International Symposium on
Glaciology in High-Mountain Asia

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The International Glaciological Society will hold an International Symposium on ‘Glaciology in high-mountain Asia’ in 2015. The symposium will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 1–6 March 2015.

THEME

The high mountains of Asia are estimated to contain one of the greatest concentrations of glacier ice outside the polar regions, and are the headwaters of rivers which support agriculture and livelihoods of over one billion people. Changes in snow, ice, and permafrost due to climatic changes will impact water resources, ecosystems and hydroelectric power generation, and will aggravate natural hazards. To understand these impacts, the symposium will provide a forum to discuss advances in measurements, modeling, and interpretation of glaciological and cryospheric changes in high mountain Asia.
As the field of glaciology intersects with both atmospheric and hydrologic sciences, the symposium will also focus on linkages between atmospheric processes and cryospheric change and the downstream impacts in the region. The meeting seeks to bring together scientists from the region and around the world and provide an overview of the state of science with respect to the glaciers, snowpacks and permafrost of the Himalayan, Hindu Kush, Karakoram, Tien Shan, Pamir and Tibetan Plateau regions.

TOPICS
Symposium topics should be focused on studies in high mountain Asia, and include the following:

1. **Past, present, and future glacier change** (reconstructions, observations, projections)

2. **Observations and models of glacier dynamics** (including glacier response times, and thickness and volume of ice)

3. **Glacier and snow melt processes** (debris cover, supraglacial lakes, black carbon, etc.)

4. **Hydrology of glacierized catchments**

5. **High-altitude meteorology, climate downscaling and climatic change** (ice core records, etc.)

6. **Glacial hazards** (GLOFs, avalanches, mass movements)

7. **Permafrost studies** (measurement, modelling, distribution)

8. **Impacts of cryospheric change** (local and regional water resources, ecosystems, etc.)
REGISTRATION FEES
All fees are in US dollars, $

- Participant (current IGS member): $425
- Participant (non-member): $625
- Student or retired (current IGS member): $250
- Student or retired (non-member): $325
- Accompanying person (18+): $100
- Accompanying person (<18): $50
- Late registration surcharge (after 1 February 2015): +$100
- Early-bird discount (before 15 December 2014): -$50

The fees include the icebreaker, the symposium banquet, lunch (Mon–Fri) daily morning/afternoon coffee and the mid-week excursion. The fees for non-members include online membership of the IGS for 2015.

Please register for the symposium through the IGS website. If you cannot do this, contact the IGS office directly. If payment by credit card is not possible, contact the IGS office to arrange for a bank transfer. The ‘Early-bird’ deadline for registration is 15 December 2014. After 15 December the registration fee will be as indicated in the table above. A late registration surcharge of $100 will be added after 1 February 2015.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS: The accompanying person’s registration fee includes the icebreaker, mid-week excursion and symposium banquet. It does not include tea/coffee, lunch nor attendance at symposium sessions.

STUDENT SUPPORT: Students who are listed as presenting authors are encouraged to apply for financial support at the time of abstract submission. Only presenting authors will be supported, and support levels will depend on the number of applications received.
VENUE
The symposium will take place at the historic Yak and Yeti Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal (yakandyeti.com). The hotel is centrally located, with access to shops, restaurants, and a wide variety of accommodation options. Transport to the hotel from Tribhuvan International Airport takes approximately 30 minutes, and most hotels offer airport pickup and dropoff. There is also a pre-paid taxi service desk available before leaving the airport.

LOCATION
The Kathmandu Valley has a rich cultural and religious history and is home to seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites. At 1400 m elevation, Kathmandu is surrounded by the foothills of the Nepalese Himalaya, and is typically dry and mild in March. Traffic is more or less on the left, road signs and rules are virtually non-existent, and pedestrians must be decisive.

ACCOMMODATION
A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Yak and Yeti, at an approximate cost of $120/night, including breakfast, wifi and airport pickup and dropoff. To get the special symposium room rate, contact Shital Baniya, Sales Manager at the hotel. Tel: +977 1 4248999 (reception); Mob: +977 984168394; E-mail: sales@yakandyeti.com.np

As one of the top tourist destinations in Asia, Kathmandu is full of accommodation options to fit any budget, many of them being located in nearby Thamel. Other alternatives are given on the local website (www.icimod.org/IGS2015)
MIDWEEK EXCURSION
A half-day midweek excursion will be organized on Wednesday afternoon. There will be a choice of (1) a cultural walking tour of Bhaktapur or (2) hiking in the Nagarjun Forest. Bhaktapur is located 45 minutes east of Kathmandu and contains a stunning mix of history and culture in a car-free central walking zone. The walk is approximately 2.5 hours. Nagarjun Forest, located only 20 minutes north of the conference venue, is one of the Kathmandu Valley’s best kept secrets. The hike will take participants on a strenuous 3-hour (5 km) trip to the summit, with a vertical gain of over 500 m.

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION
There will be a Welcome reception/dinner at the Yak and Yeti Hotel at 19:30 on Sunday 1 March, sponsored by ICIMOD. Registration will start at 17:00 at the same location. It will also be possible to register on Monday morning.

BANQUET
The banquet will be held on Thursday evening. More information will become available on the symposium homepage.

POST-SYMPOSIUM EXCURSION
An excursion to the Annapurna Sanctuary is proposed. The trek, covering approximately 8 days, will take participants up to 4300 m in one of the world’s premier trekking locations. A local trekking agency will organize all transportation and logistics, and more details will be announced on the symposium homepage.
ABSRACT AND PAPER PUBLICATION
Participants wishing to present a paper at the symposium are required to submit an abstract, and there will be both oral and poster presentations. A programme and collection of submitted abstracts will be provided for all participants at the symposium. The Council of the International Glaciological Society has decided to publish a thematic issue of the *Annals of Glaciology* on topics consistent with the symposium themes. Submissions to this issue will not be contingent on presentation at the symposium, and material presented at the symposium is not necessarily affirmed as being suitable for consideration for this issue of the *Annals*. Participants are encouraged, however, to submit manuscripts for this *Annals* volume. The deadline for receiving *Annals* papers is 5 January 2015.

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If you wish to attend the symposium please log onto the IGS website at www.igsoc.org/symposia/2015/kathmandu/registration and register your details and interest in attending. This will ensure you receive any relevant information and updates. Formal registration will open 15 October 2014

IMPORTANT DATES
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- Abstract submission deadline: 27 October 2014
- Student travel support application: 27 October 2014
- Notification of acceptance: 15 November 2014
- Early registration deadline: 15 December 2014
- Deadline for full refund: 12 January 2015
- Deadline for partial refund: 14 February 2015
- Venue hotel booking deadline: 5 January 2015
- Late fee payable from: 1 February 2015
- Welcome/Reception Dinner (sponsored by ICIMOD): 1 March 2015
- Symposium starts: 2 March 2015

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- Paper submission deadline: 5 January 2015
- Final revised papers deadline: 15 April 2015