

Symposium

VIII Italian Young Geomorphologists' Days

Milan and Veny Valley, Italy, June 26–28, 2019

The event „VIII Italian Young Geomorphologist's Days" gathered together early career geomorphologists from Italy, Switzerland, France, Romania, Russia, Austria, Greece, Poland, Costa Rica, Brazil and India. The conference lasted for three days and took place in Milano, at Palazzo Greppi of the University of Milan. During the first two days, the participants presented their work while on the third day a fieldtrip was organized in the Veny Valley (Mont Blanc Massif, Italy). The large number of contributions, either oral or poster presentations, covered a wide variety of geomorphological processes such as glacial, periglacial, coastal, fluvial, mass movements, etc. and techniques used for the hazard assessment and conservation of geoheritage.

The second day of the event was marked by the meeting of the young geomorphologists' national delegates. The public discussion with the representatives of the groups from Italy, Switzerland, Poland, France, Greece, Costa Rica and Romania was chaired the President of International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG), prof. Mauro Soldati, and Vice-President of IAG, dr. Susan Conway. Its main aim was to bring together the national groups of young

geomorphologists to talk over the development of the international group of young geo-morphologists. The discussion agenda included a brief presentation of each group, ideas on how we can improve the networking and collaboration between groups, expectations of this project, a small debate regarding the definition of Early Career Scientists (ECS) and the possibility of organizing these meetings every year.

The last day fieldtrip to the Veny Valley was a great chance to enrich our knowledge of glacial geomorphology thanks to the expertise of Philip Deline and Marco Giardino that presented the geological, geomorphological and climatic context of the area and its significance in the evolution of the Miage Glacier. More than that, we enriched our knowledge about the landforms on Mars through a very interesting presentation by Susan Conway. Moreover, the beautiful landscape, the nice walk between unique landforms, the lively topic related discussions, the good vibes and the sunburns have completed this great trip, out of which, I suppose, interesting collaborations will come out.



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