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IAG Council Meeting

Wednesday, 17 September 2025, 15:30-16:40 (CEST+1, UTC+3),

IAG RCG 2025, Timisoara, Romania (hybrid meeting)

MINUTES

1. WELCOME ADDRESS

On behalf of the IAG, Sunil Kumar De (IAG President) welcomed all national delegates to the IAG Council Meeting. The Council Meeting was held in hybrid format.

2. OVERVIEW OF PRESENCE OF NATIONAL DELEGATES

Achim A. Beylich (IAG Secretary-General) reported on presence of national delegates. 23 national delegates were present in person and 9 delegates participated online in the hybrid Council Meeting. The following IAG National Scientific Members were represented in the Council Meeting: Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, GeoNorth, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, and UK.

3. OVERVIEW OF RCG 2025 KEY FACTS

Florin Tatui (IAG Special Portfolio Member) and Mihai Micu (IAG Vice-President) presented all relevant key facts of the RCG 2025: 249 registered delegates, 33 countries represented, 20 thematic sessions (partly organised by IAG Working Groups), 4 keynote lectures, 135 oral presentations, 97 poster presentations, 1 IAG General Assembly, 1 IAG Executive Committee Meeting, 1 IAG Council Meeting, Welcome cocktail event and conference dinner, 2 pre-conference field trips with 27 participants, 1 post-conference field trip with 28 participants, Intensive Training Course with 29 participants. All important information and details on the RCG are available on the conference website: <https://rcg2025.geomorphology.ro/>.

4. LATEST INFORMATION ON THE 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY (ICG) IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, 2-6 FEBRUARY 2026

Achim A. Beylich (IAG Secretary-General) presented, on behalf of Samuel McColl (IAG Special Portfolio Member), latest updates on the organisation of the ICG 2026. 1165 abstracts from 985 have been received by the conference organisers. 760 orals and 405 posters have been accepted.



The main conference programme includes 13 oral session blocks, with 11 parallel sessions (total of 134 oral sessions), 3 poster sessions, 8 confirmed plenary speakers, and multiple lunch-time sessions/meetings. The Social & outreach programme includes an YG quiz night, an ice-breaker event, a public lecture/event, and a conference gala dinner. The Training programme during the conference includes 5 Workshops and a Young Geomorphologists Training Program. The Fieldtrip programme consists of 3 pre-conference fieldtrips, 8 mid-conference fieldtrips, and 3 post-conference fieldtrips. For all kinds of room bookings (e.g., Working Group meetings) Samuel McColl should be contacted (s.mccoll@gns.cri.nz). All important information and details on the ICG 2026 can be found on the conference website: <https://www.confer.co.nz/icg2026/>.

5. COUNCIL DECISION ON A POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE IAG BYLAWS

Achim A. Beylich (IAG Secretary-General) presented to the Council a proposed amendment of the IAG Bylaws. Following discussions and a decision taken during the IAG Executive Committee Meeting on 22 April 2025, the IAG Executive Committee proposed to the Council to add the following sentences to the IAG Bylaws:

The relationship of the IAG with its national scientific members should not be influenced by geopolitical conflicts. It should be as inclusive as possible to support its mission in the development and promotion of geomorphology as a science through international co-operation and dissemination of knowledge of geomorphology.

The proposed amendment of the IAG Bylaws was ratified by the IAG Council.

6. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Francisco Gutierrez (IAG Treasurer) presented the report on IAG finances. The result of the tax declarations for the years 2023 and 2024 was “no payment”, essentially because the IAG is registered as a non-profit association.

Annual fee payments from IAG NSMs have been requested. The NSMs with still pending annual fees include Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Mexico and USA. In January of each year, a report on the finances of the IAG of the previous year is sent to the contact persons (treasurers) of the NSMs that have the commitment to pay fees.

The evolution of the IAG account balance shows a rather stable situation for 2024-2025 and substantial expenses in 2026 related to the ICG 2026 in New Zealand. These expenses are expected to be positively compensated by revenues.

The NSM annual fees have remained unrevised since 2009, and it is suggested to increase the annual fees with the possible approval of the NSMs.

7. REPORT ON NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEMBERS

Mihai Micu (IAG Vice-President) reported on IAG National Scientific Members (NSMs). Currently, the IAG has 63 individual countries and 4 regional associations as NSMs. Discussions with Afghanistan are still pending. In addition, discussions regarding a potential association in Morocco are taking place, in parallel with the formation of a National Group of Young Geomorphologists.

For searching out new possible members, a database with potential contacts is being constructed, currently comprising 80 persons from 8 countries (Algeria, Morocco, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Uruguay, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan, and Saudi Arabia).



Mihai Micu also informed about the status of completed, ongoing and planned interviews for the IAG Virtual Memory Book. Seven interviews are already available on the IAG website (A.L. Coelho Neto, D. Loczy, E. Fouache, J.P. Peulvast, M. Crozier, Y. Wang, and M. Fort).

8. REPORT ON WORKING GROUPS

Andrea Coronato (IAG Vice-President) presented the report on IAG Working Groups. Currently, 18 Working Groups are active, with 17 WGs having submitted their latest annual reports (2024-2025). During the Council Meeting, the WG “Coastal Geoarchaeology” (approved during the EC meeting on 9 April 2024) and the modified IGU Commission/IAG WG “Geomorphology and Society” were ratified by the IAG Council.

Andrea Coronato also provided an overview of the periods of activity of all Working Groups, the status of requests for possible extensions of different Working Groups, and various Working Group activities (including thematic session at IAG conferences and other reported activities).

9. REPORT ON COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH

Takashi Oguchi (IAG Vice-President) reported on the ongoing collaborations with AGU, GSA and EGU. A new MoU with AGU has been finalised and signed. Takashi Oguchi will attend the 2025 AGU Annual Meeting, 15-19 December 2025, in New Orleans, USA, where, based on the new MoU, further concrete collaborations with AGU shall be discussed with the officers from the AGU EPSP section.

Sunil Kumar De will attend the 2025 GSA Annual Meeting, 19-22 October, in San Antonio, USA, to further strengthen the existing collaboration with GSA. During the 2025 GSA Annual Meeting in San Antonio a revised version of the MoU with GSA will be signed. In addition, a collaborative topical session is organised during this conference. A collaborative conference session supported by the Quaternary Geology & Geomorphology division of GSA will also be organised during ICG 2026 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The International Geodiversity-Day Webinar 2025 will be organised on 13 November. The theme of the webinar will be Geodiversity Related to Geoparks and National Parks and three invited presentations from Taiwan, India and France will be given. During the International Geomorphology Week 2026, a few online events are planned. It is proposed to conduct two seminars for two large regions located on opposite sides of the world.

Takashi Oguchi also presented a brief overview of ongoing collaborations with other academic bodies with existing MoUs, including the American Association of Geographers (AAG), the International Association for Promoting Geoethics (IAPG), the International Geographical Union (IGU), the International Permafrost Association (IPA), the International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA), the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), and the journal *Geomorphica*.

10. IAG HIGHLIGHTS

Katja Laute (IAG Officer) reported on the publication of the IAG Highlights (19 issues of the IAG Highlights have been published since October 2020) and the creation of additional graphic materials for IAG. The IAG NSMs are kindly invited to send contributions for the upcoming issues of the IAG Highlights.



11. IAG WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND GEOMORPH-L

Susan Conway (IAG Co-opted Member) reported on the status of the IAG website, social media and Geomorph-list. IAG will explore opportunities for the creation of a new IAG website.

The IAG X-account has been made inactive and a new Instagram account is created.

12. IAG TRAINING PROGRAMME

Anita Bernatek-Jakiel (IAG Training Officer) presented the detailed report on the IAG Training Programme prepared by her and Efthimios Karymbalis (IAG Training Officer). The report included details on provided IAG grants and related reports from grant recipients, IAG financial support for YGs' training activities, closed calls for grants without decision – future events, the establishment of criteria for assessing grant applications, the IAG Alumni database, and the dissemination of IAG grant opportunities.

The establishment of criteria for assessing grant applications is considered to be an important step forward for the transparent evaluation of applicants.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mauro Soldati (Italy) informed the Council that the Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology (AlGeo), in its capacity as the Italian IAG NSM, will make a bid for the organization of the 12th ICG in Italy in 2030. The venue selected for the planned Conference is the city of Rimini.

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