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Hi EPSP Members,

Welcome back to another round of our monthly EPSP newsletter. Read on for the latest updates.

AGU23 Updates

[AGU23 abstract submissions](#) are open until 2 August and AGU23 [Student Travel Grant applications](#) open on 10 July. There are 41 [EPSP sessions](#), and many more sponsored by other sections to consider.

New this year: Although online posters will be open for viewing during the meeting in December (including in viewing areas in the poster hall), formal online poster presentations will take place in January. This change was made to improve engagement for online poster sessions. For this reason, you are now required to indicate your mode of participation (in person or online) when you submit your abstract. Please note that if you indicate online participation and are assigned to a poster presentation you will **not** be able to change your mode of participation following abstract submission. The January schedule will include online posters, some online workshops and curated online panels or plenary sessions. Visit the [AGU23 website](#) to get the most up to date information.

Also new this year, our EPSP Reception (typically held on Tuesday night of the Fall Meeting) will be free to all members! However, we're asking everyone who wants to attend the reception to please sign up for a free ticket when registering for AGU. This will let us estimate a head count and make sure that we have enough refreshments on hand for everyone. Many thanks to AGU Headquarters for their efforts in helping to make this a free event!

AGU-wide updates

Workshop on writing and submitting your first paper

AGU's Mentoring365 (a peer-to-peer group mentoring program) is hosting a 'circle' on the basics of writing scientific papers and the publishing process beginning on

17 July. There will be a live Q&A with an AGU Journal editor and AGU publications staff. [More info can be found here](#).

AGU Pride Month panel discussion

For Pride Month 2023, AGU president Lisa Graumlich and AMS president Brad Colman led an engaging panel discussion with panelists Akilah Alwan, Lucas Johansen and Mika Tosca on “Uplifting Transgender & Gender Non-conforming Geoscientists Through Allyship & Empowerment.” If you missed it, you can [watch the recording here](#).

Water Resources Research going open access

AGU has just [announced](#) that Water Resources Research will become fully open access at the start of 2024. This move will provide better access to journal articles and AGU is offering various support for publishing fees, including full waivers for WRR’s US \$3,000 open access fee, to ensure that lack of funding does not become a barrier to publishing.

Applications now open for the AGU Bridge Program

The AGU Bridge Program is an effort to develop, adopt and share inclusive practices for recruiting, admitting and retaining historically marginalized students in STEM graduate programs. There are already 51 geoscience departments involved in the program, and applications are now open for more departments to join. [More information is available here](#).

Stay connected with EPSP

As a reminder, in addition to this newsletter, we make many EPSP-related announcements on our Twitter account ([@AGU_EPSP](#)), as well via the [Gilbert Club](#) and [IAG Geomorph-List \(GEOMORPH-L\)](#) community list-servs (which are both great ways to stay up to date with the broader geomorph community as well).

Volunteer with EPSP

We are still looking for new volunteers for many of our committees including two new committees: the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee and a concierge (new member / communication) committee. These are open to folks at any career stage who are doing EPSP-related work. If you are interested, [please fill out an application here](#). We will keep this live indefinitely and will respond to applications on a rolling basis within a month of each application and sooner when we can. Feel free to submit an open ended application of interest! If you want to contribute but are not sure how “best” to do this, we can work with you to find a place for you to contribute in ways that reflect your current and evolving interests.

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