



2017 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

FOR THE ROSTER OF EVALUATORS FOR UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

In accordance with the Statutes of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) and the Operational Guidelines for UNESCO Global Geoparks, UNESCO in conjunction with the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) maintains a roster of evaluators who undertake field evaluations of new applications for aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks and revalidation missions of established UNESCO Global Geoparks. These evaluators have combined and proven professional experience relevant for UNESCO Global Geopark development (geological heritage, conservation, sustainable development, tourism development and promotion, and environmental issues).

Evaluators serve in their personal capacity, not as representatives of their respective States or any other affiliated entities. The GGN will ensure that evaluators have no conflict of interest regarding new UNESCO Global Geopark applications or those requiring revalidation. Evaluators will not seek or accept instructions from governments or other authorities and will not conduct missions in their own country. The UNESCO Global Geoparks Bureau will assign a maximum of two evaluators from the roster of evaluators per field evaluation / revalidation mission.

Evaluation Teams independently:

- (a) Evaluate applications, extensions and revalidations for UNESCO Global Geoparks on the basis of the strict guidelines provided by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council;
- (b) Prepare a report to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council on the applications, extensions and revalidations evaluated.

PROCEDURE FOR INSCRIPTION IN THE ROSTER OF EVALUATORS

Each individual wishing to become an evaluator for UNESCO Global Geoparks should fill in the application form for evaluator for UNESCO Global Geoparks and send it no later than **5 March 2017** to the UNESCO Global Geopark Secretariat (Patrick McKeever, pj.mckeever@unesco.org) and the President of the GGN Association (Nikolaos Zouros, nzour@aegean.gr), accompanied by their CV, including the necessary documentation and references.

The GGN creates a database for the UNESCO Global Geopark evaluators. This database will be used by the UNESCO Secretariat in conjunction with the GGN for the establishment of the roster of evaluators carrying out field evaluations of new applications for aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks and revalidation missions of established UNESCO Global Geoparks.

CRITERIA FOR INSCRIPTION

Each evaluator should fulfil at least **two** of the criteria below:

- Be a manager or have a coordinating role in a “green card” holding UNESCO Global Geopark for at least 4 years;
- Combined and proven professional experience relevant to UNESCO Global Geopark development (in at least **three** of the following areas: geological heritage, geological conservation, sustainable development, tourism development and promotion, environmental issues, community engagement, and public communication of geoscience) for at least 5 years;
- Be a current member of the former Global Geoparks Bureau, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network (APGN) – Advisory Committee, and/or European Geoparks Network (EGN) – Advisory Committee.

Those individuals, who were part of the Roster of Evaluators in 2016, do not have to reapply.