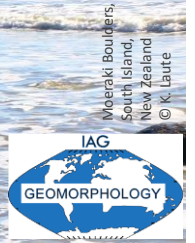




IAG HIGHLIGHTS



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International Association of Geomorphologists IAG

11th International Conference on Geomorphology, Christchurch, New Zealand 2 – 6 February 2026

The 11th International Conference on Geomorphology was an outstanding event and a great success. The conference took place from 2 to 6 February in Christchurch, New Zealand, and was organised by the IAG, the University of Canterbury, the Australian and New Zealand Geomorphology Group (ANZGG) and the New Zealand Rivers Group. With nearly 1,000 participants, this conference was one of the IAG's largest international events. 927 geomorphologists from 45 different countries gathered in Christchurch to take part in interesting thematic sessions, inspiring talks, excellent networking opportunities and a varied social programme.



Conference key facts

- 927 registered delegates
- 45 countries represented
- 134 oral sessions and 3 poster sessions
- 8 keynote lectures
- 640 oral presentations
- 405 poster presentations
- 2 IAG General Assemblies
- 1 IAG Executive Committee and 2 IAG Council Meetings
- Welcome cocktail event and conference gala dinner
- 13 conference field trips
- Intensive Training Course with more than 150 participants and 5 Workshops
- Young Geomorphologists Quiz Night and public lectures

New IAG Grant holders & Jean Tricart Scholarship 2026

To support Young Geomorphologists worldwide, the IAG awarded 20 Young geomorphologists the opportunity to attend the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology, as well as the accompanying intensive course and workshops. The Jean Tricart Scholar 2026 was assigned to Rayees Ahmed (India).



New IAG Honorary Fellows, IAG Brunsdon and Early Career Medal 2026

The IAG may confer Honorary Fellowship upon individuals who have served the Association or the discipline of geomorphology with particular distinction. Honorary Fellowship shall be regarded as the highest honour that IAG can bestow. The IAG is honoured to introduce the four new Honorary Fellows in 2026 (in the order as shown in the picture on the left): Ian Evans (UK), Jiun-Chuan Lin (Taiwan), Richard A. Marston (USA) and Gerald C. Nanson (Australia). The recipients were presented with traditional Māori walking sticks (tokotokos), adorned with unique hand-carvings that tell the story of each person's

origins and their connection to the land.

The IAG Brunsdon Medal 2026 was assigned to Piotr Migoń from Poland (in the middle in the central picture) in recognition of his outstanding academic achievements and, in particular, his exceptional service for the IAG.

In appreciation of his excellent scientific achievements, particularly his exceptional contributions to the geomorphology community, Edward Park from Singapore was awarded the IAG Early Career Medal (on the left in the right picture).



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IAG Executive Committee and Council Meetings during the ICG 2026

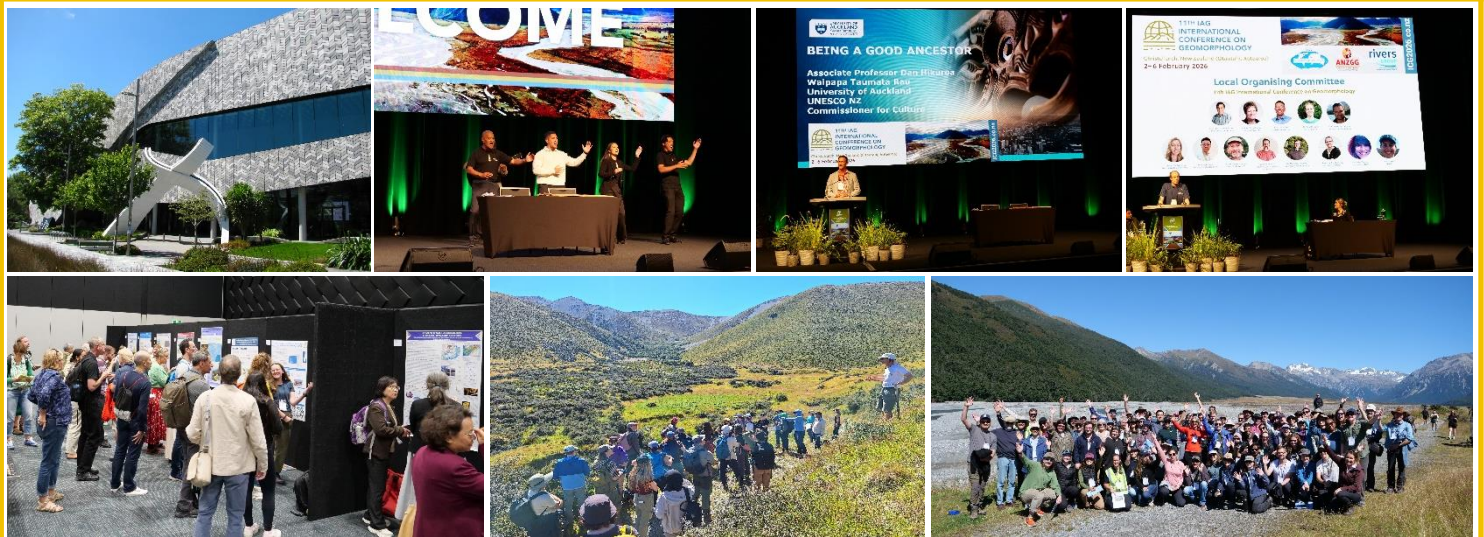
Before the start of the ICG 2026, the IAG Executive Committee (EC) convened in Christchurch, New Zealand. Latest key facts and preparatory considerations on the ICG 2026 were discussed and special thanks were addressed to the local conference organisers of the ICG 2026. In addition, all EC members presented their reports according to their portfolios. The Council of the IAG, comprised of its National Scientific Members (NSMs), came together for two meetings during the ICG in Christchurch. 46 NSMs exerted the right to vote (15 eligible votes were received by email in advance). The new IAG Executive Committee for the term 2026–2030 has the following elected members: M. Micu from Romania (President), E. Karymbalis from Greece, J. Knight from South Africa, T. Oguchi

from Japan (Vice-Presidents), A. Bernatek-Jakiel from Poland (Secretary General), F. Gutiérrez from Spain (Treasurer) and K. Ghosh from India (Officer). The newly-elected EC will take its responsibilities in September 2026.

The forthcoming IAG Regional and International Conferences on Geomorphology were approved unanimously. During the term 2026–2030 three Regional Conferences will take place in Taiwan (2027), Poland (2028) and in Brazil (2029). The next International Conference on Geomorphology will be held in Rimini, Italy in 2030.

One new IAG Working Group on “[Climate Geomorphology: Processes, Responses and Futures](#)” was approved by the Council.

Impressions from the conference, intensive training course and excursion



IAG support for Young Geomorphologists

IAG offers one travel grant of 450 Euros to support the participation of one Young Geomorphologist (excluding Greece) in the 5th IAG [DENUCHANGE](#) Workshop in Greece (Naxos Island), 6-9 October 2026. Please see details [here](#).

Géomorphosites 2026–Heritage Geomorphology

The IAG is pleased to auspice and support the International Conference “[Géomorphosites 2026–Heritage Geomorphology](#)” (Sion, Switzerland, 7-12 September 2026) organised by the University of Lausanne and the IAG WG on [Geomorphosites](#).

International Geomorphology Week 2026

The International Geomorphology Week 2026 took place for the sixth consecutive year from 1 to 8 March. The aim of the International Geomorphology Week is to promote geomorphology in all its forms and to mobilise the geomorphology community. This year, the IAG organised two special webinars featuring four scientists honoured during the ICG 2026. Both events were well received. The IAG acknowledges all other activities that took place during the International Geomorphology Week.

Sixth Women in Geomorphology Workshop

Under the auspices of the IAG, the Hellenic Committee for Geomorphology and Environment of the Geological Society of Greece organised for the sixth time an online workshop under the topic *Women in Geomorphology*. The event is inspired by the International Women’s Day and the International Geomorphology Week and was held on 9 March 2026. The programme included two guest lectures, followed by a poster session during which female early-career researchers in the field of geomorphology presented their research findings.

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