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“Hugues Faure”

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Hugues Faure fue no solamente uno de los grandes pioneros del estudio del Cuaternario sino también un científico íntegro, apasionado y generoso, que compartió su saber no solo con los especialistas de su nivel, sino muy en particular con los jóvenes científicos a los que siempre apoyó con sus excepcionales consejos, motivándoles a proseguir en sus futuras investigaciones y guiándoles, en muchos casos, hacia líneas y temas novedosos que tanto la Ciencia como la Sociedad demandan de todos nosotros.

Geólogo de profesión, inicia sus trabajos de campo en el continente africano, primero en Marruecos y posteriormente en el Níger oriental, y es en esta área donde centra su **Tesis Doctoral** sobre “**Formations postpaléozoiques du Níger oriental**” presentada en 1962. Los 15 años de trabajo le llevan a realizar una cartografía de medio millón de Km². La especial atención que dedicó a los depósitos lacustres Cuaternarios, llevando a cabo las primeras dataciones de radiocarbono, le permitió mostrar como el Sur del Sahara había estado ocupado por lagos entre los 9000 y 7000 a.BP. inmediatamente después del desplazamiento (~ 400 Km) hacia el Sur de las dunas del Sahara. **Señalando por primera vez la rapidez del gran cambio climático.**

- 1962 Maître de Conference (Universidad de Dakar-Senegal) donde funda la ASEQUA (Association Scientifique pour l'Étude du Quaternaire Africaine) y crea la revista, Bulletin de l'ASEQUA. Durante este período sus investigaciones se orientan a dos temas fundamentales: **la historia de los lagos holocenos** y las **líneas de costa cuaternarias del litoral Atlántico** (Senegal y Mauritania).
- 1968 Profesor en la Universidad Pierre et Marie Curie de Paris. Sus investigaciones se dirigen a la zona-subtropical de Africa del Norte desde el Atlántico al Mar Rojo, con el fin de analizar a escala de continente, **las fluctuaciones de los monzones.**
- 1969 Presidente del Comité Técnico del **ORSTOM** (Office de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-Mer).
- 1970 Director del Lab. Géologie du Quaternaire (LGQ) du CNRS, Paris y Marseille donde inicia el **Primer Programa Internacional de Sondeos profundos en los Grandes Lagos Africanos (CEGAL).**
- 1982 **Presidente de INQUA**, con la que siempre estuvo relacionado, particularmente con las Comisiones de Neotectónica, Líneas de Costa y Estratigrafía. Contribuye activamente en la **elaboración del nuevo Programa IGBP** (Internacional Geosphere-Biosphere Programme).
- 1991-2003 Presidente de la INQUA on Carbon Commission. Centrando su investigación en el **Ciclo del Carbono terrestre.**
- 1995-2003 Prof. Emérite de l'Université de la Méditerranée (Aix-Marseille).

Su relación estrecha con los científicos de **AEQUA**, le llevó a participar activamente en nuestros Congresos Nacionales e Ibéricos, formando parte en los últimos años del Comité Editorial de la **Revista Cuaternario y Geomorfología.**

La investigación científica, que él consideraba como “La Investigación de la Verdad”, el amor y la generosidad hacia sus colegas y el constante apoyo de su “pequeña-Gran familia” (Liliane y Olivier), fueron los pilares en los que se asentó su vida. Yo me siento enormemente honrada de haber tenido la suerte de compartir con este “Gran hombre”, al que conocí durante mi primer Congreso Internacional (INQUA-Paris-1968), muchas horas de trabajo y especialmente el disfrute de su amistad. MILGRACIAS querido Hugues.



Programa Internacional de Correlación Geológica

Proyecto-495 (2004-2008)

INTERACCIONES TIERRA-OCÉANO: MECANISMOS CAUSANTES Y RESPUESTAS DE LA COSTA

<http://www.geography.dur.ac.uk/research/IGCP495/index.html/>.

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Este Nuevo Proyecto es parcialmente una continuación de los Proyectos anteriores que trataron sobre cambios del nivel del mar durante el Cuaternario. Sin embargo su enfoque está fundamentalmente dirigido al estudio de los cambios verticales del nivel del mar y a los desplazamientos laterales de la línea de costa, analizando los mecanismos causantes de dichas variaciones. El rango 'espacial' comprende escalas locales, regionales y globales dentro de un rango temporal que va desde años a miles de años.

Se han establecido 7 grupos de trabajo:

Dentro de la componente vertical (A)

- A.1. Cambios del nivel del mar y volumen de hielo de los casquetes
- A.2. Cambio ambiental. Evolución costera y actividad fluvial
- A.3. Nivel del mar y circulación oceánica
- A.4. Cambios relativos del nivel del mar durante los últimos 1000 años

Dentro de la componente lateral (B)

- B.1. Sedimentación en la zona costera (sedimentos continentales vs. marinos)
- B.2. Impacto humano en la evolución costera y el cambio del nivel relativo del mar)
- B.3. Tsunamis, temporales, etc.

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Grupo de Trabajo Español Proyecto IGCP 495

Quaternary Land-Ocean Interactions: driving mechanisms and coastal responses

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“VI Reunión de Cuaternario Ibérico. Gibraltar, 2005: Estado actual de la Organización”

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Universidad de Huelva

Durante la XI edición de la Reunión Nacional de Cuaternario celebrada en Oviedo, 2003) los organizadores de la presente edición del Cuaternario Ibérico realizaron su propuesta. Se trata de un equipo de investigación, que bajo el auspicio del Museo de Gibraltar ha reanudado la investigación de los antiguos yacimientos de homínidos localizados en las diferentes cuevas, niveles eólicos y marinos que bordean el Peñón de Gibraltar desde el año 1995. Durante el congreso tendremos la oportunidad de visitar y examinar el contexto geológico, geomorfológico y paleoambiental de esta zona y áreas adyacentes.

Cada cuatro años tiene lugar la celebración de la Reunión de Cuaternario Ibérico que AEQUA organiza conjuntamente con el Grupo de Trabajo Portugués para el Estudio del Cuaternario (GTPEQ). La anterior convocatoria tuvo lugar en Lisboa (2001), la próxima se organizará en Gibraltar bajo la temática: La Península Ibérica y el Poblamiento de Homínidos

Organización

- Clive Finlayson (Museo de Gibraltar) jcfinlay@gibnet.gi
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- Joaquín Rodríguez Vidal (Universidad de Huelva) jrvidal@uhu.es
- **Secretaría** : Geraldine Finlayson gfjmh@gibnet.gi
- Lugar de celebración: John Mackintosh Hall, Gibraltar.
- Las fechas de celebración serán de 26 a 28 de septiembre de 2005, prolongándose con una excursión post-Congreso los días 29 y 30.
- La primera circular, en tríplico, se editará en Septiembre de 2004.

Contenidos Científicos

- La temática será: *La Península Ibérica y el Poblamiento de Homínidos*.
- Los **subtemas** preferentes serán dos:
 1. Paleogeografía, Biogeografía y Ecología del Cuaternario
 2. Poblamiento de Homínidos.

Programación Científica

- Día 26:** Conferencia, comunicaciones y paneles del subtema 1.
- Día 27:** Excursión a lugares de interés cuaternarista en Gibraltar: Gorham's & Vanguard Caves, Martín's Cave, Forbes' Quarry. Asamblea AEQUA y otras asociaciones cuaternaristas ibéricas.
- Día 28:** Conferencia, comunicaciones y paneles del subtema 2.
- Excursión post-Reunión** (opcional) “*Borde norte del Estrecho de Gibraltar y Bahía de Cádiz*”.
- Día 29:** Paradas de campo sobre el Pleistoceno superior y Holoceno de la Bahía de Cádiz. Dr. F. Javier Gracia Prieto (responsable) y colaboradores.
- Día 30:** Paradas de campo sobre el Pleistoceno superior y Holoceno en el borde gaditano del Estrecho. Dra. Cari Zazo (responsable) y colaboradores.

Todos los avances que se vayan haciendo sobre el Congreso Ibérico se expondrán en la página web del Museo de Gibraltar: <http://www.gibraltar.gi/museum> y en <http://tierra.rediris.es/aequa>



“INQUA después de Reno (2003)”

Cari Zazo, Presidenta Comité Español de INQUA (Museo Nac. CC. Naturales, CSIC)
Teresa Bardají, Presidenta de AEQUA (Universidad de Alcalá de Henares)

Durante el XVI Congreso de INQUA que tuvo lugar en Reno (USA), Agosto 2003, se decidió una nueva estructura, desapareciendo muchas de las comisiones previas y creándose otras. A continuación se hace un resumen de cuál es la situación actual así como de la representación de nuestro país en las distintas comisiones y grupos de trabajo.

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ESTRUCTURA DE LAS COMISIONES

El establecimiento de una nueva estructura es un proceso lento y difícil, por lo que muchas de las nuevas comisiones se encuentran todavía en vías de organizarse, a continuación se hace un resumen de aquellas de las que se dispone información por el momento.

Commission on Coastal and Marine Processes
(<http://www.inqua.tcd.ie/cmp1.htm>)

Presidente: Colin Murray Wallace (Australia). **Vicepresidentes:** Isabel Cacho (España); Wyss Yim (Hong Kong)

Subcomisiones:

Coastal Subcommission. Chair Colin Murray Wallace

Working Groups:

- 1) North and West Europe. Chair: S. Uscinowicz (szymon.uscinowicz@pgi.gov.pl)
- 2) Mediterranean Basin. Chair: Dorit Syvan (dsivan@research.haifa.ac.il)
- 3) Long-Term Sea Level Changes. Chair: Cari Zazo (mcncz65@mncn.csic.es)
- 4) Short Term Sea-Level Changes. Chair: S. Haslett (s.haslett@bathspa.ac.uk)

Continental Shelves Subcommittee. Chair *Wyss Yim* (wwsyim@hku.hk)

Working Groups:

- 1) *Siliciclastic-dominated shelves*
- 2) *Carbonate-dominated shelves including coral reefs*
- 3) *Sub-aerially exposed shelves*

Deep Sea Subcommittee. Chair: *Isabel Cacho* (icacho@ub.edu)

Commission on Terrestrial Processes, Deposits and History
(<http://inqua.nlh.no>)

Presidente: Jim Teller (Canada): tellerjt@MS.umanitoba.ca

Subcomisiones

Aeolian (loess + dunes)	
Sub-Commission on Glaciation	http://www.ucalgary.ca/~sjogren/INQUA-SCOG/index.htm
Subcommission on Palaeoseismicity	http://inqua.nlh.no/commpl/palseis.htm
Subcommission on Palaeopedology	http://fadr.msu.ru/inqua/
Commission mission	
Volcanogenic Processes and Deposits	
Natural Hazards	
Glocoph Subcommission (Global Continental Palaeohydrology)	http://www.ccma.csic.es/dpts/suelos/hidro/glocoph/glocoph.html
Fluvial archives	http://www.qra.org.uk/FLAG/
Palaeolacustrine	

Comisión de Palaeoecology and Human Evolution

<http://www.inqua.tcd.ie/PAHE/>

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Representación española en las distintas Comisiones y Subcomisiones

Commission on Coastal and Marine Processes

Isabel Cacho Vicepresidenta de la Comisión y Chair de la Subcomisión de Deep Sea
WG on Long term Sea Level Changes

Cari Zazo: Chair

Corresponding Members: José Luis Goy., Teresa Bardají

Commission on Paleoclimate

Blas Valero: Full Member

Commission on Paleoeecology and Human Evolution

Yolanda Fernandez Jalvo: Corresponding Member

Terrestrial Processes, Deposits and History

Subcommission on Paleoseismicity: Pablo G. Silva Barroso: Corresponding Member

*Subcommission on Global Continental Paleohydrology (GLOCOPH):*Gerardo de Benito: Secretary

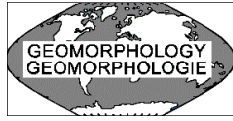
Corresponding Members: Maria J. Machado, Andrés Díez Herrero, Felix Frances, Alfredo Perez-González , Maria Teresa Rico Herrero, Yolanda Sanchez-Moya, Alfonso Sopena, Varyl Thorndycraft, David Uribe Larrea del Val , Blas L. Valero-Garces.

Commission on Stratigraphy and Chronology (Subcommission on Quaternary Stratigraphy, ICS)

Cari Zazo: Voting Member

Working Group on the Pleistocene/Holocene Boundary

Blas Valero: Corresponding Member (INTIMATE)



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IAG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mexico City, 26 and 30 October 2003

Members present: M. Panizza (President), A. Goudie (Vice-President), D. Lóczy (Secretary), A. Ozer (Treasurer), I. Alcántara-Ayala, M. Gutiérrez-Elorza, C. Harden, E.M. Latrubesse, J. Lugo-Hubp, M. Soldati, Z. Zwolinski. **Apologies for absence:** M.T. Benazzouz, V. Ch. Jha, A. Pérez-Gonzalez.

1. News from the President (M. Panizza)

- Welcome to all the participants and, in particular, to Carol Harden, new Publication Officer.
- Thanks to Irasema Alcántara-Ayala and her collaborators for the organization of the IAG Regional Conference in Mexico City.
- Conference to celebrate O. Slaymaker's life-work (University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 27-30 June, 2004): supported by IAG.
- Commemorative conference in Longarone (Italy) on the 40th anniversary of the Vaiont landslide: supported by the IAG.
- International Conference on Periglacial Geomorphology (Clermont-Ferrand, France, 20-22 January, 2005): call for papers circulated.
- ICSU grants program 2005: information received from Secretary General.
- 7th International Conference on Geomorphology, 2009: Australia-New Zealand Geomorphological Group has expressed its interest to prepare a proposal.

2. News from EC members

- E.M. Latrubesse: Information on IAG National Scientific Members in South America:
1) Argentina: organizing a conference in La Plata for 2005, 2) Venezuela: meeting with representatives of the geomorphological community, 3) Bolivia: the national group will be organized at La Paz University in November 2003, 4) Brazil: meeting with representatives of Uruguay and Argentina.
- M. Soldati: INQUACongress, Reno, 24 July, 2003; poster session organized by the IAG.
- D. Lóczy: IUGS Annual Report for 2001 was published.
- A. Ozer: Met with Moroccan geomorphologists; reorganization of national group is underway.

3. Mexico Regional Conference program

I. Alcántara-Ayala reported on Conference program, which will include ca. 100 participants outside Mexico from more than 20 countries, 160 oral papers, and 70 posters.

4. Minutes of Modena EC meeting

The members of the IAG Executive Committee officially approved the Minutes.

5. Report of the President's activity, new proposals, discussion

- Reports on meetings in which the President participated.
- San Giorgio Canavese (Torino, Italy), April 2002: WG "Terroirs viticoles";
- Santander (Spain), March 2003: University Session in honor of Antonio Cendrero;
- Ljubljana (Slovenia), July 2003: Academic Symposium in honor of Ivan Gams;
- Camerino and Modena Apennines (Italy), July 2003: IAG Meeting and Workshop;
- Cagliari (Italy), October 2003: WG "Geomorphological sites";
- Athens (Greece), October 2003: WG "Geoarchaeology".

Progress in the three main fields of intervention presented at Tokyo Conference: 1) more committed participation of all geomorphologists in the IAG activities; 2) more official enrollment in the IAG of those countries which are less favored owing to economic reasons; 3) more information, updating and training opportunities for young researchers, especially those belonging to less favored countries.

Proposal from Leo de Graaff of a one-week intensive course for postgraduates in 2004 and 2005 in Vorarlberg, Austria: EC decided to support the initiative giving the aegis.

IAG became a member of the International Consortium on Landslides. A new journal (*Landslides*) will be launched by ICL. M. Panizza will be a member of the steering committee and the EC proposed that I. Alcántara-Ayala serve on the editorial panel of the journal *Landslides*. M. Panizza and E.M. Latrubesse will contact the Geological Survey of Peru for Macchu Picchu Program.

6. Memberships

D. Lóczy reported on new requests for National Scientific Members. The application of Macedonia was approved. Categories of fees were established. Countries without fees but with responsibility to present an annual report are: Albania, Cameroon, Egypt, Macedonia, Madagascar, Pacific Islands, Vietnam.

In addition to the list of National Delegates it is necessary to compile a list of individual geomorphologists all around the world. The EC asked Z. Zwolinski to collect national lists from national representatives.

7. Financial situation

A. Ozer presented the financial balance of the IAG. The balance was positive but some members had not paid their membership fees for the year 2003. It was emphasized that only those countries that have paid membership fees for the period 2001 to 2005 by that time will have a voting right in Zaragoza.

8. Publication activity, Newsletters etc.

- E.M. Latrubesse asked if the *Revista Brasileira de Geomorfologia* could also publish the Newsletter in the future: the EC approved.
- C. Harden was asked to prepare a list of all recent IAG-related publications.
- A. Goudie: *The Encyclopedia of Geomorphology* was expected to appear in January, 2004. Contacts with John Wiley should be maintained and a new volume published on a comprehensive topic. A glossary of geomorphology should be produced for the web site. O. Slaymaker, A. Pissart and M. Sala will be asked to coordinate this task.
- M. Soldati reported on the proposal of Elsevier to publish some of the Florence symposia volumes.
- I. Alcántara-Ayala announced that the Proceedings of the Mexico Regional Conference would be published as special volumes of *Catena* and *Geomorphology*.

9. Working Group (WG) activities

Detailed reports were received from WG chairmen and evaluated and approved by the Executive Committee. A. Pérez-Gonzalez was asked to write letters to WG leaders asking for an annual report, the listing of their expenses of operation, and information on the workshops to be organized by the WG at the International Conference in Zaragoza. A proposal has been made by the President to establish horizontal-regional Working Groups as well as already existing vertical-thematic Working Groups. The EC approved.

10. Training activity

M. Soldati updated the plan of training activities for 2003, showed in detail the plan for 2004 and 2005, and made proposals about grants to be awarded for future IAG sponsored activities (see point 11 for details about grants).

11. Grants for young geomorphologists

M. Soldati reported on IAG grants already awarded, emphasizing that in jointly sponsored activities the number of grants offered has often been doubled thanks to the funds provided by organizing institutions

(e.g. UNESCO, Italian Association of Physical Geography and Geomorphology, Mexican Geomorphological Society).

IAG Grants will be awarded within the following initiatives: 1) BGRG Windsor Course – UK, December 2003; 2) IAG Symposium and International Workshop on Landslides – India, February 2004; 3) Field Course in Tierra del Fuego – Argentina, March 2004; 4) International Geological Congress – Florence, Italy, August 2004, for which it was proposed to provide grants for the Intensive Course “Geomorphology and Engineering Geology applied to Landslide Risk Mitigation;” 5) Santander short course, “Global change, natural processes and sustainability – strategies and tools for managing environmental risks” – Spain, summer 2004 (the course is not confirmed yet); and 6) AGU Chapman Conference “Salt Marsh Geomorphology” in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, October, 2004; and 7) Conference in Brazil, second half of 2004.

With respect to the year 2005, it was decided that most of the funds should be allocated to the IAG Zaragoza Conference.

12. Reports of EC Members other activities, new proposals, discussion

De Ploey Library. During the Council Meeting it was proposed to establish a Commission to manage the J. De Ploey Library. The EC decided the Members of this Commission to be M. De Dapper, A. Ozer and J. Poesen.

E. M. Latrubesse presented a proposal for an international field course in the Pantanal, Brazil, second half of 2004, concerning fluvial systems.

M. Panizza mentioned that 2004 will be the IUGS-UNESCO Year of the Planet.

Z. Zwolinski mentioned that 2007/8 will be International Polar Year: the EC proposed a regional conference for that occasion.

India Regional Conference (Calcutta, 2004) – S.K. De sent a report on preparations. The EC approved changing the name of the meeting to IAG Symposium. Two grants will be awarded by IAG.

IGU International Conference (Glasgow, 2004) – A. Goudie mentioned that geomorphology is the focus of numerous sessions. The IAG President and Vice-President will present plenary lectures. IAG Executive Committee members are encouraged to participate individually.

IUGS International Congress (Florence, 2004) – M. Panizza informed the IAG EC that the 2nd Circular has been delivered. There will be various symposia (Cultural Heritage, International Geoscience Project, Year of the Planet etc.) and thematic sessions where the IAG is directly involved.

IAG 6th International Conference on Geomorphology (Zaragoza, 2005) – M. Gutiérrez-Elorza presented the 1st Circular and statistics about preliminary registration (351 people from all continents) and announced oral and poster presentations (ca 400 altogether). The registration fee is comparable to that of previous conferences.

Contributions to the project “Dark Nature – Rapid Natural Changes and Human Responses” – The grant application to ICSU under the heading “Dark Nature – Rapid Natural Changes and Human Responses” (Coordinator I. Stewart, University of Glasgow, Scotland) has been approved and funded. M. Panizza underlined that the participation of IAG in this project will enhance the IAG policy of scientific support to less favoured countries.

13. Budget for 2004 and 2005

A. Ozer presented the financial balance. The EC approved.

14. Next EC meetings

An administrative meeting is to be held in Zaragoza, 26-28 March, 2004.

15. Other matters

- The EC made decisions about the Council meeting, the General Assembly and the Closing Ceremony of the Mexico Regional Conference.
- The standard format for Working Groups designed by A. Pérez-Gonzalez was accepted. Links are proposed to web-sites with more detailed information on each WG.
- It was decided that M. Panizza and I. Alcántara-Ayala would summarize the outcomes of the Mexico Regional Conference for the Newsletter and the web site.

Pécs-Modena, 18 February, 2004

Mario Panizza
IAG President

Dénes Lóczy
IAG Secretary

Editor's Note

The success of the IAG Newsletter depends upon the contributions that we receive. Please assist by sending commentaries, reviews of regional or national meetings and field trips, summaries of issues pertinent to geomorphology, and announcements of future meetings and workshops. Your contributions should be forwarded to the IAG Publications Officer:

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IGU and IUGS approve IAG Constitution

IGU (International Geographical Union) and IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences) formally approved the new text of the IAG Constitution (prepared by the past IAG Executive Committee and approved by the IAG General Assembly in Tokyo 2001). The IAG Constitution is thereby officially approved and in use. Congratulations and thanks to all the IAG geomorphologists for this important achievement.

Mario PANIZZA, IAG President

GEOMORPHLIST Changes Moderators

The IAG Executive Committee met in Zaragoza, Spain on March 27th, 2004, and was delighted to acknowledge the magnificent role that Dr. William Locke had played as Moderator of the GEOMORPHLIST. His long-standing and valuable work has made possible contacts between geomorphologists from all over the world and favoured circulation of information and ideas, as well as discussions on many different topics of geomorphology.

The IAG Executive Committee would also like to welcome Dr. David Wilkins as his successor and wish him a long and profitable role in this important office.

Mario Panizza, IAG President

Editor's Note:

GEOMORPHLIST is the listserv developed by geomorphologists to serve as a forum for eliciting thought and discussion on the wide range of geomorphological topics. The listserv, which currently has 1339 subscribers, has also come to be used to post announcements to the geomorphology community regarding opportunities and events.

Dr. William Locke, Professor of Geology in the Department of Earth Sciences at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, USA, concluded five years of excellent and much-appreciated service as GEOMORPHLIST moderator on February 27, 2004. The new moderator, Dr. David Wilkins, is Assistant Professor of Geosciences at Boise State University, Boise, Idaho, USA. Postings to the list should now be sent to GEOMORPH-L@listserv.boisestate.edu. Information about GEOMORPHLIST, including an archive of postings and instructions for joining the list, posting to the list and replying to a posted message, is available from a link on <http://earth.boisestate.edu/home/dwilkins>, and also from a link on the IAG website at <http://www.geomorph.org>.

In his letter thanking David Wilkins for taking on the important task of listserv moderator, IAG President Panizza wrote,

...Your contribution to the international geomorphological community will be of enormous importance since, at present, the GEOMORPHLIST can be regarded as the easiest instrument that enables any geomorphologists to communicate with a very large number of scientists working in our field. I truly hope that the number of subscribers of the list will increase in the near future, including more and more scientists from the less favoured countries of the World. Please consider that I will do my best, together with the Colleagues of the Executive Committee of IAG, to encourage their involvement.

IAG Symposium on Geomorphology and Environment and International Workshop on Landslides in Darjiling and Sikkim Himalayas (27th February – 6th March, 2004)

The inaugural function of the Symposium was held on February 27, 2004 at the Department of Geography, Calcutta University. The function was presided over by Prof. A. K. Banerjee, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University. The Welcome address was delivered by Prof. S.R. Basu, Chairman of the Symposium, an Inaugural Speech was given by Prof. Dénes Lóczy, IAG Secretary, a Keynote Address was given by Prof. L. Starkel, Polish Academy of Sciences, and a Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Sunil Kumar De, Convener of the Symposium and the Workshop. The organizers recognized Prof. L. Starkel for his incredible contribution in the field of Geomorphology for 50 years. Prof. M. Soldati, IAG Executive Committee member, spoke about the IAG training activities.

Eighty-seven geomorphologists participated in the Symposium, of whom 13 were from abroad (Italy, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Malta, Australia, Indonesia and Bangladesh) and 74 were from different parts of India. Eight technical sessions, including one poster session with posters from India and abroad, were held on different branches of geomorphology. A post-conference field trip traveled by steamer on the River Hugli upstream from Fairlie Place Ghat to Belur and downstream to Khidirpur Dock.

A total of 17 geomorphologists (including 3 organizers) participated the Workshop, of which 10 were from abroad and 7 from India. From 1–3 March, 2004 the participants visited different landslides, including Tindharia landslide, Paglajhora Landslide, Ambootia Landslide, and Ging Landslide in Darjiling; from March 4–5, 2004 they visited B2 landslide and 9th mile landslide (in Sikkim), and on March 6th, on the way back to Siliguri Tista - Rangit Confluence, they saw Likuvir Landslide (in Darjiling) and others.

Two IAG Scholarship holders participated the Symposium and the Workshop: Muh Aris Marfai (Indonesia) and Md. Saifuzzaman (Bangladesh). The Organizing Committee has given four scho-

larships to young Indian geomorphologists by waiving 2/3rd of their registration fees. Their names are as follows: Mr. Biswajit Bera, Ms. Paromita Majumder, Ms. Sutapa Saha, and Ms. Sumana Bhattacharya.

Sunil Kumar De, Convener, IAG Symposium on Geomorphology & Environment

IAG Grants to Young Geomorphologists

Two IAG grants for the II Postgraduate Field Course on the Geomorphology and Quaternary Geology of Tierra del Fuego (Argentina, 6-22 March, 2004) were offered to young geomorphologists from the less favoured countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. The International Association of Geomorphologists is glad to announce that these grants were awarded to Juan M. Reynaldi (Argentina) and Luz Maria Rodriguez Davila (Venezuela).

Additional scholarships were offered by local institutions to Argentine young researchers. The Antorchas Foundation awarded grants to Juan Federico Ponce (Argentina) and Leonardo Pierrard (Argentina). The Universidad Nacional del Centro, Tandil, Province of Buenos Aires, offered a grant to Maria Valeria Capristo (Argentina).

Please visit the IAG website (<http://www.geomorph.org>) for future training activities and grant offers.

Mauro Soldati, IAG Executive Committee Member

Solidarity with Colleagues in Morocco

IAG President M. Panizza sent the following note to Prof. Abdellah Laouina, IAG National Delegate for Morocco, on behalf of the IAG:

In the name of IAG and personally, I want to express to the Moroccan colleagues all our solidarity for the victims and for the devastation that your country has suffered because of the disastrous earthquake of February 2004.

Mario Panizza, IAG President

He received the following response:

Thanks a lot for your message of solidarity with Morocco in this difficult moment. But your help and the support of the International community were so nice that they help Moroccans to forget more easily the terrible catastrophe.

Thanks again,

Abdellah

Abdellah Lauoina, IAG National Delegate for Morocco

Solidarity with Colleagues in Spain

To Prof. Enrique Serrano,

Spain National Delegate of IAG

Dear Enrique,

In such a dramatic and shocking moment for Spain, Europe and all the World, I wish to express on behalf of the International Association of Geomorphologists, our full and sincere solidarity

to the Spanish Colleagues for the hideous and tragic crime carried out by terrorists and our firm execration of any form of violence. With the hope that culture and science may contribute to overcome any political and religious contraposition,

Un abrazo

Mario Panizza, IAG President

On the Loss of Prof. Nicolae Popescu

To Prof. Adrian Cioaca
University of Bucharest

Dear Prof. Cioaca,

On behalf of the International Association of Geomorphologists, I would like to share the sad feeling for the unexpected loss of Prof. Nicolae Popescu, President of the Romanian Association of Geomorphologists, renowned scientist and dear friend, and express my deepest sympathy to his colleagues and to his family.

Mario Panizza, IAG President

Editor's Note

The success of the IAG Newsletter depends upon the contributions that we receive. Please assist by sending commentaries, reviews of regional or national meetings and field trips, summaries of issues pertinent to geomorphology, and announcements of future meetings and workshops. Your contributions should be forwarded to the IAG Publications Officer:

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