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International conference

Regional Conference on Geomorphology of the International Association of Geomorphologists

Cappadocia, Turkiye, 12-14 September, 2023

During September 12-14, 2023, the Regional Conference on Geomorphology of the International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG) took place in Cappadocia, Turkiye, under the theme *Geoheritage and Geodiversity*. The meeting was organized by the Turkish Society for Geomorphology and IAG, being hosted by Nevsehir Hacı Bektaş Veli Üniversitesi. The conference included 1 pre-conference field trip with 29 participants and 4 post-conference field trips with 100 participants.

The conference was attended by 150 participants from 25 countries (5 from Romania). It included 14 thematic sessions, respectively: Geoheritage, Cultural Geomorphology and Geotourism; Marine and Coastal Geomorphology; Wetlands; Tectonic Geomorphology; Geomorphological Hazards and Risk Management; Sustainability in Geomorphology;

Anthropocene and Urban Geomorphology; Fluvial Geomorphology; Geoarchaeology; Form, Processes and Landscape Change; Denudation and Environmental Changes in Different Morphoclimatic Zones; Glacial and Periglacial Geomorphology; Hillslope Process and Landforms; Karst Geomorphology; Weathering, Soils and Landforms; Mountain Geomorphology, which gathered 104 oral presentation and 52 posters presentations. There were 4 keynote lectures: A.M. Celal Sengor: *Geomorphology of Cratons and Its Implications for Their Tectonic Development*; Warren Eastwood: *Lake Core Records as Archives of Classic Sediment Influx and Erosion Histories*; Achim Beylich: *A successful paper from the eyes of an editor in chief*; Mikael Attal: *Becoming a peer-reviewer: role and benefits*.



The IAG allocated 10 grants in total of 6500 Euros to support Young Geomorphologists worldwide (7 from less favoured countries) to attend the Regional Conference on Geomorphology in Cappadocia as well as to take part in the related Intensive Training Course. 20 Young Geomorphologists participated in the two days Intensive Training Course with the main focus on High Resolution

Mapping and Cosmogenic Dating of Fluvial Landforms. The Intensive Training Course was an extraordinary occasion for Young Geomorphologists, and especially for those from less favoured countries, to increase their knowledge in high resolution mapping and cosmogenic isotopes and to create networks with experienced scientists and early career researchers in an informal and international context.

On September 14, the IAG Executive Committee (EC) convened in a hybrid format during the RCG 2023 in Cappadocia. The EC members presented their reports according to their portfolios. The new Special Portfolio Member Florin Tatui, being in charge for the organisation of the RCG 2025 in Romania, was introduced and welcomed by the EC. Directly after the EC meeting, the Council of the IAG, comprised of its National Scientific Members

(NSMs), came together. Three new NSM's from Mali, Burkina Faso and Madagascar as well as the new IAG Working Group Deltas were ratified during the Council meeting after the formal approval of the EC. More information on this new IAG WG will follow soon. A lively discussion was held on the potential revision of the NSMs membership fees with the decision to further investigate and discuss this issue.



The Romanian Association of Geomorphologists was represented by 5 members (from University of Bucharest, Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy and Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca) who gave oral and poster presentation on Aeolian Geomorphology (*Aeolian activity reconstruction of the Letea dune field, Danube Delta*); Marine and Coastal Geomorphology (*Holocene evolution of the Lower Danube valley under the stress of sea-level oscillations and humans* and *Time and scale in the*

last 170 years of Danube Delta coastline dynamics); Hillslope Processes and Landforms (*The earthquake-induced landslides potential of the Vrancea Seismic Region (Eastern Carpathians, Romania)*); Geomorphological Hazards and Risk Management (*Tree-ring reconstruction of-snow avalanche history in Calimani Mountains (Eastern Carpathians, Romania)*).

The next Regional Conference on Geomorphology will be held in 2025 in Timișoara, Romania.

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