bureau of Wulingyuan Scenic and

Historic Interest Area and National Forest Park of Zhangjiajie City and attracted about 100 participants from China, Australia, UK, Vietnam and Tajikistan. Prof. He-Qing Huang of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan)/Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research of Chinese Academy of Sciences, co-chair of IAG WG, was the main convener and executive chairman of the workshop. During keynote presentations and special discussion sections, detailed communications were made on the latest advances on theory of river systems, responding modes of river systems to climate change and human activities, distinctiveness and systematization of the Zhangjiajie Landscape. The visit of Zhangjiajie Global Geopark Museum and field investigations were focused on the evaluation of the role played by river flow in shaping one of the most distinctive landscapes on Earth.

