

IMPACT OF SLOPE INSTABILITIES ON LARGE INFRASTRUCTURES

Among the most essential activities of engineering geology, there is proactive support in correct planning, realization and of course maintenance of large infrastructures.

Large infrastructures (eg. dams, bridges, tunnels) are as a rule, often realized in complex environments, where number of geological and natural risks (geo status, processes, and events) and their interplay, represent a potential threat to the functionality and safety of infrastructures, workers and users, and as a consequence to the health of citizens as well as to the welfare and functions of communities and their economy. The European Alpine environment represents an excellent example in this sense: complex geological setting and the presence of different slope instabilities together with extreme climate events can hamper the construction and pose at risk the management of infrastructures during their life.

In 2022 the first official IAEG Summer School is organized in the Aosta Valley region, in the North West of Italy, and in Tyrol in Western Austria and is indeed aimed to describe the possible impacts of different infrastructures like dams, tunnels, and other construction realized in the last century in an alpine region. The school will be focused on the description of impacts, but it also will put attention towards correct approaches for the definition of the geological model, the design of the infrastructure, its maintenance, and besides on the proper communication efforts.

The IAEG Summer School participation is free of charge. The number of participants is limited to 25 people, and primarily reserved for Ph.D. students. Post Doc and Master degree students will be considered if places would be available.

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SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

4 – 15 July, 2022

Part one: Aosta Valley

Monday 4.7.2022

16-18.30 Summer school registration

Tuesday 5.7.2022 (Summer school introduction)

- 9.30 10.00 Introduction to the IAEG Summer School and presentation of IAEG activities
- 10.00 –10.30 Welcome to the Aosta Valley Region (Raffaele Rocco)
- 10.30 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00 12.00 Introduction to geology and geomorphology of the Aosta Valley Region (Franco Gianotti)
- 12.00 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 15.15 Engineering Geology, Geohazards and Infrastructures, Risk and Cost-Benefit Analysis (Farrokh Nadim)
- 15.45 17.15 Engineering geology from conceptual model construction to investigation for the design and long term maintenance of hydroelectric structures and infrastructures (Michele Sapigni)
- 17.30 18.00 Poster Ice breaker presentations

Wednesday 6.07.2022 (Impacts assessment and monitoring solutions of slope instabilities)

- 9.00-10.45 Deep seated gravitational slope deformations in the Alps (Giovanni Crosta)
- 11.15-13.00 Rockfalls risk assessment (Michel Jaboyedoff)
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.15 High mountains glacial instabilities and possible impacts (Fabrizio Troilo)

Thursday 7.07.2022 - Field trip





























Giordan, Crosta, Bertolo, Zucca - Mont Blanc Tunnel, Skyway, Mont de La Saxe Rockslide, Planpincieux glacier

Friday 8.07.2022 (design, construction, maintenance, and economic impact evaluation of large infrastructures)

9.00-10.45 The importance of a reliable geological model for a good design of large infrastructures (TBD)

11.15-13.00 Construction of large infrastructures in complex geology (Vassilis Marinos)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.15 The relevance of best practices in the engineering maintenance of large infrastructures (Lorenzo Artaz)

16.30-18.15 Feasibility study and cost/benefit economic evaluation of large infrastructures (Marco Alderighi)

Saturday morning 9.07.2022 - Field trip

Giordan - Interaction between the Beauregard Dam and deep-seated gravitational slope deformation

Saturday Afternoon – transfer to Bormio

Sunday Morning 10.07.2022 - Field trip

Val pola rockslide

Part Two: Austria

Sunday 10.07.2022 Afternoon – Transfer to the Kaunertal valley (Tyrol, Austria) Overnight stay in the Kaunertal valley

Monday 11.07.2022 Landslides in the Kaunertal Valley (full hiking day, overnight stay in the Kaunertal valley

Tuesday 12.07.2022 Landslides in the Kaunertal Valley (at lunchtime bus travel to Vent in the Ötztal valley, hiking to Martin Busch Hütte at 2500 m with overnight stay)





























Wednesday 13.07.2022 Site visit of the Marzellkamm Landslide (hiking to Vent and overnight stay in Köfels)

Thursday 14.07.2022 Landslide Köfels (Overnight stay in Köfels)-

Friday 15.07.2022 Landslides of Tschirgant and Fernpass (Summer School closing and return)

























