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Eighth IAG Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, 1 February 2026, 16:00 – 18:45 NZDT

ICG 2026, Christchurch, New Zealand, Hotel Ibis Meeting Room and Online

Minutes

1. WELCOME

Sunil Kumar De welcomed all present EC members to the EC meeting which was organized in hybrid format. The President thanked all EC members for their valuable efforts and work for the IAG. Special thanks were addressed to the local conference organizers of the ICG 2026.

2. OVERVIEW OF PRESENCE AND ABSENCE

Achim A. Beylich informed about presence and absence of EC members.

Present in-person: Sunil Kumar De, Mihai Micu, Takashi Oguchi, Achim A. Beylich, Francisco Gutierrez, Katja Laute, Susan Conway, Efthimios Karymbalis, Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum, Samuel McColl, Florin Tatui;

Present virtually: Andrea Coronato, Narges Kariminejad

Absent: Anita Bernatek-Jakiel, Karl Wegmann, Cengiz Yildirim.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

Achim A. Beylich and Samuel McColl informed about logistical arrangements for the 1st IAG General Assembly on 2 February 2026.

4. 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Samuel McColl presented latest updates on the organisation of the ICG 2026. 1165 abstracts from 985 participants 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. All important information and details on the ICG 2026 can be found on the conference website: <https://www.confer.co.nz/icg2026/>.



5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Francisco Gutierrez reported on the financial situation of the IAG. 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 are requested several times every year. The NSMs with still pending annual fees include Malta, Mexico and Serbia. 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 annual 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. After discussion, the EC decided to propose to the IAG Council an increase of the IAG national membership fee by 10%.

The elected IAG EC Members for the new term 2026-2030 will be registered by the Feliu company following the elections during the ICG in Christchurch.

6. REPORT ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Efthimios Karymbalis presented the detailed report on the IAG Training Programme prepared by him and Anita Bernatek-Jakiel. Since 2002, the IAG has supported 274 Young Geomorphologists from 62 countries with 298 grants. During the term 2022-2026, 76 grants have been awarded to 74 Young Geomorphologists from 30 countries. For the 11th ICG in Christchurch the IAG granted 20 Young Geomorphologists. The report included details on provided IAG grants and related reports from grant recipients, IAG financial support for YGs' training activities, and 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 was an important achievement during the term 2022-2026 for the transparent evaluation of applicants.

7. REPORT ON NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEMBERS

Mihai Micu reported on the current situation related to IAG NSMs and on progress made during the term 2022-2026. Currently, the IAG has 64 individual countries and 4 regional associations as NSMs. These 68 NSMs include in total 73 countries. During the term 2022-2026, IAG approved 7 new membership requests (Burkina Faso & Mali, Gabon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam). 26 NSMs are currently fee-exempted. It was discussed to introduce a report template to be used by NSMs with fee exemption and related reporting duties. Presently, membership discussions are being conducted with Algeria, Colombia, Lithuania, Kyrgyzstan, North Macedonia, Morocco, Pakistan, Uruguay, Tunisia, and Saudi Arabia.

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

During the IAG Photo & Video Contest, 15 Young Geomorphology groups have been involved in the evaluation, and there have been 15 monthly winners (photo), 5 video winners, and two overall winners.

8. REPORT ON WORKING GROUPS

Andrea Coronato presented the report on IAG Working Groups. Currently, 18 Working Groups are active, one of them in cooperation with IGU. 6 of the 18 Working Groups started during the term 2022-2026: Tectonic Geomorphology (2022), Virtual Field Trips in Geomorphology (2022), Andean Geomorphology (2022), DYNAGEOZONES (2022), Deltas (2023), and Coastal Geoarchaeology (2025).

Andrea Coronato provided a detailed overview of the periods of activity of all Working Groups, the status of reporting and various Working Group activities (including thematic session at IAG conferences, publications and other reported activities). The next deadline for the submission of Working Group activity reports is 15 April 2026.

The following Working Groups have expressed their interest in continuing (2026-2030): DENUCHANGE, Advancing theory and modelling of river systems, Tectonic Geomorphology, Geomorphosites, and DYNAGEOZONES. Working Groups ending in 2026 are invited to submit expressions of interest for possible continuation before 1 August 2026.

A recently received proposal for a possible new Working Group on *Climate Geomorphology: Processes, Responses and Futures* was discussed and approved by the EC members. The approval of this new Working Group shall be ratified by the IAG Council.

9. REPORT ON COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH

Takashi Oguchi reported on collaborations with different academic bodies:

AAG: Occasional communications (2024-2025),

AGU: Communications with the AGU Earth and Planetary Surface Processes Section leadership and the AGU headquarters (2022-2025); Signing of MoU (2025),

EGU: Co-sponsored sessions at the EGU Annual General Assemblies and cooperation with the EGU Geomorphology Division (2022-2025),

GSA: Communications with the GSA Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division (2022-2025); Co-sponsored sessions at the GSA Connect Meetings (2024-2025); Co-sponsored session at the 11th ICG (2026); Signing of revised MoU (2025),

IGU: Re-launching of the IAG/IGU Working Group/Commission on Geomorphology and Society (2024-2025),

IPA: Co-sponsored session at the IAG RCG 2025,

IUGS: Communications related to the IUGS 100 Geoheritage sites (2022-2025); Co-sponsored session at the ICG (2024),

INQUA: Communications with the INQUA Executive Committee (2023-2025); Signing of MoU (2025),

Geomorphica: Communications and financial support (2023-2025).

In addition, Takashi Oguchi reported on IAG webinars: Eight to ten regional webinars during the International Geomorphology Week each year (2023-2025); Webinars for the International Geodiversity Day (2022-2025).

The International Geodiversity-Day Webinar 2025 was organised on 13 November 2025. The theme of the webinar was Geodiversity Related to Geoparks and National Parks and three invited



presentations from Taiwan, India and France were given. For the International Geomorphology Week 2026, two online events for different time zones with invited presentations by IAG Honorary Fellows and IAG Medallists 2026 are organized.

10. IAG HIGHLIGHTS

Katja Laute reported on the publication of the IAG Highlights. 14 issues of the IAG Highlights have been published since September 2022 (21 issues in total), which are archived under Publications on the IAG website. The Highlights are published quarterly and compile concise information on the activities of and related to the IAG, as well as on conferences and events of interest to the geomorphological community. The newsletter is widely distributed via the IAG website, various email lists and social media.

11. IAG WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND GEOMORPH-L

Susan Conway reported on the status of the IAG website, IAG social media and Geomorph-list. The IAG website has been experiencing steady traffic and efforts have been made to find solutions for existing functionality problems. IAG has currently 2597 followers on Facebook and 148 followers on YouTube (47 videos). The IAG X-account (formerly Twitter) has been made inactive and a new Instagram account was created in 2025 (190 followers). There are currently 3063 subscribers for Geomorph-list, with 30-50 emails being sent per month.

12. PROPOSAL FOR A NEW IAG PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Sunil Kumar De presented a proposal for a possible new IAG Presidential Award: "The IAG may confer an IAG Presidential Award upon individuals to recognize the exceptional service to the IAG, significant contribution to the discipline of Geomorphology and promoting the subject for the benefit of the society. One senior scientist may be selected for this award in accordance with the objectives of the IAG. The IAG Presidential Award shall be selected and awarded by the Executive Committee and announced at the International Conference on Geomorphology."

The proposal was discussed by the EC members and it was decided not to approve the proposal at this time. Instead, it was suggested to consider the possibility of a new specified Young Geomorphologist grant.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brazil (UGB – Brazilian Geomorphological Union) submitted a letter of intent for the preparation of a bid for hosting an IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Brazil. After discussion, the EC decided to invite Brazil to submit a full bid for a possible IAG Regional Conference in Brazil in the year 2029.

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