

BSG Postgraduate Conference Attendance Grant – AGU 2016

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In December 2016 I was fortunate to once again present my work at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) annual meeting in San Francisco thanks to the generous financial support (£750) from the British Society for Geomorphology. My work was presented as a poster on the final day of the conference in the 'Fluvial morphodynamics and channel patterns and beyond' session convened by Jorge Abad and colleagues. The work was ideally suited to this session as I was presenting data from a tropical meandering river in Bolivia collected using satellite imagery. The findings revealed preliminary insight into the meander cutoff dynamics of a rapidly evolving tropical meandering river. The poster (Fig. 1) was well attended with many valuable discussions around the future direction of the project and I received praise for the outcomes generated thus far.

Whilst at AGU, I attended sessions covering all aspects of geomorphology from glacial to coastal. I also attended sessions outside of my direct discipline, observing work from paleoclimaticians, hydrologists, and those working to bridge the gap between surface processes and climate. I networked with new and familiar faces at the daily social gatherings, whilst attending sessions, and whilst wandering the poster halls; this helped develop links with researchers from across the UK as well as those based in the US and Europe.

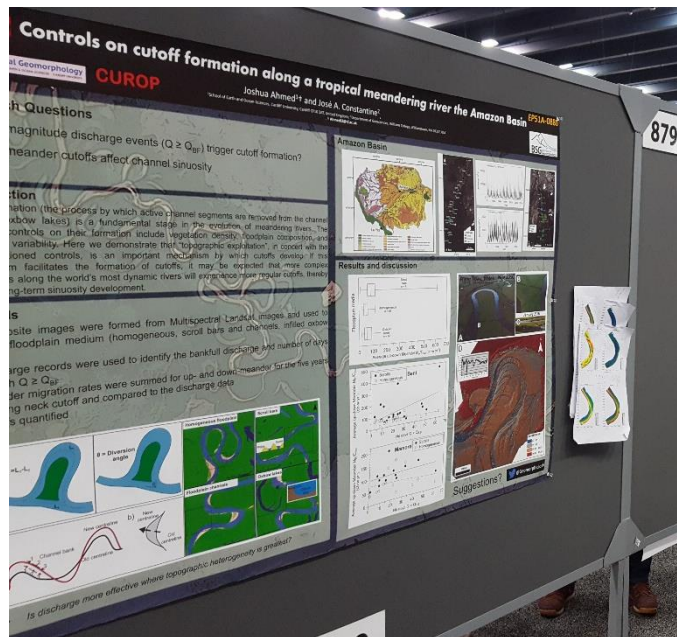


Figure 1 - The poster presented at AGU.

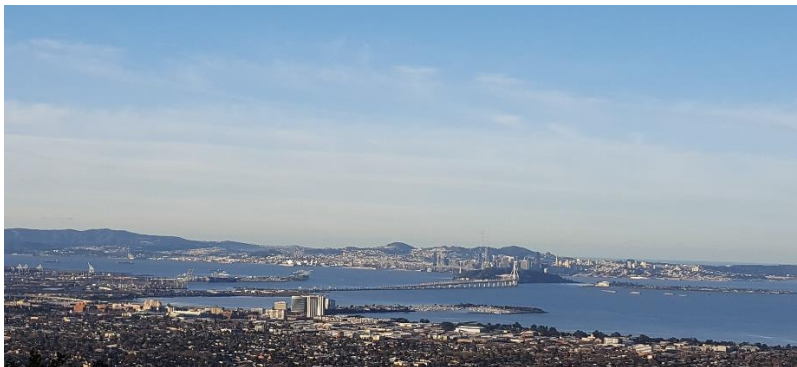


Figure 2 - San Francisco from Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley

After the conference I attended the annual Gilbert Club meeting at Berkeley. Here I networked with scientists – including the legendary Bill Dietrich – and benefitted from watching presentations and listening to discussions.