

I. Greetings!

Welcome to the final edition of the ISAR 2025 Newsletter and the first edition of 2026! We are thrilled to bring you another engaging issue with updates and reports on the latest activities within our windy society. Most of the news is quite happy and deals with exciting activities. However, next to the ups, we also wish to share the downs, like the sudden passing of our colleague Jo Bullard.

In this issue, we are excited to announce the ICAR travel funding opportunities available to support conference attendance. Please keep an eye out because the time schedule of this sponsoring is quite tight.

We will also celebrate the outstanding achievements of the ISAR 2026 award winners and introduce our new student board members who are joining us to enhance our community engagement.

Additionally, we are launching a new listserv to replace the previous wind erosion one and to improve communication among members and facilitate the sharing of ideas and resources.

We hope these developments inspire you and encourage collaboration within our vibrant aeolian community. As always, we encourage you to share your activities and let us know how we can support you further..

Jan-Berend Stuut (President)

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or community updates to share in the upcoming newsletters. You can reach the ISAR board at admin@aeolianresearch.com. Also, stop by our website or new social media accounts for more info: <https://www.aeolianresearch.com>

II. Features

A. Awards

ISAR Distinguished Career Award 2026 - Dr Richard Reynolds



A Biographical Sketch by Giles Wiggs

Dr Richard Reynolds gained his undergraduate degree in Geological Sciences (*Cum Laude*) at Princeton University in 1968, followed by a Masters degree (1970) and PhD (1975) at the University of Colorado. His PhD focused on mapping and interpreting the geology of the Yellowstone region and his work significantly contributed to the understanding of the role of calderas to Yellowstone's origins. Dr Reynolds early work, which has continued throughout his research career, focussed on the technical development and application of methods of determining rock and mineral geomagnetics in order to interpret and understand environmental change. His career has been deeply founded in the United States Geological Survey (USGS) where he started work as a Geologist in 1968, becoming a Senior Research Geologist in 1975, Program Manager in 2002, Chief Scientist in 2009, and Senior Scientist in 2012. On retirement Dr Reynolds was awarded the title of Scientist Emeritus by the USGS. He is an Adjunct Research Professor at the University of Minnesota and has had significant academic and administrative responsibilities at the University of Colorado and the National Science

Foundation.

Dr Reynolds' lifelong interest in desert landscapes and processes began with the first of his two postings to the Antarctic in 1970 where he was part of a team undertaking some of the first mapping of the geology and geomorphology of the Lassiter Coast region. "Reynolds Bench" is a feature on the north side of the Kelley Massif named after him. Further field projects undertaken with the USGS to Egypt and Saudi Arabia cemented his interest and in 1997/8 he began leading the large USGS programme focused on geomorphology and surface processes in the deserts of the SW USA, and especially the Colorado Plateau. Whilst his position leading this programme included managing projects on various geomorphological, hydrological, and biological systems in the region, it was aeolian dust which piqued Dr Reynolds' interest. He co-ordinated some of the most intensive and successful research into the emission, transport, and deposition of aeolian dust in the SW USA, laying the groundwork for many of the research leaders in the field of dust dynamics today, and leaving a lasting legacy of research excellence and knowledge of aeolian processes and impacts.

Dr Reynolds' leadership of this USGS programme continued until his retirement in 2013. Within this time, he led research teams and guided research projects to produce some of the most significant papers in the discipline, applying his knowledge of geochemistry to unravel the geologic, biologic, and human controls on dust generation, as well as the mineralogic and geochemical properties of dust that affect climate, ecosystems, water resources (through the effects of dust on the melting of snow and ice), ocean fertility, and human health. He has led and contributed to very highly-cited research (with over 8700 citations, *Google Scholar*) across an enormous breadth of critical research on aeolian dust. This includes groundbreaking work on the geochemical controls on dust emission from playa lakes (Reynolds *et al.*, 2007); the role of human activity in regional scale dust generation (Reynolds *et al.*, 2010; Neff *et al.*, 2008; Belnap *et al.*, 2009); the ecology of dust (Reynolds *et al.*, 2006; Field *et al.*, 2010); aeolian sand transport pathways (Muhs *et al.*, 2003); dust geochemistry and nutrient distribution (Reynolds *et al.*, 2001; Reheis *et al.*, 2009; Neff *et al.*, 2005); wind erosion and fire (Miller *et al.*, 2012); and the impact of dust on snow melting (Skiles *et al.*, 2015).

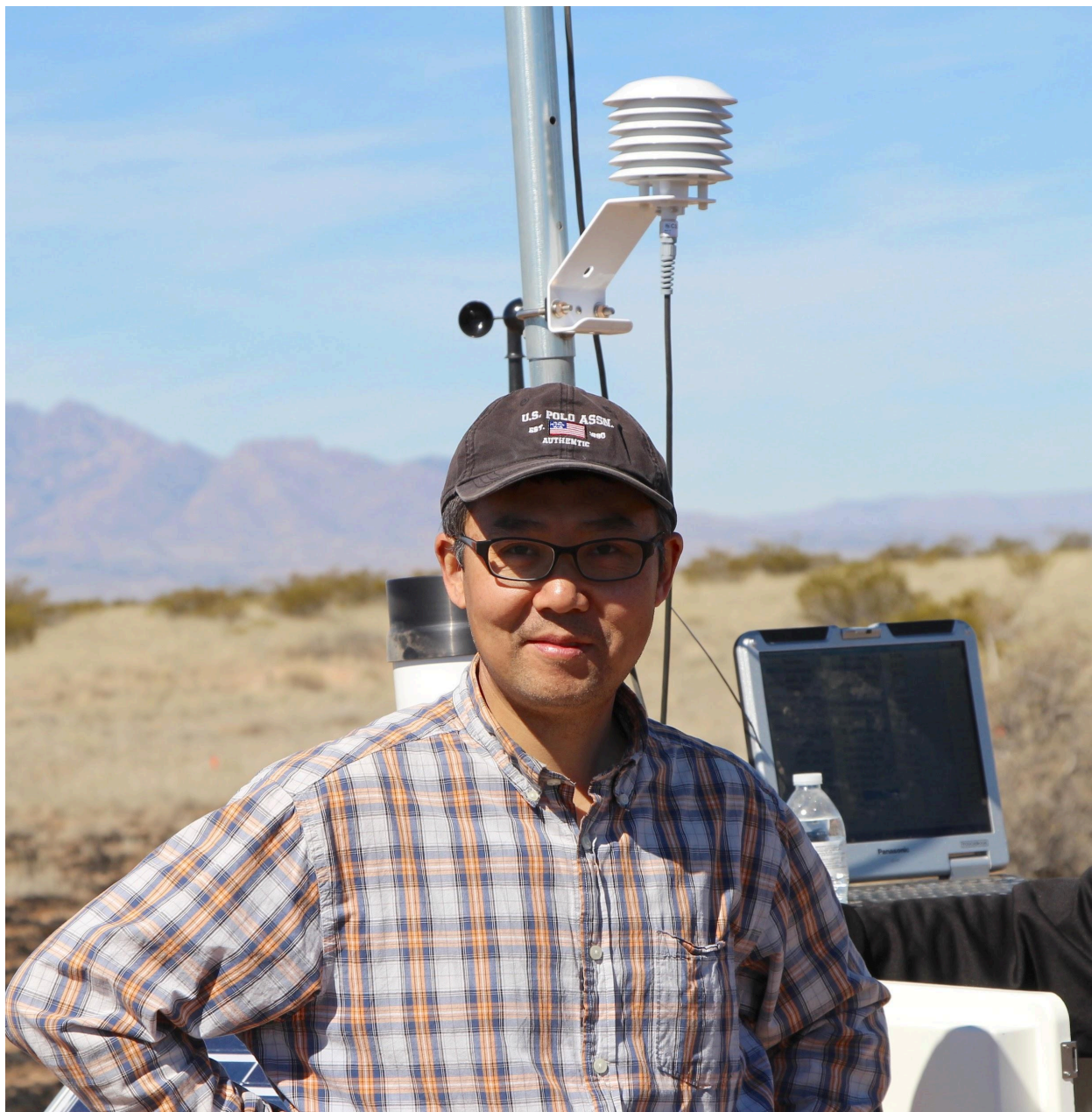
He has won a suite of awards and fellowships for his research in both geology and geomorphology, including the award for the Best Paper in *Geophysics* (1992), the Meritorious Service Award from the US Department of the Interior (1995), the award for Best Paper in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research* (1995), and the Kirk Bryan Award for best publication in the field of Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology from the Geological Society of America (2007). Dr Reynolds was both an Astor Visiting Fellow (2011) and a Distinguished Visiting Scholar (2012-2014) at the University of Oxford.

Perhaps Dr Reynolds' most significant contribution to the aeolian community is his kindness, patience, and gentle mentorship that he offers to all, from early career academics to senior professors. To this day he continues to offer mentorship and guidance through a number of scientific programmes. His work has been forged through his tremendous gift in bringing together inter-disciplinary teams to work towards a common goal, making a true success of teamwork and collaboration. He has been a huge supporter of the aeolian research community and a tremendous ambassador for aeolian and environmental research, including at high political level in his time as a USGS programme manager. He has consistently contributed to and supported many ICAR meetings.

Dr Reynolds is the epitome of collaborative aeolian science. He is an eminent research scientist and his career has been prestigious in every way. It is fitting that Dr Reynolds career is celebrated by the award of the ISAR Distinguished Career Award

<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/2026/01/31/isar-distinguished-career-award-2026-dr-richard-reynolds/>

Mid-Career Award - Dr. Junran “Jimmy” Li



A Biographical Sketch By Jeffrey A. Lee

Junran “Jimmy” Li grew up in Hubei, the “Province of a Thousand Lakes,” in southern China. He developed a deep love for nature from an early age. While many other children were busy studying math and English, he spent much of his free time outside school watching birds and insects, catching fish, and exploring rivers and lakes.

In 1994, his passion for nature led him to study geology at Jilin University, a highly selective institution in northeastern China. In 1998, Junran was among the few in his cohort admitted for

a master's program at the prestigious Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, where he studied ecosystem ecology. He was first introduced to aeolian research in 2003, when he began his PhD studies at the University of Virginia under the supervision of Professor Gregory Okin. After completing his dissertation in 2008, he conducted postdoctoral research at Cornell University and then in the Department of Geography at UCLA. In 2013, he joined the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma as an assistant professor. He earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor in 2019. In 2022, he decided to return to Asia and joined the Department of Geography at the University of Hong Kong as an associate professor.

Junran worked on a wildfire and aeolian activities project in Sevilleta, New Mexico, USA

Since his introduction to the aeolian community in 2006, Junran has become an active and engaged member since his first ICAR in Guelph (2006). From 2013 to 2023, he served as Associate Editor for *Aeolian Research*, during which he received the Excellent Associate Editor Award in 2014. Currently, he continues his service to the aeolian community as Associate Editor for *Journal of Geophysical Research-Earth Surface* and *Earth's Future*.

Junran's research has consistently centered on the role of aeolian processes in shaping ecosystem dynamics in arid and semiarid environments, as well as the impacts of dust on human well-being. He has published more than 100 articles in leading international journals, which have garnered 4,218 citations and an H-index of 34. He has taught a range of courses including Geomorphology, Global Landforms, Energy, Environment & Climate, Nature Conservation for Sustainable Societies, Introduction to GIS, Hydrogeology, and Environmental Geochemistry. Throughout his career, Junran has supervised 14 Master and PhD students, 3 postdoctoral scholars, and numerous undergraduate researchers in his lab. His mentees included first-generation college students, veterans, women from underrepresented groups, and students with disabilities.

Using the Jornada Experimental Range in southern New Mexico as a natural laboratory, Junran pioneered investigations into the role of aeolian processes in driving rapid ecosystem changes. His research was the first to demonstrate that aeolian transport, in addition to hydrological processes, plays a critical role in the formation and evolution of "islands of fertility."

Dr Li will provide a virtual aeolian seminar about his work on 13 May entitled: "Dust activities in East Asia in the 21st century: Beyond declining?"

<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/2026/01/31/mid-career-award-2026-dr-junran-jimmy-li/>

Outstanding Graduate Paper Award – M. Colin Marvin



Colin conducting a survey of dunes near Gobabeb, Namibia.

Paper: “Microtextural analyses of detrital zircon for paleoenvironmental interpretations of metasedimentary rocks” in *Geology* in 2025 <https://doi.org/10.1130/G53712.1>

Paper Summary by Mathieu Lapôtre

This paper is novel and innovative, scientifically robust, solves an important and pressing need in sedimentary research, and it has implications that transcend its own scope.

Earth’s sedimentary record begins in the Paleoproterozoic, or ~3.5 billion years ago. This archive includes evidence for Earth’s first emerging land in the form of sedimentary successions deposited in fluvial and shore-zone environments. Surprisingly, exceedingly few aeolian successions of Proterozoic age have been reported to date. These deposits are both rare and significantly modified. In Precambrian (> 541 Ma.) aeolian strata, diagnostic clues like inverse grading and pinstripe lamina are likely to have experienced alteration from, e.g., weathering and metamorphism. In other depositional environments (e.g., fluvial or beach), clues like macrofossils and the distribution of mud are markedly different than in younger rocks or absent entirely. Altogether, paleoenvironmental interpretations of Precambrian surface environments can be quite uncertain. To address this conundrum, Colin set out to develop a new tool to diagnose depositional environments in rocks that have undergone

significant metamorphism, including on some of the oldest reported aeolian sandstones.

To that end, he documented the microscopic textures—scratches, pits, and fractures—that form on the surface of sand-sized zircon grains in fluvial, aeolian, and shore-zone environments from a series of 25 sand samples from across the globe (15 modern, and 10 of Paleoproterozoic to Cenozoic age). His analysis demonstrates that microtexture assemblages observed on zircon grains uniquely correlate with transport environments, and thus, that they can be used to diagnose the depositional environment in sedimentary rocks. Similar analyses have been conducted in quartz for decades, but quartz microtextures rarely survive more than a few hundred million years due to their tendency to recrystallize during diagenesis or metamorphism. In contrast, zircons do not easily recrystallize. Colin's analysis constitutes the first systematic analysis of zircon microtextures and expands the applicability of microtextural analyses to the first 90% of Earth's history. Importantly, it provides a new tool that is uniquely suited to hunt for Earth's under-recognized, earliest aeolian record. This new tool has infinite potential in studies of Earth's early subaerial environments and is bound to be used by geomorphologists and sedimentologists alike for a wide variety of applications.

Colin presented this research during a Virtuaeolian Seminar which you can watch here: <https://www.aeolianresearch.com/2025/05/29/colin-marvin-zircon-microtextures-a-record-of-earths-earliest-surface-environments/>

<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/2026/01/31/outstanding-graduate-paper-award-2026-m-colin-marvin/>

To see the full list of previous winners and details on submitting an application for next year please visit our website: <https://www.aeolianresearch.com/awards/>

B. ISAR Travel Scholarship for attending ICAR

ISAR funding has been available for ISAR members attending the upcoming ICAR conference in Swakopmund, with the goal of reducing barriers to participation. ISAR plans to allocate approximately USD \$30,000 from available funds with individual travel awards of up to USD \$1,500. Through the ISAR website the applicants must submit a statement of participation, a letter of support, their accepted abstract, and a detailed budget outlining estimated travel, accommodation, registration, and other costs that will be incurred or covered by other funds. Priority will be given to students, early-career researchers, and individuals from underrepresented communities, with an emphasis on supporting flight and accommodation expenses. The deadline for submission is March 1st. Awardees will be selected by March 6, 2026, following abstract decisions and one week before closing of registration. Funds will be reimbursed after ICAR upon submission of receipts and a post-conference report by the recipient.

<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/2026/01/30/isar-icar-travelfunding/>

C. New Student Board Members



Haochen Zhang
PhD Researcher, Nanjing University



Varsha Natarajan
PhD Researcher, Ulster University & Caltech

We are pleased to announce that Haochen and Varsha have been selected as ISAR Graduate Student Representatives! We congratulate them on their selection and look forward to their valuable contributions to the ISAR graduate student community.

D. Social Media and website updates

ISAR is now active on multiple social media platforms, where we will post updates and event information. Please see the links below and follow us for ongoing updates!

 **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/aeolianresearch>

 **Youtube:** https://www.youtube.com/@Virtuaeolian_ISAR

 **Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/isar_aeolianresearch/

 **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-society-for-aeolian-research/>

E. New Listserv

ISAR will be moderating a new mailing list focused on providing members of the aeolian research community a platform to share information about upcoming events, such as symposia and conference sessions, relevant news items, job and other opportunities, new research, or other items of general interest to the community. Invitations will go out soon to all ISAR members as well as members of the former “Wind Erosion” mailing list. The mailing list is free to join for ISAR members and nonmembers alike. If you would like to join, please send a request to aeolianresearch-owner@lists.nmsu.edu that includes your preferred email address and name. To post to the list without joining, you can email your post to aeolianresearch@lists.nmsu.edu. If approved by moderators, your post will be sent to list members. (Please note, that direct access to web pages associated with the list is restricted to users on the hosts network, so use email for subscribe/unsubscribe requests and for posting). More details: <https://www.aeolianresearch.com/listserv/>

F. Membership

We kindly remind members to check the status of their membership by logging in online (<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/membership-login/>), as some accounts may have recently expired or may be soon due for renewal. If your account has expired or is due for renewal and you would like to continue to access ISAR member benefits, please log in first, and then select a membership option on the renewal page (<https://www.aeolianresearch.com/member-renewal/>). Your account status will be updated automatically upon completion.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement as part of ISAR. If you have any questions about membership status or renewal, please send an email to admin@aeolianresearch.com.

G. ICAR 2026



<https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/events/icar2026/index.html>

ICAR XII will take place in Swakopmund, Namibia, from **13th-17th July 2026**. Scientific sessions will take place in the [Strand Hotel](#) and, in association with the [Gobabeb Namib Research Institute](#), the conference will include a mid-week field visit to the stunning dunes of the hyper-arid Namib Desert. Please note that abstract submission is now closed. Registration is due to open at the beginning of February 2026 and close in mid-March. The website will soon provide information on registration and also important details about visa requirements and the application process.

Giles Wiggs

On behalf of the [Organising Committee](#)

Call for future ICARs

The conference of aeolian scientists actually has a much longer tradition (>40 years) than the society itself, see: <https://www.aeolianresearch.com/icar/> and has always been a vibrant meeting with enthusiastic discussions and meetings in a very friendly and inclusive atmosphere. On top of that, an interesting mid-conference excursion to some typical aeolian phenomena has been a prominent part of the agenda.

In that sense, we are certain that ICAR Swakopmund will satisfy all our expectations with the Namib Sand Sea just around the corner!

For future ICARs, we are now looking for enthusiastic aeolian peers willing and able to organise this three-yearly event. Please consider your opportunities to host an exciting meeting of aeolian peers. During the ICAR Swakopmund we will reserve time within the ISAR AGM to hear from those wanting to propose to host a future ICAR. For those that cannot participate in the ICAR Swakopmund but would like to propose to host a future ICAR, please contact the ISAR board. ISAR is also available to help support several aspects of hosting ICAR and any questions associated with this hosting role can be posed to the ISAR board.

H. Virtuaeolian seminar series

The webinar series continues valiantly and we have an exciting program that will run monthly until ICAR in July. After postponing **Joshua Caster's** talk [*Interpreting changes in aeolian activity and interacting fluvial processes through morphodynamics and geomorphic change detection*] from last November to January 27th, the next presentations will be:

February 12th, **Khanneh Wadinga Fomba** (Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research): *Saharan aeolian dust impact on particulate matter chemical properties, toxicological effects, and air quality*

March 11th, **Moritz Haarig** (Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research): Dust observations with lidar from ground and space – Discoveries and Challenges

April 13th, **Xin Gao** (Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography): Flow deflection over aeolian bedforms

May 13th, **Jimmy Li** (Hong Kong University): Dust activities in East Asia in the 21st century: Beyond declining?

June 3rd, **Kat Fitzsimmons** (Monash University): Between mountains and deserts: interactions between aeolian processes, landforms and climate along the Silk Road

We invite you to register and attend these presentations, which are always interesting and lively. Recall that they are recorded and can be watched afterwards. For more details please visit the web page www.aeolianresearch.com/seminar. Previous recordings are also available from the ISAR youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@Virtuaeolian_ISAR.



The poster for the ISAR Virtuaeolian Seminar Series 2026 features a blue background with a desert landscape. At the top left is the ISAR logo. The title 'ISAR Virtuaeolian Seminar Series 2026' is centered at the top. Below the title, five columns list the dates, topics, and speakers for each seminar. Each speaker's name is accompanied by a circular portrait and their contact information. At the bottom, there is a URL for more information and a logo for the Virtuaeolian Seminar Series.

Date	Topic	Speaker	Contact
12 February 2026	Saharan dust	Dr. Wadinga Fomba	fomba@tropos.de
11 March 2026	Lidar observations	Dr. Moritz Haarig	haarig@tropos.de
13 April 2026	Flow deflection	Dr. Xin Gao	gaoxin@im.jb.ac.cn
13 May 2026	21 st century dust	Dr. Jimmy Li	lijr@hku.hk
3 June 2026	Silk-Road climate	Dr. Kat Fitzsimmons	kathryn.fitzsimmons@monash.edu

More information at <https://www.aeolianresearch.com/seminar/>

Philippe Claudin, Jan-Berend Stuut, and Andrew Gunn

I. Community updates

Jo Bullard Passing

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of friend, colleague, and mentor Professor Joanna Elizabeth Bullard, an esteemed scholar of Physical Geography at Loughborough University, who died peacefully on 27 October 2025 at the age of 56 after a short illness.



Jo's academic journey began at the University of Edinburgh, where she studied Geography from 1987 to 1991. She then completed her PhD at the University of Sheffield on the morphological variation of linear sand dunes in the southwest Kalahari, earning her doctorate in 1994. After an initial lectureship at Keele University, Jo joined Loughborough University in 1998, where she later earned Chair in 2011. She also served as an Adjunct Professor in Atmospheric Research at Griffith University in Australia from 2004 to 2016.

Throughout her career, Jo made pioneering contributions to geomorphology and helped shape scientific understanding of wind as a geomorphic force. Her fieldwork took her to environments ranging from hot deserts to cold, dust-producing landscapes, complemented by innovative laboratory, modelling and remote-sensing approaches. Early studies of desert dune systems in the Kalahari, Namib and Simpson deserts offered crucial insights into how dunes respond to climate variability.

In 2005, Jo began work that would define much of her later career: the study of dust. Her research on high-latitude dust dynamics, including fieldwork in Greenland and Iceland, transformed global understanding of cold-climate dust sources. Her 2016 article "High-latitude dust in the Earth system" became her most cited publication, and she played a central role in building the High Latitude Dust research network. More recently, she was a trailblazer in examining how wind transports and abrades microplastics, publishing influential work that rapidly shaped an emerging field. Jo's excellence was recognised with numerous prestigious awards, including the British Society for Geomorphology's Gordon Warwick Award and later Fellowship of that society, the Philip Leverhulme Prize, and the Ralph Alger Bagnold Medal of the EGU.

Beyond her research, Jo was an exceptional academic leader and advocate for geography. She served in major roles within the International Society of Aeolian Research, the British Society for

Geomorphology, and the Royal Geographical Society. At Loughborough, she made transformative contributions to teaching, notably guiding the transition to online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, and was honoured with multiple institutional awards including Loughborough's most prestigious accolade, its University Medal.

Jo was a dedicated mentor whose generosity, passion, humour and camaraderie shaped the careers of countless students and colleagues. Her sudden passing has left a profound void in the global aeolian geomorphology community. She will be deeply missed, and her legacy will endure through the many people she inspired and the science she championed.

A complete obituary has been published by the RGS here:

<https://www.geomorphology.org.uk/2025/11/14/professor-joanna-bullard-1969-2025/>

ISAR workshop “scientific writing” NIOZ-Texel, 4-5 November 2025

Ten early-career scientists from the aeolian community were joined by ten ECS from NIOZ for a two-day workshop “scientific writing” at NIOZ – Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research on the island of Texel, the Netherlands on 4-5 November 2025. This workshop was supported by ISAR, Elsevier and NIOZ. During two days, the group learned all about how to logically structure a manuscript, how the building blocks of scientific publications differ from- and connect to each other, and how the peer-review process works. The participants not only worked on their own manuscripts, they also provided feedback to each other in small peer-review sessions. Particularly the latter was appreciated very much by the participants and led to now weekly writing sessions for ECS at NIOZ. Thanks to the financial support of both ISAR and Elsevier, the workshop could be offered free of charge. The tutors (Kerstin Schepanski, Michèlle van der Does and Jan-Berend Stuu) were impressed by the very productive and concentrated atmosphere throughout the two-day course and anticipate many exciting manuscripts to be submitted to our journal Aeolian Research.



December 2025 update; the first manuscript has already been submitted by one of the workshop participants!

Staubtag 2025, NIOZ-Texel, 6-7 November 2025

The German aeolian community likes to get together once a year to meet “old friends and new”, present, and discuss the latest dusty findings and ideas during a two-day symposium: *Staubtag* (German for: “dust day”). While previous editions had been organised mostly in Leipzig but also in the German cities of Bremen, Darmstadt and Karlsruhe (see the [Staubtag website](#)), the 8th edition took place on the Dutch island of Texel and was hosted by NIOZ – Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research. During two days, the about 30 participants were joined by some curious NIOZ scientists, and discussed their work through oral presentations as well as posters grouped in sessions on modelling, remote sensing, field campaigns and reconstructions based on dust-deposition archives. The mid-conference dinner was enjoyed at a beach pavilion, where aeolian processes could be witnessed *live*.



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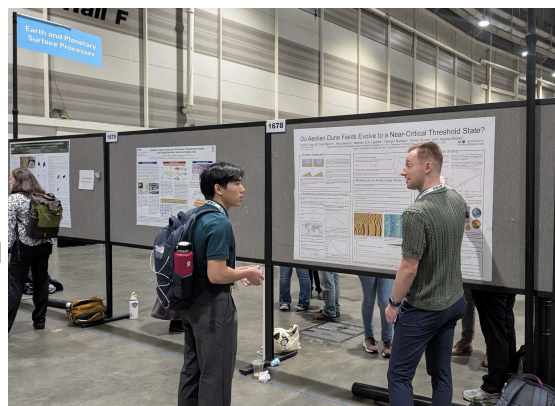
During the "Aeolian Systems in Time and Space" oral session of the Geological Society of America, 2025 conference, co-chairs Alana Archbold and Madeline Kelley (substituted by Mark Sweeney) advertised joining ISAR with a presentation on the society's purpose, announcements, and membership. Following the oral session, there was an Aeolian Happy Hour at a restaurant called PROST where students, postdocs, faculty, and industry geologists spoke sentiments and sediments in a more casual setting. The happy hour was sponsored by ISAR and the attendees expressed interest in joining and attending ICAR in Namibia next summer. It was a great chance to interact with aeolian colleagues from around the world and build connections to talk to during and after the conference.



AGU 2025: Aeolian Processes and Liquid Flows Shaping Landscapes Across the Solar System

Thank you to those of you who joined us in New Orleans for the AGU 2025 Fall Meeting! We saw some fantastic science presented across two oral and one poster slot in "Aeolian Processes and Liquid Flows Shaping Landscapes Across the Solar System". In particular, our invited speakers Jeanne Alkalla and Carlos Alvarez wowed us with their work on steady-state dune morphodynamics through the barchan-parabolic transition and low-pressure wind tunnels experiments suggesting Mars's large windblown ripples are not impact ripples, respectively.

At the end of the session, we had a great time catching up at Ernest Café, sponsored by ISAR. We hope to see you next year in San Francisco!



J. Research photos submissions



Elizabeth Donovan collects camera-based grain-size measurements and surface samples for lab sieving. Each year, the Applied Coastal Research and Engineering team collect at least 60 sediment samples along 135 km of shoreline of the Columbia River Littoral Cell on the Washington coast, as well as a number of sites on the Pacific coast and in the Salish Sea where research into the optimal design, monitoring, and effectiveness of coastal resiliency infrastructure is ongoing, and where technical support is requested by coastal communities. The dataset is one of many (including beach elevation surveys) that date back to the 1990's that the team uses for basic research into coastal sediment budgets, shoreline trends and behavior, the sediment budget, and the morphodynamics of this dynamic stretch of coastline.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/research-data/monitoring-assessment/coastal-monitoring-assessment>

K. Journal highlights / updates



New Editor in Chief

We have good- and bad news. The bad first: Kerstin will step down as editor-in-chief. She started her *Aeolian Research* ‘career’ as a guest editor in 2013. In 2015 she then joined the editorial board as associate editor and followed up Jeff Lee as editor-in-chief in 2021. That is more than ten years of service to the journal! Many authors and editors alike have profited from Kerstin’s swift, constructive, critical and efficient support and communication. We thank Kerstin very much for her service to the journal!

The excellent news is that we found Teresa Konlechner willing and able to take the baton from Kerstin and be our new editor-in-chief. Teresa has ample experience with the journal through her role as associate editor, which she took up in 2023. Once she has settled in as EiC, we intend to brush up the entire editorial board too.

As announced in the previous newsletter, we would like to broaden the expertise reflected by our board editorial-members and also increase the overall number of board members in order to keep the workload in an acceptable range. The last call resulted in three very good candidates but we are convinced that there are many more out there.

If you are interested in joining the board, please don’t be shy and get in touch!

We are aiming at a well-balanced board with regard to continents, genders, and academic age. As scientific works that are published in *Aeolian Research* are diverse involving a range of approaches and techniques addressing a variety of objectives in the field of Aeolian research, we aim at having a range of expertises being represented by the board members.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch in case of any question about the editorial work and tasks of an editorial board member (kerstin.schepanski@fu-berlin.de, teresa.konlechner@otago.ac.nz and jan-berend.stuut@nioz.nl).

Should you be interested in joining the editorial board, please write a short (half page) motivation including the experience you have with editorial processes.

Please feel free to forward this to any colleague you think might be interested. You are welcome to nominate yourself or suggest colleagues you think might be interested.

Kerstin, Teresa, and Jan-Berend

L. Closing remarks

That's all for this edition! Thanks so much for being part of the ISAR community.

If you've got an interesting update to share in our next issue, or if you just want to say hi, we'd love to hear from you. Please don't be a stranger, drop us a line anytime at admin@aeolianresearch.com or on our social media accounts. Your feedback and ideas truly keep us going, and we look forward to seeing you in Namibia!

Until next time,

Maddy

On behalf of the ISAR Board of Directors and Board Members