

IAG HIGHLIGHTS

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IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Timișoara, Romania 16–18 September 2025

The Regional Conference on Geomorphology was a great success. The conference took place from 16 to 18 September in Timișoara, Romania under the theme *Geomorphology for society: challenges and opportunities* and was organised by IAG and the Romanian Association of Geomorphologists. The conference was hosted by the West University of Timișoara. 249 geomorphologists from 33 different countries gathered in the historic city of Timișoara to enjoy interesting thematic sessions, stimulating lectures, inclusive networking opportunities, exciting excursions and an Intensive Training Course for Young Geomorphologists.



Conference key facts

- 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 and 1 IAG Council Meeting
- Welcome cocktail event and conference dinner
- 2 pre-conference field trip with 27 participants
- 1 post-conference field trips with 28 participants
- Intensive Training Course with 29 participants



New IAG Grant holders & Intensive Training Course

The IAG allocated 10 grants of in total 4800 Euros to favour and support Young Geomorphologists worldwide to attend the Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Timișoara as well as to take part in the related Intensive Training Course. 29 Young Geomorphologists participated in the 4th IAG-EGU Intensive Training Course *Geomorphic services for environmental change understanding: from field surveying to dynamic and systemic risks evaluation*. Top European researchers provided training in experimenting and applying complementary field investigation techniques for evaluating climate change impact in sensitive mountain environments. The course was a complete success and was very well received by the Young Geomorphologists who took part. The reports of all grant holders can be found [here](#).

Impressions from the conference, excursions and Intensive Training Course



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IAG Executive Committee and Council Meetings during the RCG 2025

Before the start of the RCG 2025, the IAG Executive Committee (EC) convened in Timișoara, Romania. Latest key facts and preparatory considerations on the RCG 2025 and the ICG 2026 were discussed. In addition, all EC members presented their reports according to their portfolios.

On 17 September 2025, the Council of the IAG, comprised of its National Scientific Members (NSMs), came together. 23 national representatives participated in-person and 9 national representatives participated online in the meeting. The Council ratified the two IAG Working Groups “Coastal Geoarchaeology” and “Geomorphology and Society” as well as an amendment of the IAG Bylaws. The minutes of both meetings are available [here](#).

IAG Auspices for the VIII AIGeo National Conference

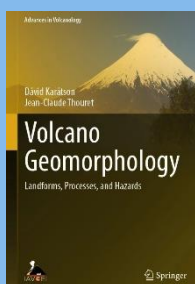
The IAG was pleased to provide auspices to the VIII [AIGeo](#) National Conference on *Applied and Environmental Geomorphology* which took place in Florence, Italy on 10-11 October 2025. The scientific programme was followed by two excursions. The conference was held in memory of the IAG Past-President Mario Panizza.

IAG Malaysia NSM Webinar

The IAG is pleased to offer auspices for a webinar organised by the National Scientific Member Malaysia under the topic *Geomorphology of Southeast Asia*. The free webinar will take place online on 2 November 2025. Speakers are invited from Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia. The aim of this webinar is to promote better networking opportunities within Malaysia and its neighbouring countries in the field of geomorphology. Please see the webinar flyer [here](#).

New book on Volcano Geomorphology

The *Volcano Geomorphology: Landforms, Processes, and Hazards* (Karátson and Thouret, 2025) is a new book in ‘Advances in Volcanology’ (Springer) describing in detail volcanic landforms and related geomorphic processes with 12 chapters and 325 illustrations. The book is structured around five themes: the tectonic settings of volcanoes; elementary landforms; polygenetic edifices; calderas and volcano-tectonic depressions; and both short- and long-term degradation by erosion. Such knowledge enables the understanding of processes and rates of growth and destruction of volcanic landforms and landscapes. It provides a broad view of the geomorphic hazards on active volcanoes, and introduces the readership to modern methods for analysing volcanic landscapes, both through laboratory experiments and field surveys. All information about the book is available [here](#).



New MOU with AGU



The IAG is pleased to announce that the IAG and the American Geophysical Union (AGU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). As allied Organisations, IAG and AGU will work together in cooperation and friendship to further develop their shared aims of promoting Geomorphology and advancing Earth and Space Sciences. The MoU can be found [here](#).

Endorsement of AI Ethics Recommendations

The IAG endorses the document on “Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ethics Recommendations for the Geoscience Community”. This document has been prepared by the Task Group on AI Ethics in Geosciences under the [Commission on Geoethics](#) of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

IAG Grants for Young Geomorphologists

The IAG awarded two grants of 300 Euros each to Young Geomorphologists to enable them to attend the Biennial Conference of the Southern African Association of Geomorphologists (SAAG), which took place in Oudtshoorn in July this year. The reports of the two grant holders can be found [here](#).

This year, IAG is once again supporting the [BSG Post-Graduate Training Workshop](#) with three grants of 300 Euros. The workshop is organised each year by the British Society of Geomorphology (BSG) and will take place this year from 1 to 4 December 2025 in Windsor, UK.

IAG celebrates the fourth Geodiversity Day

To celebrate and promote the fourth UNESCO International Geodiversity Day, the IAG will organise another international Geodiversity Webinar on 13 November 2025, 08:00-10:00



UTC. This year's webinar will focus on *Geodiversity Related to Geoparks and National Parks*. Presentations will be given by J-C. Lin (Taiwan) on the topic *The Value of Geodiversity for Geoparks in Taiwan*, by P.C. Moharana (India) focussing on the *Geodiversity of Thar Desert - Splendour and Threats* and by S. Justice (France) on *Leveraging Geomorphology to Capacity-Build Geodiversity Engagement*. All information on the webinar including a link for free registration will be shortly available on the IAG [website](#).

