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Congratulations!

The Awards Committee has selected:

Professor Roussos Dimitrakopoulos as the winner of the William Christian Krumbein Medal

Associate Professor Ute Mueller as the recipient of the John Cedric Griffiths Teaching Award.

Let me start my first column by acknowledging the wonderful job that Harald Poelchau has done in editing this newsletter for an incredible 22 years. Thank you Harald for your enthusiasm, dedication and hard work! And my personal thanks also to Harald for his invaluable help and advice as I try to fill his shoes!

I enjoyed meeting some of the IAMG members at IAMG2017 in Perth earlier this year. Thanks to the organizing committee for an excellent, well run conference, in such a beautiful location. If I haven’t yet met you, let me introduce myself.

My name is Katie Silversides. I enjoy travelling, camping, 4WDiving, cycling, gardening and reading. I completed my undergraduate and PhD studies at the University of Sydney. I currently work in the Rio Tinto Centre for Mine Automation, Australian Centre for Field Robotics, the University of Sydney. My work has mainly focused on the banded iron formation (BIF) hosted iron ore deposits of Western Australia’s Hammersley region.

I research methods of providing quick, automated or semi-automated processing of the geological or geophysical data to allow objective, fast processing of new drill holes and faster ore boundary identification and mining model updates. I have used a range of data sources, including geophysical downhole logging, geochemical assays, ‘measure while drilling’ metrics from drill rigs and reflectance spectroscopy. In processing this data I have applied techniques including Gaussian processes, dynamic time warping, continuous wavelet transforms and several linear unmixing techniques.

Have you noticed that the IAMG is now on Twitter? We also have a new Facebook page and our LinkedIn group has been updated. Please like, follow and support us on social media.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed articles to this newsletter. Please keep them coming in!

Next year will be a big year as we celebrate 50 years since the founding of IAMG. The annual conference will be held in Olomouc, Czech Republic, not far from where the first meeting took place. Keep the date free, 4-8 September – more details are on page 10. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Katie Silversides

IAMG is on Twitter and Facebook!

Join the conversation using @IAMG_Math_Geo for news, journal and conference updates.

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I’m finishing my President’s address as I return from two weeks visiting IAMG members and student chapters across China, supported by the generous hospitality of the IAMG community and CHJ Call Research Funding. I was accompanied by Secretary General, Eric Grunsky and colleagues from Queen’s University Belfast and Geological Survey Northern Ireland. It has been so rewarding to hear more about the research excellence of IAMG members in China University of Geosciences (Beijing), Jilin University (Changchun), China University of Geosciences Wuhan, The Institute of Technology, Chengdu and Sun Yat-Sen University in both the Zhuhai and Guangzhou campus. Presentations by IAMG Chapters in China University of Geosciences Wuhan and Sun Yat-Sen University were particularly inspiring. One of the things that I was keen to impress on the student chapters was that they are part of a diverse and inclusive global scientific community and network. Currently IAMG membership represents 55 countries across the globe.

The opportunity to hear from very engaged student and early career IAMG members was extremely helpful and Eric and I have many suggestions to discuss with the Executive and Council. Encouraging and inspiring our students and early career researchers is extremely important. An excellent example of this was the workshop on developing early career scientists organized in collaboration with the Young Earth Scientists (YES) at IAMG2017 in Fremantle, Perth, Western Australia. The IAMG recognizes the importance of YES and we continue to work with the Earth Science Matters Foundation (ESMF) to develop this relationship. I also look forward to opportunities to visit all of the current IAMG student chapters and to support the development of others. An amazing highlight during our visit was the opportunity to acknowledge a life time commitment to the IAMG with an Honorary Lifetime Membership award to Prof. Frits Agterberg at the celebration of his 81th birthday. It was fitting that Frits was able to celebrate this with his friends and IAMG family in China.

IAMG2017 was a very successful event and an excellent example of IAMG members and sponsors presenting innovative mathematical geoscience and developing new networks and research. The Organizing Committee, chaired by Oktay Erten, did tremendous work in organizing the conference. I would like to thank all of those who organized workshop and courses, chaired sessions and participated in the conference. It was a particular pleasure for me to meet so many IAMG sponsors at IAMG2017. Thank you again for making IAMG2017 such a success and I hope that, as we look towards IAMG18, this will be the start of long lasting and fruitful partnerships.

Abstract submission is open for IAMG2018, which will be held in Olomouc (Czech Republic), 2-8 September 2018 with an organized trip to Praha (Prague) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of IAMG’s genesis. The local organizing committee, chaired by Jiří Hartl, did tremendous work in organizing the conference. Thanks also to the Chair of the Meetings Committee, Helmut Schaeben and Executive Vice President Raimon Tolosana-Delgado for liaising with the local organizing committee to ensure the success of IAMG2018. I would like to acknowledge the committee team, Karl Hron, Ondřej Bábek and Eva Fišerová, working with David Collins, as Treasurer and Regina van den Boogaart, as our diligent IAMG Office Manager, for collaborating so effectively with the conference organizers to make our IAMG conferences so successful.

Plans are already in place for IAMG2019 which will be held in Pennsylvania State University (USA). The Chair of the Local Organizing committee is IAMG member, Professor Sanjay Srivastava, John and Willie Leone Family Chair, Department of Energy and Mineral Engineering.

Co-operation with other organizations professionally concerned with applications of mathematics and statistics to the biological sciences, earth sciences, engineering, environmental sciences, and planetary sciences remains a key aim of our association. IAMG, as a sponsoring partner of the First Conference on Resources for Future Generations (RFG 2018) in Vancouver, 16–21 June 2018, exemplifies this. Eric Grunsky, IAMG Secretary General, is thanked for his excellent work in organizing sessions and workshops at this meeting. The IAMG has also agreed to sponsor geoENV2018, which will take place 2-6 July 2018 in Belfast (Northern Ireland). The three keynote speakers are confirmed as Professor Peter Diggle, Lancaster University, UK, Dr Oy Leuangthong RSK, Toronto, Canada and the 2018 IAMG Distinguished Lecturer, Dr Grégoire Mariéthoz.

The IAMG remains committed to supporting early career scientists and to encouraging women in science. As a reflection of this, the IAMG Council has recently confirmed motions to modify the Vistelius Award to include both a female and a male recipient and to set up a Founders Scholarship for early career researchers. Both the male and female Vistelius Awards and the Founders Scholarship will be effective for the 2018 awards and I encourage you as members to nominate our excellent early career researchers for these awards and opportunities. The lack of female IAMG award winners and keynote speakers over the last several IAMG conferences has been noted by both IAMG members and potential sponsors. After substantial discussions within the Executive Council, a proposal was presented to Council to set up a new IAMG Commission to look into the opportunities for future development of women in mathematical and computer sciences. June Hill has agreed to chair this commission and to report back to the Council at IAMG2018.

There is excellent news for our three IAMG journals, Mathematical Geosciences (MG), Computer and Geosciences (C&G) and Natural Resources Research (NRR), which continue to increase in quantity, quality, and citations. I would like to thank all of the EICs and the associate Editors for their hard work and dedication. The IAMG continues to grow new collaborative partnerships with academia, industry and governmental agencies worldwide, which nurture cutting edge research and generate fresh opportunities to advance the role of mathematics, statistics and informatics. As an IUGS affiliated organization, this is an exciting time for the IAMG to strengthen that relationship and work with IAMG Past President Qiuming Cheng in his role as the IUGS President. I am personally delighted to have been recently invited to become a member of the European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE) Women in Geoscience and Engineering (WGE) and keen to strengthen relations between the IAMG and EAGE.

I remain committed to serving the IAMG community to ensure that, through you, mathematical geoscience continues to play an integral role in addressing critical global issues. Thank you for all your support and continued contributions to the IAMG.

Jenny McKinley
IAMG2017 was held in Fremantle, Western Australia, 4-7 September 2017. There were 214 delegates representing more than 30 countries. More than half the delegates were from international destinations, which is a fantastic achievement considering the high costs of travel and difficulties of getting travel funding. The organising committee would particularly like to thank the scientific committee for their hard work in assessing abstracts as well as all the delegates for travelling to Fremantle to participate in the conference and associated workshops. The inaugural student 3 minute talk competition had only 4 entries, but they were each of such high standard that we decided to award them all prizes. Congratulations to Justin Montgomery (First prize), Olga Moreva, Giada Bufarale and Andrew Gunn.

June Hill

Organising committee: Lauren Detez (Arinex event management), Oktay Erten (OC, WASM), Ute Mueller (OC, Edith Cowan University), June Hill (OC, CSIRO), Eric Grunsky (OC, IAMG Secretary General), Jennifer McKinley (IAMG President), Patrice Duffy (Arinex event management) [Missing OC member is Mark Jessell (UWA)].

Student Competition: Jennifer McKinley (IAMG President) and Ute Mueller (OC, Edith Cowan University) with student prize winners: Andrew Gunn, Giada Bufarale, Olga Moreva and Justin Montgomery.
Harald and Dorothee Poelchau

This year in September I met Harald Poelchau, former editor of this Newsletter, in Berlin. He was invited speaker at a ceremony in honour of his parents Harald and Dorothee Poelchau. A memorial stèle was unveiled which shows a portrait of the couple and a short history of their lives during the Third Reich. Harald's father was prison chaplain in Berlin and had to be witness to as many as 1000 executions of prisoners, many of them political opponents from Germany, The Netherlands, Norway and other occupied countries - finally the Resistance Fighters of the 20th July against Hitler. At the same time he was member of the Kreisauer Kreis, a resistance group against the regime. He and his wife kept contact between the prisoners and their families. They gave help and accommodation to the victims of persecution and Jews at the risk of their own lives. In 1972 Yad Vashem recognized Harald and Dorothee Poelchau as Righteous Among the Nations.

In Berlin a street, a Metro station and a school bear the name Poelchau. During the unveiling ceremony several speakers and youngsters of the Poelchau school emphasized the model character of courage, trust, cultivation of friendship and humanity of this couple. It was a demonstration against hate speech, racism and intolerance. Therefore this ceremony is worth to be mentioned in this Newsletter.

As editor Harald P. Jr. would never have accepted this contribution. Therefore it has to be published now.

Prof. Frits Agterberg, Honorary IAMG Life Member

It was an honour and a pleasure to award Prof. Frits Agterberg honorary life membership of the IAMG in recognition of his outstanding services to the Association and the profession. It was especially fitting to celebrate this honour with Frits on the occasion of his 81th birthday which he was able to spend with long standing friends and colleagues in China.

Jenny McKinley,

Geoinformatics and Geo-Data Science at GSA 2017

In the geoinformatics sessions at Geological Society of America's 2017 Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA), a interesting topic discussed by several presenters was the comparison between 'geoinformatics' and 'geo-data science.' The focus was not whether geoinformatics should be renamed geo-data science. Instead, it was about how to leverage the methods and technologies in data science to advance geoscience research. During the business meeting of the GSA Geoinformatics Division, the new officer voting result was announced. I will serve as vice-chair for the division for 2018 and as chair for 2019. GSA 2018 and 2019 will take place in Indianapolis, IN and Phoenix, AZ, respectively. I will help solicit geoinformatics sessions for those meetings, and will welcome collaborations and contributions from the IAMG community.

Xiaogang (Marshall) Ma

Wolfgang Berger 1937-2017 †

Fellow student, fieldwork companion, advisor, colleague and friend: Wolf died in August after a long productive life in research and teaching at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Although not a member of IAMG, he started early on using statistics to deal with large data sets from research cruises and sample analyses and applying mathematics for modeling geologic and oceanographic problems. He was well known for his groundbreaking research on ocean history and sedimentation and the selective preservation of calcareous fossils on the deep-sea floor, which had wide-ranging implications and ramifications for the understanding of the carbon cycle in the sea, and its link into climate variations. In recent years, he explored the mechanisms of sea-level change and modulation of climate by variations in Earth's orbital dynamics.

He will be sorely missed by many of us who knew him and appreciated him and his work.

Harald S. Poelchau

see also: https://scripps.ucsd.edu/news/obituary-notice-wolf-berger-pioneer-paleoceanography

Prof. Frits Agterberg celebrates his Honorary IAMG Life Member Award with Prof Qiuming Chang, Prof Guangheng Yan and Dr Jennifer McKinley.

Heinz Burger

Harald Poelchau Jr. in front of the memorial stèle

Dorothee and Harald Poelchau

Source: Yad Vashem

The Computers & Geosciences best paper 2016 award winners are:

Stream Kriging: Incremental and recursive ordinary Kriging over spatiotemporal data streams
Xu Zhong, Allison Kealy & Matt Duckham
(http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0098300416300620)

GlaRe, a GIS tool to reconstruct the 3D surface of palaeoglacers
Ramón Pellitero, Brice R. Rea, Matteo Spagnolo, Jostein Bakke, Susan Ivy-Ochs, Craig R. Frew, Philip Hughes, Adriano Ribolini, Sven Lukas & Hans Renssen
(http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0098300416301558)
Clayton Deutsch 2017 Distinguished Lecturer

Clayton gave nine talks this year as distinguished lecturer: Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, Calgary, Wyoming, Perth, Fremantle, Chile, Beijing and Lima. All talks were related to the nature of geological variability and the inevitable uncertainty that arises in presence of sparse sampling. The quantification of joint uncertainty in high dimensional spatial problems requires multiple realizations. Managing all realizations through decision making is problematic. Theory, implementation details and the practice of creating and managing realizations were shown. Active uncertainty management versus passive observation of uncertainty was emphasized.

Gregoire Mariethoz - 2018 Distinguished Lecturer

Upcoming talks:

• University Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, 23 February 2018. Title: Data expansion: using analogues to improve remote sensing and climate datasets
• Shanxi University, School of Computer and Information Technology, China, 2-5 February 2018. Title: New statistical models for representing spatial and temporal variability
• geoENV 2018 conference in Belfast, UK, keynote speech, 4-5 July 2018. Title: Multiple-point geostatistics applications for Earth Observation

For more information on the DL program see iamg.org/special-lectures/current-distinguished-lecturer.html

The Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) honors Encyclopedia of Marine Geosciences as the 2017 winner of the Mary B. Ansari Best Geoscience Research Resource Award

Globally growing demand of the modern society for energy and mineral resources, reliable future projection of climate processes and the protection of coasts to mitigate the threats of disasters and hazards did foster the rapid development of marine geosciences during the last century. Beyond the “classical” research fields in marine geology in current time more general concepts have been evolved integrating marine geophysics, hydrography, marine biology, climatology, ecology and environmental geosciences. As a consequence of this development the knowledge in marine geosciences has grown exponentially during the last decades to the extent that it was difficult to keep track. Aiming to comprise the current knowledge in marine geosciences and to cover their theoretical, applied, and technical aspects Jan Harff (University of Szczecin, Poland), Martin Meschede (University of Greifswald, Germany), Sven Petersen (GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, Germany) and Jörn Thiede (Saint Petersburg State University, Russia) edited the Encyclopedia of Marine Geosciences that was published in 2016 by Springer Reference (Harff et al. 2016). 182 specialists from all over the world have been contributed to the 195 entries presented as texts, most of them completed with figures, tables and charts. The lexicographically ordered entries can be generally allocated to five main topics: general overview, plate tectonics, magmatism, deep sea, and ocean margins.

Because of its comprehensive concept ranging from fundamental to applied aspects, the encyclopedia addresses a broad scale of users in the field of marine sciences and techniques, from students and scholars in academia to engineers and decision makers in industry and politics.

The Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) honored the Encyclopedia of Marine Geosciences during the GSA Annual Conference 2017 in Seattle. GSIS is a member society of the American Geosciences Institute (AGI) and an associated society of the Geological Society of America (GSA). GSIS connects scientists, librarians, editors, cartographers, educators and information professionals in the geosciences from all over the world, encouraging the continuous exchange of information in this research field.

Jan Harff


Yuan Gao a visiting researcher at Queen's University Belfast

We are really pleased to welcome PhD student Yuan Gao as a visiting researcher in the School of Natural and Built Environment at Queen’s University Belfast.

Jennifer McKinley
IAMG Journal Report

Computers & Geosciences

After four years serving as Editor-in-Chief, Edzer Pebesma has decided to step down at the end of this year. He has done a wonderful job developing the journal and helping it become what it is today. Edzer will be replaced by Derek Karssenberg from Utrecht University who has topics of expertise that somewhat overlap those of Edzer. We welcome Derek to the journal and wish him success in this role.

Another main change in the Editorial Board of Computers & Geosciences is the increase in the number of Associate Editors that has been going on in the last year, which now allows the journal to cover a much-needed expertise in the wide range of topics that are the focus of the journal. The work of the Associate Editors is invaluable for handling the steadily rising number of submissions that are received (over 1000 submitted manuscripts in 2017).

Beside the changes to the Editorial Board, some new elements have been added to the submission guidelines, the most notable being: 1) for each software-related submission, authors will have to provide a software availability section (this will ensure that only open-source software is published); and 2) a compulsory authorship statement, which briefly details the contribution of each author in multi-authored papers. These changes are detailed in the editorial which was published in October.

Gregoire Mariethoz

Call for a Special Issue of Mathematical Geosciences: Geomathematics Today and Tomorrow - A Tribute to Daniel Francis Merriam

Contributions are invited to a special issue that will be a tribute to Dan Merriam, who founded the journal “Mathematical Geosciences” (formerly “Mathematical Geology”). The title of the special issue is intentionally broad, as we welcome papers on a broad range of topics: Modern topics of computational mathematics aimed at solving geoscience problems and/or including theoretical advances in geomathematics are especially welcome. Classic topics such as spatial analyses of mineral and petroleum exploration are equally invited. Advances in theoretical and applied geostatistics, compositional data analysis, fractals and multi-fractals, image analysis and classification, geophysical and sedimentary processes, forward and inverse modeling of geophysical processes are all fields for which we expect contributions.

Time Line:
• Submission: November 1, 2017 | March 1, 2018
• Return of reviews: May 1, 2018
• Submission of final papers: August 1, 2018
• Publication: Fall 2018

The dates in the timeline are to be understood cum grano salis (with a grain of salt), to accommodate different writing styles: To facilitate rapid publication of papers, each paper will be reviewed as it comes in and published online as soon as the final version is accepted (i.e. easily long before the end dates in this time line).

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Loss Distribution Model for Metal Discovery Probabilities — Alberto E. Patiño Douce
Pareto-Lognormal Modeling of Known and Unknown Metal Resources. II. Method Refinement and Further Applications — Frits Agterberg
Geostatistical Modeling with Histogram Uncertainty: Confirmation of a Correct Approach — Mehdi Rezvandehay, Clayton V. Deutsch
Kalman Filtering-Based Approach for Project Valuation of an Iron Ore Mining Project Through Spot Price and Long-Term Commitment Contracts — Mathieu Sauvageau, Mustafa Kumral
Spatiotemporal Analysis of Changes in Lode Mining Claims Around the McDermitt Caldera, Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon — J. A. Coyan, M. L. Zientek, M. J. Mihalasky P
Preliminary Study of the Carbon Sequestration and Enhanced Coal Bed Methane Production Potential of Subbituminous to High-Volatile Bituminous Coals of the Healy Creek Formation, Nenana Basin, Interior Alaska — Nilesch C. Dixit, Mohabbat Ahmadi, Catherine L. Hanks, Obadare Awoleke
Production Decline Curves of Tight Oil Wells in Eagle Ford Shale — Henrik Wachtmeister, Linnea Lund, Kjell Aleklett, Mikael Höök

NRR - Volume 26, Issue 4, October 2017
Natural Resources Research Publications on Geochemical Anomaly and Mineral Potential Mapping, and Introduction to the Special Issue of Papers in These Fields — Emmanuel John M. Carranza
Geochemical Mineral Exploration: Should We Use Enrichment Factors or Log-Ratios? — Emmanuel John M. Carranza
Analysis of Zoning Pattern of Geochemical Indicators for Targeting of Porphyry-Cu Mineralization: A Pixel-Based Mapping Approach — Mahyar Yousefi
Enhancement and Mapping of Weak Multivariate Stream Sediment Geochemical Anomalies in Ahar Area, NW Iran — Mohammad Parsa, Abbas Maghsoudi, Emmanuel John M. Carranza, Mahyar Yousefi
Mineral Systems Analysis and Artificial Neural Network Modeling of Chromite Prospectivity in the Western Limit of the Bushveld Complex, South Africa — Abera Tessema
Random Forest-Based Prospectivity Modelling of Greenfield Terrains Using Sparse Deposit Data: An Example from the Tanami Region, Western Australia — Siddharth Harirhan, Siddhesh Tiordkar, Alok Porwal, Avik Bhattacharya, Aurore Joly
Predictive Mapping of Prospectivity in the Gurupi Orogenic Gold Belt, North–Northeast Brazil: An Example of District-Scale Mineral System Approach to Exploration Targeting — Leandro Duarte Campos, Sulsiene Machado de Souza, Diogo Alves de SordiFelipe Mattos TavaresEvandro Luiz KleinElen Cristina dos Santos Lopes
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Journal Statistics

Mathematical Geosciences:
2016 ISI Impact factor: 2.022 (SJR = 1.083)
5-Year Impact Factor: 2.067 (SNIP =1.566)
Ave. review time: 61 days (submission to first decision)

Computers & Geosciences:
2016 ISI Impact Factor: 2.533 (SJR=1.083)
5-Year Impact Factor: 2.818 (SNIP=1.736)
Ave. review time: 12.6 weeks (submission to final decision 2016)

Natural Resources Research:
2016 SJR = 0.567
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Government of India has passed a resolution declaring June 29th “National Statistic Day”. This is to commemorate the birth date in 1893 of world-famous mathematical statistician Professor P.C. Mahalanobis. In celebration of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Professor P. C. Mahalanobis, Professor Daya Sagar is organizing Ninth International Conference on Advances in Pattern Recognition (ICAPR-2017) during 27-30 December 2017 at the Indian Statistical Institute-Bangalore Centre. More details about this Conference could be seen at: http://www.isical.ac.in/~icapr17

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