

IAG HIGHLIGHTS

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IAG Presidential Address

On behalf of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), I would like to express our sincere condolences to all those in Venezuela who have suffered and been affected by the series of earthquakes. It was a devastating earthquake with a magnitude between 7.2 and 7.5 that claimed thousands of lives.

As geomorphologists, we focus particularly closely on these issues, as we are convinced that our science plays an important role in reducing the loss of human life and the economic consequences of such events. Many members of our association address issues related to these dangerous processes. The extent of the suffering that has occurred in Venezuela will further strengthen our commitment to saving human lives. The International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) extends its deepest sympathy and solidarity to all those affected in Venezuela.

Sunil Kumar De, President IAG

Information from the latest IAG Executive Committee Meeting

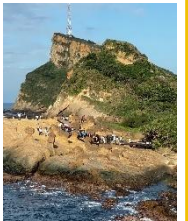
On July 15, 2026, the IAG Executive Committee (EC) held a virtual meeting. Among other things, the following topics were discussed:

- the organisation of the upcoming IAG Council meeting on 1 September 2026,
- Report and financial statement of the 11th ICG, New Zealand,
- Bid document for the RCG 2029 in Salvador, Brazil,
- the IAG economic situation and current membership status of National Scientific Members,
- the status of the IAG Training Programme, IAG Working Groups and IAG Communication and Outreach,
- Collaboration activities between IAG and GSA and between IAG and IUGS/IGC.

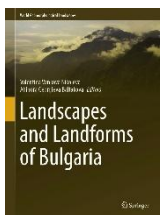
The complete minutes of the EC meeting will be available [here](#).

IAG Regional Conference Taipei, Taiwan 2027

The next IAG Regional Conference will take place from 21 to 24 June 2027 in Taipei, Taiwan. We would like to cordially invite you to discover the impressive diversity of Taiwan's relational geomorphologies. This conference offers all participants a platform to share their experiences and knowledge of geomorphology and its interactions with human activities and other scientific disciplines. Participants will have the opportunity to explore East Asia's highest peak (Jade Mountain), tectonic boundaries, badlands, coastal wetlands and military heritage sites.



World Geomorphological Landscapes (WGLC)



The IAG is pleased to announce the latest edition to the IAG-endorsed Springer book series (WGLC) "Landscapes and Landforms of Bulgaria" edited by V.V. Nikolova and A.G. Baltakova. The [book](#) is the first English-language geomorphological monograph of Bulgaria featuring 21 chapters reflecting the full range of the country's relief from impressive mountains, wide plains, iconic karst forms to diverse coastal landforms.

First UNESCO International Day of Caves and Karst



In 2025, the UNESCO proclaimed the 13th of September as the International Day of Caves and Karst (IDCK). The IAG is pleased to auspice the first celebration of this event, which will take place in Postojna (Slovenia), on 10-13 September 2026, organised by the Karst Research Institute ZRC SAZU and the International Union of Speleology (UIS). Find all details [here](#).

Publications arising from the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology 2026 in New Zealand

Following the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology, which took place in Christchurch, New Zealand, in February 2026, several Special Issues and Special Publications are currently open for submissions or in preparation.

Special Issue to the *New Zealand Journal of Geology and Geophysics* (open for submissions):

- [Tectonic Geomorphology of Active Orogens](#)

Special Issue to the *Journal Geomorphology* (open for submissions):

- [Sediment hazards in a changing world: Dynamics, drivers, and landscape responses](#)

Special Issue to the *Journal Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*

(open for submissions):

- [Identification, quantitative assessment, and mapping of anthropogenic landforms in urban areas](#)

Special Issues to the *Journal Geomorphology* (Proposal under consideration):

- Rock Coasts: Lessons and Future Prospects from a Global Perspective
- Geomorphological Impacts of Landslides: Advances in Techniques, Dynamics, and Applications

Special Publication (Proposal currently in preparation):

- Responses of geomorphic processes and earth surface systems to extreme weather and climate events

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Second field course organised by the IAG WG Andean Geomorphology

The second edition of the field course "Glacial and Periglacial Landscapes of the Fuegian Andes: Genesis, Evolution, and Dynamics," organised by the [Andean Geomorphology](#) Working Group, was held in the Fuegian Andes, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, from February 22 to March 1, 2026. The course combined classroom teaching, fieldwork and laboratory practical sessions. The event was attended by 17 postgraduate students and young researchers from Argentina and Chile. The organisers would like to thank the IAG and CADIC-CONICET (Ushuaia) for their support.



Second European Young Geomorphologists Meeting, Italy-Croatia-Slovenia

From June 25–27, 2026, the II European Young Geomorphologists Meeting (II EYGM) took place under the auspices of the IAG, which actively supported the event by awarding a travel grant to Samah Moustafa Sobhi Moustafa from Alexandria University, Egypt. Organized through a joint cross-border effort by national coordinators from Italy (AlGeo), Croatia (YGC), and Slovenia (GSS), the event welcomed around 20 early-career scientists from 11 countries across Europe, Central America, Africa, and the Eastern Mediterranean. The II EYGM featured a travelling format that balanced indoor research presentations with immersive field training in the Dinaric Karst and along the Adriatic coast.



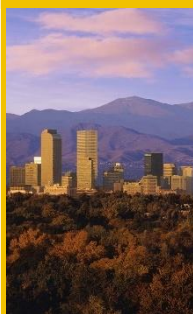
BSG Annual Meeting 2026

The [British Society for Geomorphology](#) (BSG) annual meeting will take place at the University of Lincoln, UK from 1-4 September 2026. This year's meeting offers ECR and Professional Geomorphology workshops, the 4th Cuchlaine King Symposium, the Society AGM, Award talks, as well as oral and poster sessions and a field trip. Early-Bird reduced registration rates are available until 31st July 2026, and registration is available for both in-person and online only attendance. Full details on the annual meeting can be found [here](#).

Latest news from IAG Working Groups

- The WG on [Submarine Geomorphology](#) organised its third International Conference on Seafloor Landforms, Processes and Evolution which took place in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, 20-24 July 2026. The programme included keynote speeches, scientific sessions and field trips. Find the event website [here](#).
- The [DENUCHANGE](#) WG is organising its 5th workshop on the Greek island of Naxos from 6 to 9 October 2026. Full details of the workshop can be found [here](#). Under the title "Denudation dynamics under global change" the WG is publishing a Special Issue in the journal *Geomorphology* (Elsevier). All information and articles relating to this Special Issue can be found [here](#).
- The WG [Tectonic Geomorphology](#) draws your attention to a new Special Issue entitled "Dynamic Landscapes: Tectonic Controls on Earth Surface Evolution" which is currently [open for submissions](#) in *Geomorphology* (Elsevier). It will feature contributions from the IAG RCG2025 sessions TS21 "Tectonic Geomorphology" and TS1 "Advancing Coastal Dynamics: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Relative Sea-Level Change and Tectonic Uplift", held in Timișoara, Romania, in September 2025.

IAG co-organised sessions at GSA Connects 2026



The IAG is pleased to co-organise and co-chair two topical sessions on "Contemporary research in geomorphological hazards" and on "Riverscapes in transition: Advances in fluvial geomorphology, sediment transport, deposition, and river health" in collaboration with the GSA Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division at the annual [GSA Connects](#) meeting in Denver, Colorado, USA from 11-14 October 2026. Abstract submission closes on 6 August 2026.

AGU AGU Meeting December 2026

Under this year's meeting theme "Where Science Connects" the [AGU26](#) meeting will be held again in San Francisco, California, USA from 7-11 December 2026. The IAG is pleased to co-organise and co-chair the topical session "Better Together: The Power of International Collaborations in Geomorphology" in cooperation with AGU's EPSP Section. The conference will be held as a hybrid event; the deadline for abstract submissions is 5 August 2026.

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