

Geomorphosites Working Group

Past activities:

The Chairs have been engaged in the following activities of interest for the geoheritage's scientific community:

- Member of the IAG committee that submitted five new geomorphological candidates sites for the Second 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Sites, an IUGS initiative for which IAG offered its experience and expertise. The committee is coordinated by Piotr Migon and sees the participation of numerous members of the IAG.
- Lecture "The Vajont Landslide: a Key Landform in the Global Geological Heritage" in the IAG International Geodiversity Webinar South and West Asia (October 2023).
- Session GM11.1 Cultural and social relevance of geodiversity and geoheritage – EGU General Assembly 2023 – Vienna, Austria & Online, 23-28 April 2023. Conveners: Lucie Kubalíková, Paola Coratza, Márton Pál, Lidia Selmi, Vittoria Vandelli.
- Session Geoheritage and Geodiversity: present and future challenges – IAG Regional Conference “Geoheritage and Geodiversity” – Cappadocia, Turkey, 12-14 September 2023. 18 oral communications and 8 posters were presented and the session was attended by a good number of persons.
- ProGEO International Symposium, 9-11 October 2023, Charnwood Forest Geopark & Loughborough (UK). Lucie Kubalíková participated as a member of Scientific Committee and chaired a session focused on geoeducation and geoheritage interpretation.
- Session "Geoheritage and enhancement" under the auspices of the WG - 3rd International Congress of Karst, Speleology and Valorization of Natural Heritage, Rabat (Morocco), 2-5 November 2023, on the theme: "Valuing and Protecting the Karstic Heritage". The session gathered 19 presentations and keynote lectures. Fabien Hobléa participated as a member of Scientific Committee and keynote lecturer).
- Edition of the Special Publication "Visages of Geodiversity and Geoheritage" of the Geological Society of London (GSL). Editors: L. Kubalíková, P. Coratza, M. Pál, Z. Zwoliński, P. N. Irapta, B. van Wyk de Vries. As a result of cooperation between WG on Geomorphosites and WG on Landform, this volume showcases theoretical research and case studies in the geodiversity and geoheritage, the emerging and dynamic topics within geomorphology. More information here: <https://geolsoc.org.uk/SP530>
- Edition in December 2023 of the special issue of International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks, gathering articles from the thematic Session “Time Scaling Issues in Geoheritage Studies” convened by Dongying Wei, Claire Portal (Co-conveners: Fabien Hobléa, Benjamin van Wyk de Vries, François Bétard) - IGU-UGI Paris 2022 Centennial Congress – 18-22 July 2022;
- Co-edition of the Special Issue "Geoheritage, Cultural Geomorphology and Geotourism" of Geomorphology. Editors: P. Coratza, A. Vieira, Z. Zwoliński. Building from the "Geoheritage, Cultural Geomorphology and Geotourism" session of the 10th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology, but open to contributions from the wider scientific community, this Special Issue aims to publish a collection of papers dedicated to original research on theoretical views and classifications, geomorphosites and geodiversity assessment approaches also in the context of climate change, studies linking geoheritage, human history and cultural heritage, geoparks and geoheritage conservation,

management and promotion, geotourism practice and potential, and other relevant topics within these themes. The Special Issue will be published in 2024.

Forthcoming activities:

- EGU 2024, 14-19 April 2024, Vienna and Online. The session GM5.5 "Geodiversity and geoheritage – toolsets for a more sustainable world" will be co-organised by the Geomorphosites and Geodiversity Working Groups of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) and ProGEO, the International Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage. Lucie Kubalíková and Emmanuel Reynard are co-conveners of the session for the WGG. <https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU24/session/48073>
- 1st Workshop of the IAG-Urban Geomorphology Working Group entitled Geomorphology, geodiversity and geosites in urban areas in Krakow, Poland (3-6 September 2024) : Lucie Kubalíková is a member of scientific committee. More information available at webpage of IAG : <http://www.geomorph.org/2024/03/1st-workshop-of-the-iag-working-group-on-urban-geomorphology-krakow-poland-3-6-september-2024/>