



## Photo Contest - Palermo - STSMs - and More!

It has been a while since we sent out the last newsletter. Which means more reading material this time!

### Photo Competition

The deadline of the photo competition is approaching! There are a few submissions but we'd like more! So please send your favorite (dis)connectivity photo to [Eva](#) and check out the [webpage](#)



### Palermo Meeting

The date of the Palermo meeting is fast approaching (28-02) and we'd like to point out that for anyone interested (attendees / non attendees) that the booklet with abstract and the final programme are now available [here](#).

### Connectivity @ EGU

Many of you have sent abstracts to one of the connectivity sessions at the EGU. For which we thank you! There were enough abstracts to fill an entire day with sessions, which is quite an achievement. The sessions will most likely be held on the first day of the EGU, Monday April 18.

### Think Tanks

Like in year 1, the individual Working Groups organise think tanks in which they address specific issues related to their WG. For year 3 the plan is to combine think tanks of several working groups, allowing more people to come while maintaining a good pace towards the actions' aims. Below you can find a description of activities from two WGs.

#### WG3

#### WG4

WG4 will have a ThinkTank meeting on

WG3 will organize a Think Tank meeting in Louvain la Neuve, hosted by Charles Bièdiers of UC Louvain. We plan to set up a model comparison exercise, where volunteers from Connecteur and beyond will test models on how they represent connectivity structures and propose ways to improve this. We hope to have more news for you at the next general meeting!

March 9th/10th, hosted by the University of Tallinn/Estonia. During the meeting, we will continue work on a review paper on indices of sediment connectivity. Moreover, we will resume the discussion of WG-specific and overarching issues started at the Durham meeting in 2015. One of these will be the relationship of models and indices, specifically how we can use model results to inform indices, and the potential use of comparing indices in different environments.

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### Events for Year 3

Year 2 has not yet finished, but many people are already very busy planning meetings for year 3!

#### Training School

WG2 and WG4 are preparing a training school on hydrological and sediment connectivity in mountain environments that will take place in the Val Venosta area/South Tyrol from July 25th to July 29th, 2016. The summer school is tailored for PhD students and will feature keynote lectures, field visits and hands-on training workshops on connectivity-related issues. This includes, for example, the generation, analysis and interpretation of geomorphological maps, indices based on high-resolution digital elevation models (DEM), and the use of DEMs of difference in the analysis of sediment fluxes and connectivity. The cost of accommodation and full board will be covered for 20 participants; applications with a CV and a 1-page motivation letter will be solicited soon via the CONNECTEUR web site and mailing lists.

#### General meeting + MC Meeting Prague

As decided during the MC meeting in Durham, the next large meeting and MC meeting will be held in Prague, Czech Republic. The dates for the meeting will be 21-23 September, 2016.

More information can be found on the [webpage](#).

On the webpage you can also register for the event.

Please note that as with previous events you have to wait with your booking until you receive an official invitation from the E-cost system!

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### Other updates

There have been a few updates to the website. The most notable one is that it is now easier to find information about [lab & field sites in the form of a table](#). Other updates are:

- [New page with information on freely available data](#)
  - [STSM reports of this year have been added](#)
  - [All previous newsletters can now be found under '/news/newsletters/'](#)
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