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Ninth IAG Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 11:00 – 13:15 UTC (13:00 – 15:15 CEST)

Virtual meeting

Minutes

1. WELCOME

Sunil Kumar De welcomed all participating EC members to the virtually held EC meeting.

The President thanked all EC members for their valuable efforts and work for the IAG during the past four years (2022-2026).

2. OVERVIEW OF PRESENCE AND ABSENCE

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

Present: Sunil Kumar De, Andrea Coronato, Takashi Oguchi, Achim A. Beylich, Francisco Gutierrez, Katja Laute, Anita Bernatek-Jakiel, Narges Kariminejad, Efthimios Karymbalis, Karl Wegmann, Ghislain Zangmo Tefogoum, Samuel McColl, Florin Tatui;

Absent: Mihai Micu, Susan Conway, Cengiz Yildirim.

3. IAG COUNCIL MEETING, 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Achim A. Beylich informed the EC members that the final Council Meeting of the current EC mandate 2022-2026 will be held in virtual format on 1 September 2026, 11:00-12:00 UTC (13:00-14:00 CEST).

During this Council Meeting, the ICG 2026 final report and final financial budget, the bid document for the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology 2029 in Salvador, Brazil, the continuation (2026-2030) of different existing IAG Working Groups, and the name-change of the IAG WG Geomorphosites shall be ratified by the Council. In addition, information on the revised IAG annual membership fees, as approved by the IAG Council on 5 February 2026 and as applicable from 2027, will be provided.

The new IAG Executive Committee (2026-2030) will be introduced and will officially take over the duties from the current IAG Executive Committee (2022-2026).



4. 11TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY, NEW ZEALAND: REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Samuel McColl presented the preliminary report and preliminary financial statement for the 11th International Conference on Geomorphology, Christchurch, New Zealand.

In addition, he provided ICG 2026 convenor reflections and recommendations for possible consideration.

The final ICG 2026 report and financial statement will be presented during the IAG Council Meeting on 1 September 2026.

5. BID DOCUMENT FOR THE IAG REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOMORPHOLOGY 2029 IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL

Achim A. Beylich presented the formal bid document for hosting the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology 2029 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, July 2029, which was submitted on 29 April 2026 by Grace B. Alves on behalf of the Brazilian Geomorphological Union (UGB) and the Local Organising Committee. The bid document was formally approved by the EC.

6. GSA CONNECTS 2026, 11-14 OCTOBER 2026, DENVER, COLORADO, USA, AND GSA ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES SPRING MEETING, 12 MAY 2026

Sunil Kumar De informed about the upcoming GSA Connects 2026 Conference in Denver, Colorado, USA, 11-14 October 2026. IAG will be represented by Sunil Kumar De, Takashi Oguchi and Karl Wegmann and will co-organise and co-convene two topical sessions (see below) at this conference. In addition, IAG has provided auspices/endorsements to a number of topical sessions at this conference.

Achim A. Beylich reported on the GSA Associated Societies Spring Meeting, 12 May 2026. During this virtual meeting, GSA informed about the revised MoU between GSA and IAG, different collaboration formats, membership benefits and the opportunity of disseminating relevant information through the GSA Newsletter.

7. COLLABORATION IAG – IGC 2028 (38TH INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, 12-20 AUGUST 2028, CALGARY, CANADA)

Sunil Kumar De informed about the collaboration that has been started between IAG and IGC 2028 (38th International Geological Congress, 12-20 August 2028, Calgary, Canada). From the current IAG EC, Sunil Kumar De and Karl Wegmann plan to attend this conference. The new IAG EC will be asked to send additional IAG representative(s) to this conference.

8. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Francisco Gutierrez provided the IAG Treasurer's report.



In order to facilitate the management of fiscal issues, the newly elected IAG Executive Committee (2026-2030) has been registered at the Spanish Registry of Associations (SRA) with the assistance of Feliu Company. The tax declaration of 2025 has been presented.

The 2026 annual membership fees plus pending ones have been requested two times. The countries with still pending membership fees will be approached again, also with the help of different EC members.

A seed fund of 11422 Euros paid for ICG 2026 (Christchurch, New Zealand), together with revenues from this event, shall be received. The revenues that were received from ICG 2022 (Coimbra, Portugal) amounted to 21329 Euros.

From 2027, revised IAG membership fees (10% plus) will be applied.

9. REPORT ON THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Anita Bernatek-Jakiel and Efthimios Karymbalis provided the report on the IAG Training Programme. The reports of IAG grant holders that participated in the ICG 2026 and related YGs Training Activities were published on the IAG website on 17 April 2026.

Since 1 February 2026, four calls for IAG grants have been organised: IAG offered (i) one travel grant of 400 Euros to support the participation in the II European Young Geomorphologists Meeting (II EGYM), Italy-Slovenia-Croatia, 25-27 June 2026, organized by the Italian Young Geomorphologists' Coordinators of AIGeo, the Young Geomorphologists of Croatia (YGC), and the Geomorphological Society of Slovenia, (ii) one travel grant of 400 Euros to support the participation in the IX Argentine Congress of Quaternary and Geomorphology, Diamante, Entre Rios, Argentina, 25-28 August 2026, organised by the Argentine Association of Quaternary and Geomorphology, (iii) one travel grant of 450 Euros to support the participation in the International Conference "Geomorphosites 2026 – Heritage Geomorphology" and Intensive Course on Geomorphosites for MSc and PhD students, Sion, Switzerland, 7-12 September 2026, organised by the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and the IAG Working Group on Geomorphosites, and (iv) one travel grant of 450 Euros to support the participation in the 5th IAG DENUCHANGE Working Group Workshop, Naxos Island, Greece, 6-9 October 2026, organised by the IAG Working Group DENUCHANGE.

IAG received a request from Grace B. Alves (Uniao da Geomorfologia Brasileira) to support the 16th National Symposium on Geomorphology (16th SINAGEO), 5-11 June 2027, Foz do Iguacu, Parana, Brazil. This request was discussed by the EC and it was decided by the EC to offer one grant of 400 Euros to a Young Geomorphologists from outside Brazil to support participation in this event.



The Training Officers acknowledged to support from a number of colleagues that provided reviews for the various grant applications.

10. REPORT ON NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEMBERS

Achim A. Beylich showed Mihai Micu's report on National Scientific Members.

At the beginning of the 2022-2026 mandate, IAG was comprising 63 countries grouped in National Scientific Members as 56 individual countries and 3 regional associations (including a total of 8 countries). Presently, IAG gathers 74 countries grouped in National Scientific Members as 64 individual countries and 4 regional associations (including a total of 10 countries).

Invitations for 17 interviews for the IAG Virtual Memory Book have been sent. This first group of interviews targeted former IAG Presidents and Honorary Fellows. Eight interviews are by today 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. Two more interviews were conducted and are currently edited (O. Slaymaker, P. Williams), and five interviews are in progress (M. Soldati, A. Goudie, A. Cendrero, A.M. Harvey, M.J. Kirkby). The next group of interviews will include Brunsden Medalists, while other nominations will be asked to the NSMs.

The IAG Photo and Video Contest will be further discussed within the 2026-2030 IAG EC.

11. REPORT ON WORKING GROUPS

Andrea Coronato provided the report on IAG Working Groups. Since the approval of the new IAG WG *Climate Geomorphology* during ICG 2026 in Christchurch, IAG has 19 active Working Groups.

The IAG WG *Geomorphosites* has proposed a name change to *Geomorphosites and Heritage Geomorphology*. After discussion, the EC approved this requested name change and the name change shall be ratified by the IAG Council on 1 September 2026.

Working Group annual reports 2025-2026 include detailed information on a wide range of WG activities, including the organisation of thematic sessions at conferences, the organisation of WG workshops, collaborations with other associations, invited lectures and collaborations between Working Groups, monthly blogs, special issues in scientific journals, activities during the International Geomorphology Week in March 2026, field courses, internal meetings, and participation in various non-IAG activities. The detailed activities performed by each WG shall soon be available on their respective sites on the IAG website. The following seven IAG Working Groups have declared their interest to be extended by a new four-year term (2026-2030):



DENUCHANGE, Advancing theory and modelling of river systems, Tectonic Geomorphology, Rocky Coast Geomorphology, Geomorphosites, Dynamic geodiversity of critical zones in mountain and polar regions: from Nature to Culture, and Virtual Field Trips in Geomorphology. The requested WG continuations were approved by the EC and shall be ratified by the IAG Council on 1 September 2026.

After discussion, the EC expressed the wish that also the WG Geomorphological Hazards should be extended by a new four-year term (2026-2030).

12. REPORT ON COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH

Takashi Oguchi provided the report on Communication, Cooperation and Outreach.

During the International Geomorphology Week 2026, IAG organised two webinars with special lectures (i) on 3 March 2026 by Edward Park (Singapore) and Rayees Ahmed (India) and (ii) on 6 March 2026 by Ian Evans (UK) and Richard Marston (USA).

At GSA Connects 2026, 11-14 October 2026, IAG will co-organise and co-convene two conference sessions on *Contemporary research in geomorphological hazards* and *Riverscapes in transition: Advances in fluvial geomorphology, sediment transport, deposition, and river health*.

During the AGU26 Annual Meeting, 7-11 December 2026, IAG will co-organise and co-convene a session *Better Together. The Power of International Collaborations in Geomorphology*. This session arises from the partnership between AGU's EPSP Section and IAG.

13. IAG HIGHLIGHTS

Katja Laute reported on the publication of the IAG Highlights. 15 issues of the IAG Highlights have been published since September 2022 (22 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.

14. IAG WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND GEOMORPH-L

Takashi Oguchi showed Susan Conway's report on the IAG Website, Social Media and Geomorph-L.

The IAG website is experiencing steady traffic. IAG has currently 2.7k followers on Facebook, 244 followers on Instagram (started in 2025), and 150 followers on YouTube (47 videos). Geomorph-L has currently 3037 subscribers with 30-50 email being sent out per month.



15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sunil Kumar De informed about a request for IAG auspices: The organising committee of the 38th Annual Conference of the Indian Institute of Geomorphologists (IGI) asks for IAG auspices and the use of the IAG logo in their official information brochure for this upcoming conference. The conference will be held in the historic Presidency University, Kolkata, 17-19 February 2027. After discussion, the EC decided to provide IAG auspices (use of the IAG logo) for this event.

IAG President

Sunil Kumar De

IAG Secretary-General

Achim A. Beylich

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