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## **New Open Access Book Series “Progress in Landslide Research and Technology”**

The International Consortium on Landslides (ICL) was established in January 2002. The first aim of the ICL was to establish an international journal on landslides to set-up a new scientific field of landslide science. In the first session of the Board of Representatives of the ICL held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, the ICL founded the International Programme on Landslides (IPL), and approved the first IPL coordinating Project “C100 Landslides: Journal of the International Consortium on Landslides”, which was proposed by the Research Center on Landslides of the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University and the ICL. This journal has expanded from a quarterly journal with 323 pages/year in 2004 to monthly journal publishing 2,965 pages/year in 2020. Its 2019 Impact factor was 4.708. Such significant growths of the journal were possible due to the support from the United Nations Organizations, global scientific organizations, and governmental organizations dealing with landslide disaster risk reduction (Sassa, 2018). The journal “Landslides” has effectively contributed as a common platform for the ISDR-ICL Sendai Landslide Partnerships (renamed as Sendai Landslide Partnerships) 2015-2025 (Sassa, 2015).

On 5 November 2020, at the midpoint of the Sendai Partnerships, the ICL and ICL supporting organizations launched a long-standing partnership, “Kyoto 2020 Commitment for Global Promotion of Understanding and Reducing Landslide Disaster Risk (Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020: KLC2020): A Commitment to the ISDR-ICL Sendai Partnerships 2015-2025, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement,” which is expected to continue to 2030 and even beyond after the termination of the Sendai Landslide Partnerships in 2025 (Sassa, 2021). KLC2020 has established a Secretariat of the Kyoto Landslide Commitment within the ICL Secretariat in Kyoto, Japan on 5 November 2020. The KLC2020 secretariat examined a potential new mechanism/infrastructure to develop the KLC2020 together with the WLF5 organizing committee members. Monthly “Landslides” journal is accessible by researchers and students of universities and research institutes which are subscribers. However, people working outside of universities and research institutes in developed countries such as practitioners and government officers, and people in landslide prone developing countries and regions may not access to the information published. A new open access, free-of-charge publication focusing on practical applications of landslide research and technology for the benefit of society is needed for the success of the KLC2020. The current draft outline of the book series as a result of this preliminary examination is introduced below with a goal to obtain support from KLC2020 partners, practitioners and promoters with funds contributing to the landslide disaster risk reduction in landslide prone countries and regions.

**Outline of the planned open access book series “Progress in Landslide Research and**

## ***Technology”***

A new open access book series “*Progress in Landslide Research and Technology*” will be discussed at the High-level Panel Discussion “Review of KLC2020 and the way forward” on 3 November 2021. Experts, practitioners, and promoters with funds from landslide-related organizations and companies are called upon to share their inputs.

## **Contents**

The Open Access book series of the International Consortium of Landslides (ICL) provides a common platform for the publication of recent progress in landslide research and technology for practical applications and the benefit of society contributing to the Kyoto Landslide Commitment 2020, which is expected to continue up to 2030 and even beyond to globally promote the understanding and reduction of landslide disaster risk, as well as to address the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals. The contributions include original and review articles, technical notes and case studies, teaching tools for the promotion of understanding and reducing landslide disaster risk and world landslide reports.

Table 1 presents a comparison of the outline of *Landslides: Journal of the International Consortium on Landslides* and the outline of *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology: Book Series of the International Consortium on Landslides*.

## **Aim & Scope**

The journal *Landslides* publishes original research including original scientific findings, development of original technology, equipment, modelling, etc, whereas, the Book Series *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology* will publish original articles for practical application of original scientific findings, technology, equipment, and modelling for landslide disaster risk reduction. The book series will publish ongoing research results, ongoing technological development, ongoing monitoring results and field investigation, which are not yet sufficient to be published in *Landslides*.

## **Finance**

Contribution fee for the authors of Journal *Landslides* is free. Readers have to purchase printed copies or have to pay for access / download an article or a copy of any issues. Readers of the *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology* can access and download all articles or the entire book free-of-charge. However, authors will need to pay book processing charge.

## **Length of articles**

The maximum number of pages for each article of *Landslides* is limited to 4-20 pages as presented in Table 1, whereas, the maximum pages of each article in Book series *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology* is not limited. Articles with 30 pages, 40 pages or even longer will also be accepted. However, the minimum

page number will be set for each article category as shown in Table 1. Teaching tools with extras online (PPT, Video) including guidelines or standards for landslide disaster risk reduction may be used for teaching, capacity development and administration will be published without any page limits.

**Special consideration for book series *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology***

An open access book series is beneficial for people residing in landslide-prone developing countries and in less funded civil societies for *reading*. To promote *writing* by those people, a certain number of landslide reports will be published freely (without book processing fee) in the “World Landslide Reports” category. Such landslide reports from around the world are useful for all landslide researchers as a database of landslides.

Table 1 Plan of the new open access book series in comparison with “Landslides” journal

	<b><i>Landslides:</i></b> Journal of the International Consortium on Landslides	<b><i>Progress in Landslide Research and Technology</i></b> Book Series of the International Consortium on Landslides
Aim & Scope	Original research	Original articles for practice and society
Online access	Charged access	Open access
Page length	4-20 pages	Minimum 2 pages
Publication fee	Free	Book processing charge
One issue	300-350 pages	400-500 pages
No of issue	12 issues/year	2 books / year
Publication style	Electronic and Print	Electronic and Print
	210 mm x 280 mm	210 mm x 280 mm
	2 column formats	2 column formats
Categories	Original papers (less than 12 pages) Review papers (less than 20 pages) Recent Landslides (6-10 pages) Technical Notes (4-8 pages) Landslide News (1-4 pages) News/Kyoto Commitment (1-4 pages)	Original articles (minimum 8 pages) Review articles (minimum 8 pages) IPL/WCoE/Kyoto Commitment activities (minimum 8 pages) Teaching tools with extras (presentations, videos, etc.) online (minimum 8 pages) Technical note & Case studies (minimum 4 pages) ----- World Landslide Reports (2-4 pages) Designated number of such articles per issue Free book processing charge

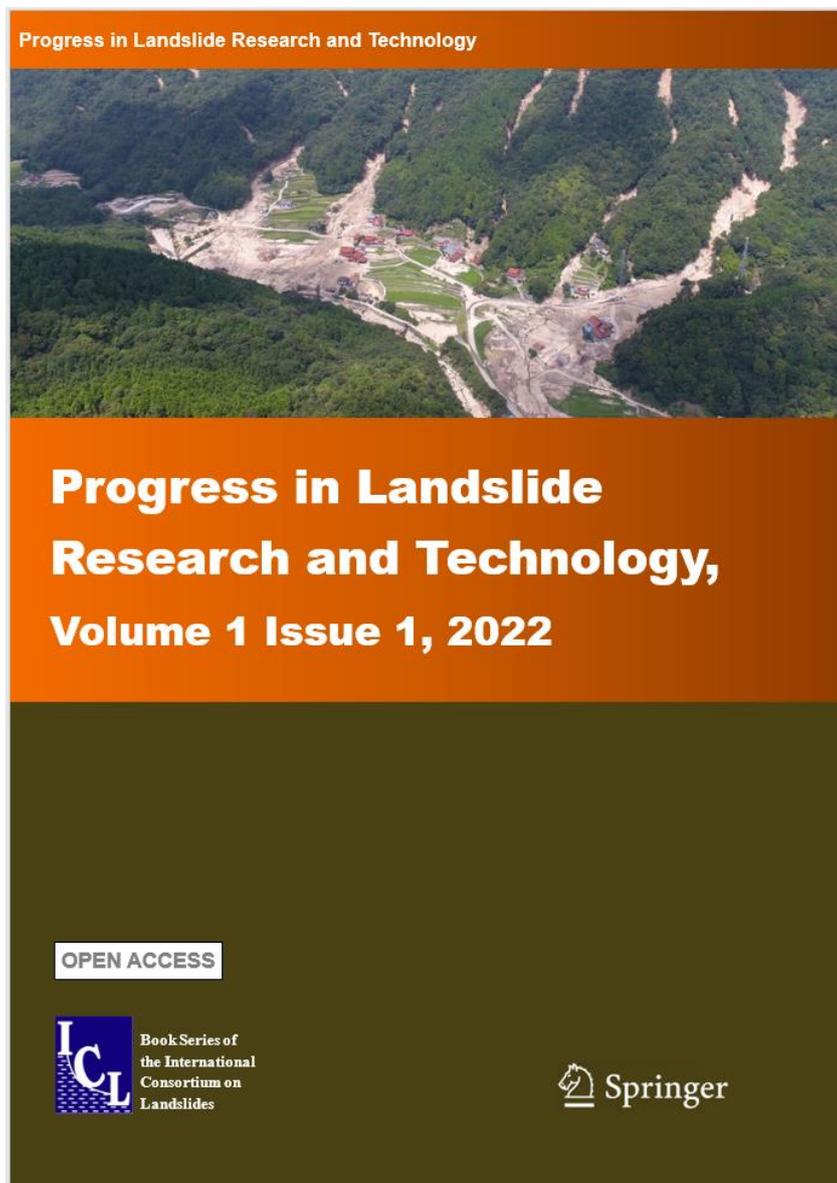


Fig.1 Current plan of the open access book cover.

The style of a new book series is not yet finalized. However, the proposed cover is presented in Fig.1.

Call for inputs is issued for potential authors of original articles, review articles, IPL/WCoE/Network activities, teaching tools with online extras ¥ (PPT, Video), Technical notes & Case studies and World Landslide Reports to be published in the founding issue in 2022, for potential KLC2020 Promoters which will implement any aspect of landslide and related disaster risk reduction activities and also funds to the publication of open access book series for practices and society as the platform of the KLC2020. Proposals for any special issues of *Progress in Landslide Research and Technology* and issue editors are also requested. Any consultation and inquiries are requested to Email to the Editorial Office for Progress in Landslide

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