# Report of the 16th International Young Geomorphologists' Meeting, Bad Kreuznach, Germany June 24-26, 2022

### **A**fter two years of online meetings,

the Young Gemorphologists held the 16th International Young Geomorphologists' Meeting in Bad Kreuznach, Germany (close to Mainz), on June 24-26, 2022, with an additional workshop on June 27. In total, 34 early career and student participants joined from Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, and Poland. The diverse group included Bachelor's and Master's students, doctoral researchers, and postdocs from 22 different institutions. The atmosphere of this year's meeting was inspiring, joyful and social as the participants discussed scientific topics and academic life in the green hills of western Germany. The program included five sessions of oral presentations and spotlight talks, two evening poster sessions, a keynote talk, a panel discussion on academic life, and an excursion to a nearby outcrop and viewpoint (see attached program). The sessions for the oral presentations and spotlights were organized as follows:

Sessions I: Advances in permafrost research, with a talk by Rainer Gardeweg from Universitè de Fribourg, Switzerland. Session II: Mass movements and soil geomorphology, with talks by Laura Paola Calderon Cucunuba from the Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy, and Iosif-Otniel Lopatita from the West University of Timisoara, Romania.

Session III: Impacts of uplift, lithology and erosion on long-term landscape evolution, with a talk by Romano Clementuc-ci Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy, and a spotlight presentation by Bastian Ringleb from Uni Gießen, Germany.

Session IV: Applied remote sensing and geomorphometry, with talks by Ettore Potente from Università degli Studi di Bari, Italy, Doris Hermle from the TU München, Germany, Natalie Barbosa from the Uni München, Germany, and Marcos Moreno-Sànchez from the University of Granada, Spain, and a spotlight presentation by Andreas Ruby from the GFZ Potsdam, Germany.

<u>Session V:</u> Transport and sedimentation in fluvial systems, with talks by Andrej Novak from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Andrei Ionita from the West University of Timisoara, Romania.

### **Proceedings**

We were lucky to have the participants in person again at our meeting this year. After not seeing each other for a long time, there was some networking to catch up on for a lot of participants. The program started with an introductory game, "the Scales Game", in which the participants shortly introduced themselves and their research projects. After this introduction, the kitchen was ready for dinner. Then, the participants found a spot in the conference hall and the '30 second' poster session started: every presenter had 30 seconds to present their research. Afterwards, the poster session started. The discussions allowed for valuable feedback, and the presenters also had the possibility to check out the other posters, besides answering questions about their own work. The variety of topics was widespread and covered topics from glacial geomorphology in the Black Forest to dryland geomorphology in the Atacama Desert.

After this session, we had a panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Wilfried Haeberli (former University of Zürich) and PD Dr. Tobias Ullmann (University of Würzburg) about their academic paths and experiences in science. They gave interesting insights into what inspired them to pursue geomorphology, how the field of geomorphology has evolved over time, how to balance family and a scientific career, and also about the struggle of frequent work-related travel. Some takeaway points from this discussion are: for a career in academia, it's important to stay curious and to develop and maintain contacts with colleagues and other researchers. The first day ended with an open-ended gathering within the youth hostel.

Saturday kicked off with a quick welcome from the organizing committee, which was followed by the keynote talk by Prof. Dr. Wilfried Haeberli. He shed light on new landscapes in high mountains developing due to climate change and discussed potential solutions to the associated increasing hazards. Also, he shared experiences and reflections from high alpine geomorphology.

After a quick break, the first session started in line with the topic of the keynote talk, "Advances in Permafrost research", with just one presentation. The second session kicked off with two interesting talks about "Mass Movements and soil geomorphology", with a lively discussion afterwards. After lunch our third session covering two talks about "Impacts of uplift, lithology and erosion on long-term landscape evolution" took place. After this interesting session, Bastian Grimm led a field trip to the surrounding area. We learned about the Tertiary Mainz Basin and discussed the stratigraphy in a sandpit, and then talked about the fluvial geomorphology and evolution of the Nahe River at a viewpoint. There, we enjoyed the sun and the view with some cold drinks before going back to the hostel. The day ended with some free time for discussing, dinner and a continuation of the poster session. Aside from sharing the scientific aspects of their research, participants had the valuable opportunity to discuss their currrent work environment, and issues and progress in their studies or projects.

The third day started with five presentations about "Applied remote sensing and geomorphometry", each followed by an intesnse discussion. After refilling our cups of coffee in a short break, our last session began with two talks about "Transport and sedimentation in fluvial systems". We enjoyed the last lunch together and met outside for our last point: the feedback! The last words were by the organization committee before half the group went home, while 15 participants stayed for our "Digital Field Methods" workshop.

### <u>Workshop</u>

Monday's workshop was hosted by Bastian Grimm and Andreas Eberts from the Geological Survey of Rhine-land-Palatinate. In the relaxing setting of a local Bad Kreuznach brewery, Bastian and Andreas gave presentations on digital field methods. From Bastian we learned about various smartphone or tablet applications, and Andreas taught us how to create digital outcrop models using structure from motion or LiDAR methods. After lunch, we had a short excursion to test out structure-from-motion photogrammetry using a digital camera mounted on a tripod.



View of the Nahe river during our fieldtrip



Investigating the stratigraphy of the Tertiary

Mainz Basin

### **Feedback**

In general, the feedback for this year's meeting was positive, and participants were happy to be able to meet in person again. However, we received some valuable constructive feedback, which is summarized here:

- Include a female guest speaker, in part to enable a discussion on the female-specific issues in an academic career. Also include diversity in background; for example, someone outside of academia.
- Invite YGs to send in discussion ideas for next year's panel discussion
- More icebreaker games on Day 1, and more evening activities such as PowerPoint Karaoke, or a Pub Quiz.
- Include a discussion on decolonizing science and fieldwork, including fair and respectful conduct when sampling in developing countries.
- Better explanation of Spotlight Presentations (pre-meeting).

With warm regards from the old and new board of Young Geomorphologists:

Andreas, Bastian, Doris, Emma, Janek, Johannes, Johanna, Jörn, Laura, Linda, Lukas, and Nina.

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### Friday, June 24th, 2022

1600 Arrival

17<sup>00</sup> Get to know the program and the group Let's learn some names and share a drink!



1900 <u>"30 seconds madness" Poster Session</u> Convener: Laura

You have 30 SECONDS to present your topic on one slide. After the short introductions we will continue discussing the posters with some cool drinks.

### Felix Martin Hoffmann Uni Freiburg, Germany

Reconstruction of the Late Pleistocene glaciation of the southern Black Forest, Germany

Helen Werner GFZ Potsdam, Germany

Glacial and erosional contributions to late Quaternary uplift of the European Alps

Lukas Dörwald RWTH Aachen, Germany

Too easy to be good? - Dune height estimates from simple trigonometry

Bastian Grimm Uni Mainz, Germany

Lithostratigraphy and sedimentology of pliocene alluvial fan deposits at gravel pits near Gutenberg-Wallhausen, Rheinland-Pfalz, SW-Germany

Laura Kögler Uni Gießen, Germany

Terrace formation derived by fluvial erosion in the Baza Basin, Spain - a first overview

Janek Walk RWTH Aachen, Germany

Pedogenesis under coastal hyperaridity - soil formation since the Middle Pleistocene at Paposo, Atacama Desert, northern Chile

20<sup>30</sup> Talk with Prof. Dr. Wilfried Haeberli & PD Dr. Tobias Ullmann

Academic Paths & Experiences

Conveners: Emma & Doris



Friday evening poster session



Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Wilfried Haeberli and PD Dr. Tobias Ullmann

### Saturday, June 25th, 2022

**8**<sup>00</sup> Breakfast

9ºº Keynote talk by Prof. Dr. Wilfried Haeberli

Geomorphology and new landscapes in high mountains - experiences and reflections

Convener: Johannes

10<sup>40</sup> Coffee break

### **ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND SPOTLIGHTS**

You have 15 mn. for your topic, so make your talk short (~12 mn.) and leave enough time for discussion!

SPOTLIGHT: You have 15 mn. for your topic, and your talk is limited to 5 mn. Get to the essence of your research topic or problem and have plenty of time for discussion and problem solving!

1000 Session I: Advances in Permafrost research Conveners: Johannes & Jojo

10<sup>00</sup> Rainer Gardeweg Universitè de Fribourg, Switzerland
Identifying mountain permafrost degradation by repeating historical ERT-measurements (with textile electrodes)

11<sup>00</sup> Session II: Mass movements and soil geomorphology Conveners: Jojo & Johannes

11<sup>oo</sup> Laura Paola Calderon Cucunuba Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy

Landslide susceptibility assessment by using a stochastic approach: a case study from El Salvador (CA)

11<sup>20</sup> losif-Otniel Lopatita West University of Timisoara, Romania

Spatio-temporal reconstruction of active slope processes in the Sâmbăta Valley, Făgăraș Mountains (Romania) using tree-ring method

**12**00 Lunch

1900 Dinner

13<sup>00</sup> Session III: Impacts of uplift, lithology and erosion on long-term landscape evolution Conveners: Janek & Emma

1300 Romano Clementucci Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

Erosional dynamics and surface uplift in a rejuvenated landscape: insights from the Western Moroccan Meseta

13<sup>20</sup> Bastian Ringleb Uni Gießen, Germany

Impacts of geology when using landscape evolution models

14<sup>30</sup> Field trip to the surroundings (led by Basti)

20<sup>30</sup> Open-ended Poster Session II & Get together

### Sunday, June 26th, 2022



800 Breakfast



900 Session V: Applied remote sensing and geomorphometry Conveners: Lukas & Doris

900 Ettore Potente Università degli Studi di Bari, Italy

Unmanned aerial system for natural disaster scenario mapping and monitoring

9<sup>20</sup> Doris Hermle TU München, Germany

Performance testing of optical flow time series analyses based on a fast, high-alpine landslide 940 Natalie Barbosa Uni München, Germany

Reconstruction of morphometric changes using UltraCam aerial imagery

[ 1000 Andreas Ruby GFZ Potsdam, Germany

Periodic climate signals preserved as alluvial river terraces

10<sup>20</sup> Marcos Moreno-Sànchez University of Granada, Spain

Surface and roughness indices calculations with Python: new tools for the Topopy package

**10**⁴⁰ Short break



1100 Session VI: Transport and sedimentation in fluvial systems Conveners: Laura & Basti

1100 Andrej Novak University Ljubljana, Slovenia

Holocene sedimentation processes on alluvial fans in the Planica Valley (NW Slovenia)

11<sup>20</sup> Andrei Ionita West University of Timisoara, Romania

Estimating sediment budget and transport in the Râul Mare watershed for managing the Râul Mare-Retezat hydropower system



13<sup>00</sup> Give us what we deserve!

We need your opinion on what you liked and disliked!

13<sup>30</sup> Goodbye and some final remarks











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## GERMAN YOUNG GEOMORPHOLOGISTS WORKSHOP: DIGITAL TERRAIN METHODS IN APPLIED GEOSCIENCES

Field work is getting increasingly complicated these days, with the wide variety of available methods and lack of time.

Many field measurement devices are expensive, and we have to carefully select the best methods for fieldwork...

However, many methods can easily be done with a smartphone, tablet, or small digicam. Even the local geoscientific authorities are going digital these days!

Join this workshop if you want to learn how to best use your smartphone/tablet and your small digicam during field work. You will also learn some easy methods in the field, which can be adopted in your own field work!







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(from the 26th to the 27th + dinner & breakfast) GUEST SPEAKER (Geological Survey of Rhineland Palatinate) (from the German Young Geomorphologists)

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