

Natural hazards, societal impact and risk from theory to practice: identification, assessment, and remediation

Aosta (Italy) 1 - 9 July 2024

Natural hazards often have a direct impact on infrastructures and the safety of people. The effects of climate change and the intensive use of mountain areas have recently emphasized the impact of floods, fires, earthquakes and landslides. New settlements, particularly in mountain areas, and the increasing frequency and magnitude of natural hazards are causing a rise in high-risk areas.

The role of the scientific community is important for improving multidisciplinary studies that are aimed to characterize the dynamic of active hazardous processes and also for supporting novel approaches more oriented toward the development of adaptation strategies and solutions.

Recent years have been characterized by an increasing frequency of localized high-magnitude processes that greatly impact on settlements and infrastructures. Resulting damages are often very high in terms of casualties and economic, social and psychological costs to society.

The 2024 IAEG Summer School will analyze natural hazards and consequent risks in different environments and landscapes, defining multidisciplinary methods and tools for describing and analysing processes, and exploring the recent approaches used to limit the impact on human settlements and infrastructures, including nature-based solutions.

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PROGRAM

Monday - July 1, 2024

Introductions and background to school and fundamental concepts

- 8.00 8.30 Summer school registration
- 8.30 9.00 Introduction to the IAEG Summer School and Welcome to the Aosta Valley Region Raffaele Rocco/Sara Ratto (Aosta Valley Region Authority)
- 9.00 –10.45 Natural Hazards: a general introduction; different types and approaches commonly used in different fields; global impacts; insurance; policies. *Fausto Guzzetti* IRPI
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 13.00 Snow Avalanches, dynamic and impacts. (TBD)
- 13.00 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 16.15 Slope instabilities Michel Jaboyedoff UNIL
- 16.15 18.00 Students' presentations
- 18.00 19.00 Ice-break cocktail

Tuesday - July 2, 2024

Natural hazards - Processes and risk assessment

- 9.00-10.45 Wildfires effects and impacts. Jonathan Godt USGS
- 10.45 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15-13.00 Floods and flash floods: monitoring, modelling and forecasting using new Earth Observation data *Christian Massari IRPI*
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.15 Glaciers and permafrost-related processes and hazards. Fabrizio Troilo FMS
- 16.30 18.00 Working groups

Wednesday - July 3, 2024 - Field trip















Dangerous natural processes and mitigation solutions in Courmayeur

Thursday - July 4, 2024

Put theories into practice

9.00-10.45 workshop - Rockfall modelling. Giovanni Crosta, Paolo Frattini - UNIMIB

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13.00-14.30 Lunch

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

16.15-18.00 Countermeasures design for slope instabilities, Active and Passive mitigation, land-planning, Davide Bertolo - Aosta Valley Region Authority

Friday - July 5, 2024

Evaluation of impacts and possible solutions

9.00-10.45 Countermeasures design for ice and snow avalanches, active and passive mitigation solutions, land-planning. *Valerio Segor* - Aosta Valley Region Authority

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-13.00 MultiHazard and Multirisk analyses. Paolo Frattini - UNIMIB

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.15 "Navigating nature challenges": Exploring risk perception, behavioural responses, and effective communication strategies in the face of natural hazards. Simona Sacchi - UNIMIB

16.15-18.00 Hazard and Risk assessment cost/benefit analyses Marco Alderighi - UNIVDA

Saturday - July 6, 2024 - Field trip

Impact of large slope instability on large dam: the case study of Beauregard dam

Sunday - July 7, 2024















Free tour of Aosta and surroundings!!

Monday - July 8, 2024

Evaluation of impacts and possible solutions

9.00-10.45 Countermeasures design for flooding, Active and Passive mitigation, land-planning. *Paolo Ropele*- Aosta Valley Region Authority

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-13.00 Understanding earthquakes and their interaction with the environment: an introduction to engineering seismology *Chiara Smerzini - POLIMI*

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.15 Countermeasures design for seismic shaking, Active and Passive mitigation, and land-planning Stefano Pampanin - UNIROMA1

16.15-18.00 Working groups

Tuesday - July 9, 2024

Put theories into practice

9.00-10.45 workshop - Seismic hazards assessment simulation Marco Pagani - Global Earthquake Model

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13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.15 Vulnerability and Exposure, Insurances Barbara Borzi - EUCENTRE

16.15-18.00 Working group results presentation











