

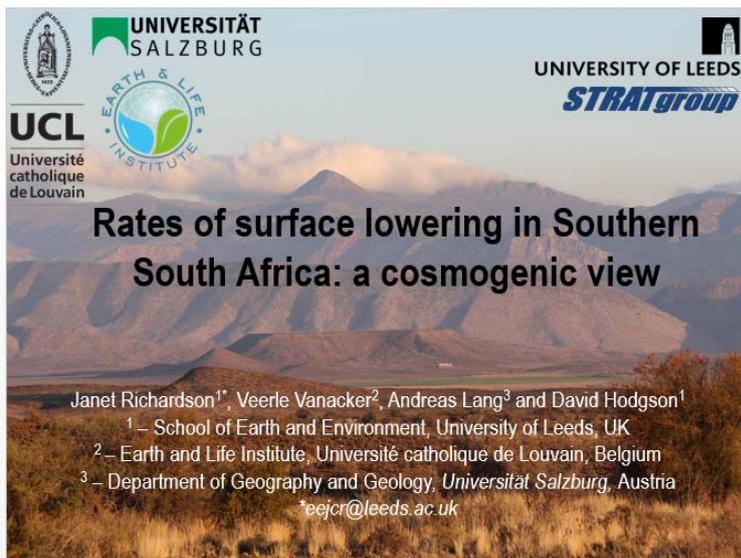
Postgraduate conference attendance grant report: Rates of surface lowering in Southern South Africa: a cosmogenic view at EGU 2016

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Conference

The British Society for Geomorphology (BSG) was generous enough to support my attendance to the EGU 2016, held in Vienna. This was the largest multidisciplinary conference I have attended during my PhD and was a nice way to finish my project off.



Presentation

I presented a talk entitled 'Rates of surface lowering in Southern South Africa: a cosmogenic view' in the session 'Interactions between tectonics and surface processes from mountain belts to basins'. My oral presentation was on cosmogenic dating of pediments, and the need to benchmark cosmogenic data against other geomorphic and stratigraphic evidence. My talk

was well received and several attendants approached me to ask for the publication, which will be submitted to ESPL soon. I was also able to discuss my work with international renowned researchers who are also looking at erosional surfaces within Africa, and discuss the outcomes of my research in a wider framework.

Attendance

This was an important time for me to attend EGU, in the final weeks of write-up and exploring further career options. I attended many diverse geomorphological sessions, as well as sessions on sedimentology and hydrology. It was very interesting to see what other research groups were investigating, in areas I don't often get to attend conferences on. I especially enjoyed the PICO sessions in which presenters have two minutes to summarise their work before further discussion at interactive screens. I also attended sessions such as 'meet the master' where Andreas Lang provided an interesting perspective on a career in academia and enjoyed attending the Bagnold medal award lecture by Neils Hovius, in which I was able to talk to geomorphologists from across the EU. The geomorphology postgraduate event was also very helpful to help network with other PhD students.

Use of funds

The postgraduate attendance grant I received from the BSG to attend EGU was essential in allowing me to attend the conference and allowed me to present my research to an audience of specialists. I was able to network with not only renowned researchers but also the postgraduate community. I would like to thank the BSG for their support of my research and for enabling to have my final PhD talk in such a great conference!