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The volume of *Landform Analysis* you have in your hands is special: it mostly contains articles presenting, or related to, doctoral dissertations awarded the Stefan Kozarski Diploma in the recent years. The Diploma* is granted each calendar year to the authors of dissertations judged the best in the field of geomorphology by the jury of the Association of Polish Geomorphologists. The APG has always attached much weight to the competition because today many of its winners have become distinguished scholars setting research trends in contemporary Polish geomorphology. The competition is the best method the APG can employ to encourage young geomorphologists to create works at the highest scientific level possible. Among the contestant are also the participants of Workshops for Young Geomorphologists, organised on a yearly basis by the APG Board since 2006. This gives the Workshop organisers much satisfaction. With this volume of *Landform Analysis* we want to encourage both, young geomorphologists and their tutors to enter next theses for the competition for the best doctoral dissertation in geomorphology.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the APG juries headed by Professors L. Starkel, A. Kostrzewski and K. Krzemień for the time devoted to the assessment of the doctoral dissertations submitted for the competition in the recent years.

Zbigniew Zwoliński President of the Association of Polish Geomorphologists

On the cover: background – Baltic Sea during a storm (photo. W. Florek), upper left – The Brategg valley and eastern slopes of Gullichsenfjellet massif, upper right – representative esker of the Pasewalk-Prenzlau area, bottom left – the southern part of Kaffiryra with the marine terraces (photo M. Grześ), bottom right – the rapid hydraulic structure in the Porębianka River in Podobin



Image from the World

Chocolate Hills – example of the cone karst, Bohol Island, Philippines (photo M. Majewski)

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