

## **CALL FOR PAPERS:**

### **GEOMORPHIC FEATURES OF LAND DEGRADATION MEXICO Oct 27 - November 2, 2003**

The International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Land Degradation and Desertification (COMLAND) is sponsoring a session entitled "Geomorphic Features of Land Degradation" at the International Association for Geomorphologists (IAG) and Mexican Society of Geomorphology (SMG) regional conference in Mexico City, October 27th to November 2nd.

Geomorphologists are poised to play an important role in influencing land management decisions that have geomorphic implications. Understanding and interpreting land degradation requires knowledge of explicit process - response thresholds, the inherent range of morphologic variability, and timescales for adjustment. This session(s) seeks papers related to the morphologic manifestation of land degradation that may occur within various physical environments (e.g. fluvial, periglacial, hillslope, coastal, aeolian). Papers are welcome from a range of disciplines and specialties that occur within the following broad categories:

- Case studies and applied (e.g. environmental history; geomorphic response to engineering and land use change; the role of geomorphology in land management)
- Methodological (e.g. development of criteria for defining land degradation; field and analytical techniques for studying land degradation)
- Theoretical (e.g. predicting and modelling land degradation to environmental modification; systems response, including establishing residence times for perturbations, range of morphologic adjustment; distinguishing land degradation from "natural" environmental change)

#### **Abstract Submission**

Please contact Paul Hudson (Department of Geography, University of Texas at Austin: [pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:pfhudson@mail.utexas.edu)) if you intend to participate in this session. Please note that you must register and submit your abstract online via the conference website. Additional details pertaining to abstract submission and registration, field trips, and lodging are available online at: <http://www.smg.igeograf.unam.mx>