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Report

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I would like to sincerely thank the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) for awarding me a grant to participate in the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology (ICG2026) and the Young Geomorphologists Training Program, held in Christchurch, New Zealand. This support allowed me to attend an important international gathering of geomorphologists and early-career researchers and to fully benefit from the training, networking, and other opportunities offered during the event.

This conference, hosted by the University of Canterbury, brought together scientists from around the world to discuss recent advances in geomorphology. The sessions and keynotes covered topics directly applicable to my research interests such as coastal and fluvial processes, geomorphic hazards, landscape evolution, and remote sensing applications. Attending these sessions provided valuable insight into current research directions and emerging approaches for understanding geomorphic processes and environmental change.

A particularly valuable component of the experience was the Young Geomorphologists Training Program, which offered technical and professional development opportunities designed for students and early-career researchers. Informal networking events, including coffee catchups and the Geoquiz, created opportunities to connect with peers from diverse research backgrounds and fostered a strong sense of community among young geomorphologists.

The program also included several professional development workshops. A consulting careers panel brought together geomorphologists working in academia, government, and industry to discuss



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career pathways and share their experiences in geomorphology. In addition, a publishing workshop provided practical advice on preparing and submitting journal articles and navigating the peer-review process.

One of the highlights of the program was the Coastal Geomorphology of the Northern Canterbury Coastline field trip, which explored a variety of coastal environments north of Christchurch, including gravel and sandy beaches, estuaries, hapua (braided river mouth lagoons), and eroding cliffs. Observing these landscapes in the field and discussing coastal processes with experts and local community members provided valuable insight into the dynamic nature of coastal systems and the challenges of coastal management.

Overall, participating in ICG2026 and the Young Geomorphologists Training Program was an incredibly rewarding experience that enriched both my academic and professional development. I am very grateful to IAG for supporting my participation in this outstanding opportunity, and after seeing New Zealand’s landscapes firsthand, I can wholeheartedly echo the conference’s opening claim: “Every geomorphologist must see New Zealand before they die.”

