





## Subito! E-Newsletter #8: Spring 2020

It is now June 2020, and officially Subitop has ended. It has been a highly successful project, with almost all of the 15 ESRs now graduated, many scientific papers published or about to, and dissemination of all the scientific results presented on numerous occasions. It has also been a very versatile, diverse, and multi-disciplinary project, where ESRs not only developed into professional academics, but also picked up a range of skills and experiences that will benefit their future careers. Just to name a few, they developed important organisational and team-working expertise, such as the development of a scientific conference. They worked on topics that meet the needs of present-day industry, e.g. through secondment at the private sector. And they communicated their skills and learned about the needs of the future society through their scientific projects at local secondary schools.

In this newsletter, several of the ESRs reflect on what Subitop has meant for them, and lists some of their most best memories.









Manar Alsaif: My favourite Subitop time has to be our first workshop in Greece. For me, it was both the first time I met the Subitop team and also the first time I saw my beautiful field area. Both promised an interesting journey, and did not disappoint! The camaraderie was instant and kept us going throughout the project, and this to me is the special thing about Subitop. The network was extremely supportive, there were so many opportunities for collaboration (which produces better science!) and I have come out of it with real friendships. I hope we can continue to work together in the future.



**Ajay Kumar**: This photo collage reminds me of our curious faces in 2016. Throughout SUBITOP life, faces became much familiar, and by the end, bonds became stronger. Hope these bonds keep getting stronger whenever, wherever, I see these faces.









Nico Schliffke: The picture shows the view of the Sierra Nevada during our last SUBITOP dinner in Granada. After the successful joint TopoEurope/SUBITOP conference, the entire SUBITOP team met in a now very familiar atmosphere. Seeing the differences between the first new, exciting meeting in Syros to this final dinner, clearly showed how the entire ITN has matured in a scientific, professional but also human way. I personally enjoyed and profited from the intercultural exchange, the visitors to my host institution, my own visit in Oslo and the many helpful trainings. The regular high-quality and extensive discussions helped to support my own work and sparks ideas which resulted in central parts of my own PhD. Many thanks to all the management, the PIs, the other ESRs, teachers and everyone who contributed to SUBITOP!



Boris Gailleton: This photo was taken during our last field training with Subitop, just before the conference in Granada, Spain, 2019. The landscape as well as the trip depicted on it really summarise my Subitop experience: learning while networking. My Subitop experience not only allowed me to work on a very interesting research project with adequate means, but also to get trained in and introduced to a wide range of geoscientific methods and field sites to link deep and surface processes. It was very beneficial to "think outside the box" and very fertile ground for collaboration and ideas, especially with industrial applications with CGG Robertson. Subitop Network, PI, ESRs and events have truly been instrumental in shaping what will, I hope, become an academic career.









Sam Fletcher: Dissolution notches on a gorgeous day in Greece.



Joost van den Broek: The picture is from the first SUBITOP short course in Corinth Greece and shows the exposed footwall of a normal fault. I especially like the fact that you can see the variation in slip distance along the fault plane. The excellent field course by Niels was a very nice introduction to SUBITOP as a whole and an excellent way to get to know all the other ESR's! Being a part of SUBITOP network was very inspirational. As all the other ESR's worked on similar topics and where in similar stages of their PhD, we really could help each other in a variety of situations. The different approaches of the various projects exposed me to various sub-disciplines and broadened my (scientific) horizons.









Kristóf Porkoláb: We had a chance to visit the ancient city of Delphi in Greece towards the end of our first project meeting. After only a couple of days of field trip, we already behaved like a group that spent a lot of time together, and had a truly great time. We managed to repeat and improve this feeling for every following meeting, and besides the clear scientific advantages of the network, we also benefited from the positive dynamics within our group.









**Kittiphon Boonma**: After the Granada conference. This was last afternoon we relaxed together as a group, with a view of the Alhambra! It had been a great 3 years with this lovely lot.