



First IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor Planning and Strategy Meeting (Skype Meeting), 28 May 2020, 11:00 – 13:05 CEST

Meeting summary report

Meeting participants

The IAG GeoNorth/GeoNor skype meeting had 12 participants:

Mauro Soldati (IAG), Mihai Micu (IAG), Mikkel Fruergaard (Denmark), Verner Brandbyge Ersten (Denmark), Eliisa Lotsari (Finland), Jukka Käyhkö (Finland), Thorsteinn Sæmundsson (Iceland), Achim A. Beylich (Norway), Benjamin Bellwald (Norway), Katja Laute (Norway), Nils Rüther (Norway), Lina Polvi Sjöberg (Sweden)

Mauro Soldati (President of IAG) and Mihai Micu (Secretary General of IAG) had kindly accepted the invitation to join the GeoNorth/GeoNor planning and strategy meeting. All five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden) were represented at the meeting through GeoNorth national scientific representatives and GeoNor core members.

Welcome to the meeting

Achim A. Beylich welcomed all participants to the meeting and informed briefly about the process of applying for the initiatives IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor and the formal approval of these initiatives in September 2019. IAG GeoNorth is a new national scientific member of the IAG (regional group member) and IAG GeoNor represents a re-entry of a national scientific member to the IAG.

Approval of the agenda

The agenda of the meeting was approved by all meeting participants.

Welcome to all meeting participants by Mauro Soldati (President of IAG) and Mihai Micu (Secretary General of IAG)

Mauro Soldati and Mihai Micu welcomed all meeting participants in the name of the IAG. Mauro Soldati showed a presentation on the IAG and informed the meeting participants on the organisation, structure and activities of the IAG (please find the presentation on the IAG by Mauro Soldati attached).

Brief introduction of all meeting participants

All meeting participants introduced themselves briefly.

The current status of national geomorphology groups/communities in the five Nordic countries and the potential for further development of national geomorphology groups in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway (IAG GeoNor) and Sweden

The national representatives of each Nordic country informed about the current status of national geomorphology groups/communities in their country. *Denmark* has currently no organised/structured national geomorphology group. Mikkel Fruergaard and Verner Brandbyge Ernten informed about their ongoing efforts to build a new national geomorphology group in Denmark. They will continue their efforts and consider a first national meeting of Danish geomorphologist in early 2021. Achim A. Beylich recommended to Mikkel Fruergaard and Verner Brandbyge Ernten to get in contact with IAG regarding a proposal for a national Danish geomorphology group affiliated to the IAG. *Finland* has currently no organised/structured national geomorphology group. Jukka Käyhkö and Eliisa Lotsari confirmed their interest to develop a new Finnish national geomorphology group by reactivating the existing old network of Finnish geomorphologists. Jukka Käyhkö has been the Finnish national representative for many years and confirmed to use his long-lasting contact to IAG for these planned efforts. *Iceland* has currently no organised/structured national geomorphology group. Thorstein Sæmundsson explained that the national community of geomorphologists in Iceland is very small and that it is probably not possible to build a national geomorphology group that stands alone. Thorsteinn Sæmundsson confirmed his interest to be part of GeoNorth and to take efforts to find some colleagues that will join the GeoNorth activities. *Norway* has since September 2019 a newly formed national geomorphology group affiliated to the IAG (IAG GeoNor). Achim A Beylich described the process of building this newly formed national geomorphology group and highlighted his concept to include Norwegian colleagues with different scientific backgrounds in the GeoNor core group, allowing the cross-disciplinary development of this national geomorphology group. *Sweden* has currently no organised/structured national geomorphology group. Lina Polvi Sjöberg informed that an upcoming national geomorphological mapping project will bring together a higher number of Swedish geomorphologists and could be a good opportunity to inform about GeoNorth and the possibilities to develop a potential national geomorphology group in Sweden. Achim A. Beylich suggested a number of Swedish colleagues that could be contacted for potentially joining a possible Swedish geomorphology group.

The current status and the potential for development of young geomorphologists activities in the five Nordic countries

The national representatives of the five Nordic countries confirmed that there are currently no organised/structured national groups of young geomorphologists in the five Nordic countries. There was agreement that the development of young geomorphologists activities would currently make most sense within the frame of GeoNorth. At national level, the possible development of national young geomorphologists groups should follow (i) first concrete activities within GeoNorth and (ii) the ongoing or planned building of national groups of senior geomorphologists.

IAG GeoNorth as a new umbrella network, forum and possible catalyst for communication and exchange, further development, international collaboration and joint Nordic research and training activities

There was agreement that GeoNorth and the planned activities within GeoNorth will be very useful to develop further national geomorphology groups, activities of Nordic young geomorphologists, and joint research and training activities in the Nordic countries.

Call for applications and selection of GeoNorth young geomorphologists national representatives for the five Nordic countries

Achim A. Beylich will prepare a draft document "Call for applications for GeoNorth young geomorphologists national representatives". After approval by GeoNorth/GeoNor colleagues this document (Call) will be sent through GeomorphList. In addition, the GeoNorth national representatives and GeoNor core members will be asked to forward this Call to young geomorphologists that might be interested to apply for this role.

First joint IAG GeoNorth/IAG GeoNor conference, 1-2 October 2020, Trondheim, Norway: Status and planned activities

The first joint IAG GeoNorth/GeoNor conference is scheduled for 1-2 October 2020, Trondheim, Norway. Due to the global COVID-19 crisis the deadline for pre-registration for this event has been extended until 15 June 2020. After 15 June 2020 a decision will be taken if the event will take place as planned or if it will be postponed by some months. If it should be necessary to postpone the event by some months, an additional virtual GeoNorth/GeoNor meeting will be organised in the beginning of October 2020 to monitor progress and to keep activities going. The first joint GeoNorth/GeoNor conference will include scientific talks and poster presentations, training courses for young geomorphologists and a field excursion. GeoNorth and GeoNor colleagues are invited to provide scientific overview/summary presentations on relevant broader topics. This idea was developed by Lina Polvi Sjöberg who will present a talk on the status of fluvial geomorphology in Northern Sweden. Benjamin Bellwald offered to provide a talk on the status and technologies used for submarine geomorphologies detected in the North Atlantic (including North Sea and Barents Sea). Achim A. Beylich will invite a selected international colleague from outside the Nordic countries and a selected young geomorphologists representative from outside the Nordic countries to the conference (see also below). Mauro Soldati informed about the possibility to apply for IAG grants for this type of conferences. The first joint GeoNorth/GeoNor conference is organised under the auspices of the IAG.

Invitation of international scientists (from outside the Nordic countries) with relevant published geomorphological research achievements in the Nordic countries to GeoNorth and GeoNor meetings

There was agreement that such invitations are useful. Achim A. Beylich will invite a selected international colleague from outside the Nordic countries to the first joint GeoNorth/GeoNor meeting in Trondheim.

Invitation of selected active young geomorphologists representatives from well established young geomorphologists groups to newly developing young geomorphologists activities within GeoNorth

There was agreement that such invitations are useful to support the upcoming activities of young geomorphologists within GeoNorth. Achim A. Beylich will invite a selected young geomorphologists representative from outside the Nordic countries to the first joint GeoNorth/GeoNor meeting in Trondheim.

IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor newsletters and websites

Katja Laute informed about the existing initial IAG GeoNorth and GeoNor websites (accessible through <http://www.geomorph.org/national-scientific-members/>) and about the plan to develop also a more detailed and independent GeoNorth/GeoNor website. Katja Laute will compile a first GeoNorth/GeoNor newsletter and will send out a call for contributions to this newsletter to all GeoNorth national representatives and GeoNor core members. All GeoNorth and GeoNor colleagues will be asked to present themselves in this first GeoNorth/GeoNor newsletter. In addition, the newsletter shall include general information on GeoNorth and GeoNor and information on upcoming GeoNorth/GeoNor activities as well as on relevant research projects, training courses, exchange opportunities, etc. in the Nordic countries.

Annual IAG affiliation fees for IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor

Achim A. Beylich informed about the annual IAG affiliation fees for IAG GeoNorth (600 Euros) and IAG GeoNor (300 Euros) and suggested that these fees should be covered through registration fees for GeoNorth and GeoNor meetings. There was agreement that this approach makes sense in the current stage. In a later stage, this type of costs could eventually be covered through defined annual membership fees of GeoNorth/GeoNor members.

IAG GeoNorth and IAG GeoNor presentations (posters) at the 34th Nordic Geological Winter Meeting, 8-10 January 2020, Oslo, Norway

Achim A. Beylich informed that he presented GeoNorth and GeoNor at the 34th Nordic Geological Winter Meeting, 8-10 January 2020, Oslo, Norway (poster presentations). At this conference Benjamin Bellwald, Achim A. Beylich and Thorsteinn Sæmundsson were present.

The upcoming Springer book: Beylich, A.A. (Ed.). *Landscapes and Landforms of Norway*. Springer (IAG endorsed Springer Book Series on World Geomorphological Landscapes)

Achim A. Beylich informed about the upcoming book *Beylich, A.A. (Ed.). Landscapes and Landforms of Norway*. Springer which is currently in production. The book is part of the IAG-endorsed Springer Book Series on World Geomorphological Landscapes (<https://www.springer.com/series/10852>). There are so far no books existing on the other Nordic countries. Nordic colleagues that are interested to edit a possible book on Denmark, Finland, Iceland or Sweden are asked to contact the book series editor Piotr Migoń to receive more detailed information and to discuss possible book projects.

Planned bid for an IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology (to be presented in Coimbra, Portugal, 6-10 September 2021)

Achim A. Beylich informed about the plan to prepare a bid for an IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology in the Nordic countries (Norway). The bid shall be presented during the 10th IAG International Conference on Geomorphology, 6-10 September 2021, Coimbra, Portugal. All GeoNorth national representatives and GeoNor core members are asked to please inform Achim A. Beylich (achim.beylich@gmail.com) if they are interested to actively contribute in the organisation of this planned and proposed conference (e.g., general conference organisation, organisation of pre- or post-conference field trips, organisation of training courses for young geomorphologists, etc.). The preparation of the bid will be further discussed over the coming months.

Selbustrand, 29 May 2020

Achim A. Beylich