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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues and friends of the Global Geoparks Network,

The **GGN News Feed No 38 - February 2020**, has the latest news for GGN activities but also the future events and announcements of the UNESCO Global Geoparks.

The GGN express solidarity to Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks who face serious fight against novel Corona Virus and will organise special promotion activities at the International Geological Congress in Delhi and at ITB – International Tourism Fair Berlin.

Please note the deadlines, read carefully and reply to the items where your contribution is requested. We are looking forward to receiving your further news on Geoparks activities and events, your reports of events, your comments and suggestions for the improvement of the GGN News Feed.

The GGN Executive Board

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

2020 Call for applications - Councils of the International Geoscience and Geopark Programme

Dear colleagues we would like to inform you that UNESCO External Relations Sector has just issued the call for the IGCP and UGGp Councils.

There are 6 places to renew in the UGGp Council and three in the IGCP.

[LINK for the 2020 Call for applications - Councils of the International Geoscience and Geopark Programme \[link\]](#)

[LINK For the UNESCO Geoparks Council \[link\]](#)

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

FIGHT AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

GGN express solidarity to Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks

At this special moment, when the Chinese people are making heroic efforts to win the fight against the novel corona virus (NCOVID19), the GGN expresses our greatest respect and solidarity to our member Geoparks in China and this not only in words but also with actions.

PRESENTATION OF CHINESE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

AT THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

IN DELHI 2-8 MARCH 2020

The GGN will take the initiative to present the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks and their achievements through the GGN Presentation at the Geoheritage and Geoparks Session at the 36th International Geological Conference which is going to take place in Delhi from March 2nd to March 8th 2020.

We will never forget that the Geopark initiative started at the 30th International Geological Conference in Beijing in 1996, which gave birth to the collaboration activities between various stakeholders and made possible the creation of the first Regional Geoparks Network in 2000. Twenty years later many of our colleagues from China will not be with us at the 36th

International Conference due to the necessity of their contribution to the fight against the novel corona virus (NCOVID19).

We will not forget our colleagues in China. The Global Geoparks Network in close collaboration with the Asia Pacific Geoparks Network will present the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks, reminding to all that solidarity, collaboration, idea exchange and networking is the base for the creation and development of the UNESCO Global Geoparks!

PRESENTATION OF CHINESE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

AT THE ITB - INTERNATIONAL TOURISM FAIR BERLIN

4-8 MARCH 2020

The GGN will take the initiative to present the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks and their achievements through the GGN Presentation at the at the International Tourism Fair in Berlin Germany from March 4th to March 8th 2020.

Since 2007 the Geoparks are present at ITB Berlin, the leading Tourism Fair in the World, promoting Geoparks as sustainable tourism destinations.

Since March 2016 after the establishment of the UNESCO Global Geoparks, the Global Geoparks Network in partnership with the European Geoparks Network and the German Geoparks Forum is making special efforts to promote Geoparks at ITB with a common stand and many presentations and press conferences. This year our colleagues from China will not be with us at the International Tourism Fair in Berlin due to the necessity of their contribution to the fight against the novel corona virus (NCOVID19).

We will not forget our colleagues in China. The Global Geoparks Network in close collaboration with the Asia Pacific Geoparks Network and the European Geoparks Network will present the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks, reminding to all that solidarity, collaboration and networking is the base for the establishment of the UNESCO Global Geoparks as quality sustainable tourism destinations, true nature and heritage treasures of our world!

1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM
Jeju island UGGp, Rep. Of Korea - 18 September 2020

The GGN Executive Board in collaboration with the UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat decided the establishment of a new activity the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM.

The main purpose of the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is to offer young people an opportunity to engage more concretely in the preparation of the philosophy mandate and activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks, elaborate their contribution to the debates of the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks and foster their commitment to the realization of the future they want, being actors of change in their territories. They will elaborate their proposal for actions contributing to the UNESCO Global Geoparks strategic framework for action 2020-2024, to address heritage protection, natural hazards mitigation, climate change and sustainable development in general.

Each Country hosting UNESCO Global Geoparks will be represented in the YOUTH FORUM with youth delegates engaged with UNESCO Global Geoparks that believe in their power of making changes and aim to become influential within their communities.

The 1st Assembly of the YOUTH FORUM will take place in parallel with the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks which will take place in Jeju island, Republic of Korea in September 2020.

Participants need to be aged from 18 to 24 years (according to UN/UNESCO Youth designation), showing their engagement with UNESCO Global Geoparks:

- in their respective living/working contexts - territories and communities already included in the UNESCO Global Geoparks
- on issues related to Geological Heritage conservation, climate change adaptation, natural disaster mitigation, geo-tourism and sustainable territorial development.

Participants can be Geopark staff, Geopark partners, University researchers, phd candidates, university students or school students with clear engagement through their research or educational activity. Observers may include Youths from Countries hosting aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks.

GGN - National Geopark Fora or Committees are responsible to nominate the representative of each country in the UNESCO Global Geoparks YOUTH FORUM and shall cover the expenses for their participation in the UNESCO Global Geoparks YOUTH FORUM meetings.

If a country wishes to nominate more representatives for the UNESCO Global Geopark YOUTH FORUM then the youth representatives of a country consist a country team with one vote at the UNESCO Global Geopark YOUTH FORUM meetings.

In case that a country (especially those with one Geopark) has difficulty to cover the expenses of the youth participation in the GGN YOUTH FORUM, can use the grant policy of the Conference or ask for support from GGN.

The Operational Guidelines of the 1st YOUTH FORUM have been agreed at the 64th GGN ExB meeting on December 10th, 2019.

[YOUTH FORUM OPERATION GUIDELINES \[pdf\]](#)

We are looking forward to receive your youth participations.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

GGN Secretariat

After the Open Call for GGN Secretariat Executive Assistance published in GGN News Feed No 34 – 23 September 2019, the GGN Executive Board selected the candidate to serve as Executive Assistant in the GGN Secretariat for the next 12 months.

The new Executive Assistant is Mrs **Konstantina Bentana**, Geologist, who has been responsible for education and promotional activities for more than 20 years and is engaged in Geopark activities since 2001.

As GGN Secretary Executive Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support services for the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board activities including administrative support for the Global Geoparks Network General Assembly and to update the Roster of Geopark Evaluators' data base.

She will work under the overall authority of the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board and the direct supervision of the President and the General Secretary of the Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network.



Please contact the GGN Secretariat at: ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com

REGIONAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

European Geoparks Network

45th European Geoparks Meeting - Papuk UGGp

The 45th EGN Coordination Committee Meeting will take place in the Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark (Croatia).

The meeting will be held on 23-27 March 2020 at the Polytechnic of Požega, Croatia.

The 45th EGN CC Meeting provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements in protecting and promoting the sustainable use of the Earth's heritage over the last 20 years, to demonstrate the impact of the EGN's work and address challenges for the future.

INFO: <http://45egncc-papuk.com/>

E-mail: papukgeopark@gmail.com

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the EGN

WEDNESDAY 25th March 2020 – 18.00-20.00

**Open Session for the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the EGN
In Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark - Pozega Catholic theatre.**

Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network

New Coordination of the Network

The plenary of members of the Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network, meeting on January 22, 2020, elected the new team for GEOLAC's coordination and management for the next two years (2020-2022), starting on 01.02.2020.

José Patricio Pereira Melo – Araripe UGG – Coordenador

Eugenio Bidondo – Grutas Del Palacio UGG – Vice-Coordenador

Patrícia Herrera – Kutralküra UGG – Secretaria Geral

Carlos Merizalde – Imbabura UGG – Finanças

José Luis Palácio - Mixteca Alta UGG – Vogal

GEOVIVÊNCIAS MAGAZINE

The magazine of Latin America and the Caribbean Geoparks Network

The Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network already has its own publication for communication: the GeoVivencias magazine.

This magazine aims to be a means for publishing specialized and scientific works (of Earth and environmental sciences, social sciences, history, ethnography and any other discipline that contributes to the knowledge and development of geoparks), as well as news of UNESCO

Global Geoparks and aspiring geoparks.

The deadline for receiving articles and news for the first issue of GeoVivencias is April 25, 2020.

The articles will be assessed by two reviewers under the strict parameters of the scientific evaluation; and in the case of the news, they will only have a style review and a selection by the Editorial Committee.

The editorial norms for the preparation of manuscripts are available online in Spanish (Normas de Publicación: <http://www.redgeolac.org/misc/normasEspanol.pdf>)

The works must be sent by email to: geovivenciasgeolac@gmail.com

African UNESCO Global Geoparks Network

The 1st African UNESCO Global Geoparks Conference

17-22 May 2020 Arusha, Tanzania

We are delighted to invite you to attend the **First African International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks**, to be held from **17th to 20th May 2020** in Arusha, Tanzania, followed by two days of excursion in the Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO Global Geopark, from **21st to 22nd, May 2020**.

The conference will be hosted at [Arusha International Conference Centre](#) (AICC) , in Arusha, the vibrant tourism City in northern Tanzania

situated closely to the **Mt. Kilimanjaro**, the highest mountain in Africa

The conference goes with the theme **“Promotional and Management of Geological Heritage for Sustainable Development in Africa”** that aims to stimulate a new dynamic for a homogeneous development of UNESCO Global Geopark on African continent.

AFRICA AND UNESCO GEOPARKS

In 2020, only two UNESCO Geoparks exist in the Africa region: M'Goun UNESCO Geopark (Morocco) -2014- Ngorongoro-Lengai UNESCO Geopark (Tanzania) -2017- Africa is a continent full of possibilities for the development of this new initiative which seems totally adapted to the African needs for protection, education and sustainable development. The aim of this conference is to stimulate a new dynamic for a homogeneous development of UNESCO Global Geopark on our continent.

INFO: <https://augg2020.ncaa.go.tz/>

GEOPARKS PROMOTION & VISIBILITY

Geoparks Participation in ITB Berlin

4-8 March 2020

The GEOPARKS STAND

The GGN stand at ITB (Hall 4.1b Adventure Travel - Responsible Tourism) will present the new UNESCO Global Geoparks label as well as the UNESCO Global Geoparks as innovative sustainable tourism destinations and the activities of the Global Geopark Networks to promote Geoparks - GGN, APGN, EGN and LACGN!

This year many UNESCO Global Geoparks will participate in the common effort to present Geoparks as sustainable tourism destinations.

So far 17 UNESCO Global Geoparks and Messel Pit WHS registered or at least mailed us showing interest. They are:

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS PARTICIPATING IN ITB STAND

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| • Lesvos Island | • Arouca | • Sitia | • De Hondsrug |
| • Muskauer | • Langkawi | • Bergstraße- | • Açores |
| Faltenbogen / Łuk | • Harz, | Odenwald | • Naturtejo da |
| Mużakowa | Braunschweiger | • Chelmos | Meseta |
| • TERRA.vita | Land | Vouraikos | Meridional |
| • Gea Norvegica | • Villuercas | • Vulkaneifel | • Messel Pit |
| | Ibores Jara | | |

THERE IS STILL THE OPORTUNITY TO JOIN US IN ITB

Please send the [registration form & information doc](#) with your data so we can prepare the GGN presence in ITB.

Geopark tour packages

In order to get better visibility of the Geoparks tourist offer we propose to create for ITB 2020 an electronic and paper catalogue of some of the most attractive activities/experiences in UNESCO Global Geoparks. Please help us providing the best example from your Geopark by filling the template below until 28th February!

[Please find attached the template for the GGN tour packages 2020.](#)

GEPARK PRESENTATIONS

During the 15th Pow-Wow for Tourism Professionals, taking place 4 – 6 March 2020 at the Adventure Stage and Event Area of Hall 4.1b - Adventure · Responsible Tourism several presentations on UNESCO Global Geoparks are taking place.

9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Jeju island, Rep of Korea,

17-20 September 2020

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

GGN Executive Board is encouraging all UNESCO Global Geoparks colleagues to register to the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

We would like to encourage them also to prepare and submit abstracts on their Geoparks activities for the conference sessions.

Please visit the Conference website <https://www.jejuggn2020.org/> and register NOW with the low registrations fees.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

16/9/2020	08.00-10.00	UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Meeting
16/9/2020	10.00-12.00	

		APGN – EGN – GEOLAG Regional Meetings AC Meetings North America – African Geopark Meetings
16/9/2020	13.00-16.00	APGN – EGN – GEOLAG CC Meetings CC Meetings
16/9/2020	16.00-18.00	GGN Executive Board Meeting Presentations of 2022 Hosts applications
16/9/2020	18.00-20.00	Conference Ice Break Dinner
17/9/2020	08.00-12.00	Opening of the Conference Key Note Lectures
17/9/2020	13.00-15.00	Conference Sessions
17/9/2020	15.00-18.00	Conference Sessions GGN AC Meeting
17/9/2020	18.00-20.00	Conference Welcome Dinner
18/9/2020	08.00-12.00	Conference Sessions GGN YOUTH FORUM
18/9/2020	13.00-18.00	Geotrail Field Trip (For Participants)
18/9/2020	13.00-18.00	GGN General Assembly
19/9/2020	08.00-18.00	Mid-Conference Field Trip
19/9/2020	18.00-20.00	Gala Dinner – Award & Certificates Ceremony
20/9/2020	08.00-17.00	Sessions Geoparks Evaluator’s Seminar
20/9/2020	17.00-18.30	Closing Ceremony
20/9/2020	18.30-20.00	Work Dinner of the Elected GGN Executive Board
21-22/9/2020		Post Congress Field Trips



9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

September 17-20 2020

Jeju Island Global Geopark Republic of Korea

EGN CC Meeting: September 16th

Welcome Message

Jeju Island UGGp has organized a preparatory committee for the successful implementation of the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks. As co-chairman of this committee, I would like to welcome you to Jeju Island Geopark.

The theme of the 9th Conference is 'Fun'.

The committee is dedicated to providing the participants with great opportunities to share and exchange their good practices and lessons learned while they have a fun and meaningful time on Jeju Island.

By diversifying the sessions and field trips, participants are also expected to enjoy the nature and scenery of Jeju Island Geopark.

Therefore, we look forward to welcoming you to the 9th International Conference on Jeju Island.

You will have a valuable hands-on learning experience accompanied by local residents on the beautiful island, Jeju

Chairman of the Organizing Committee
INFORMATION: <https://www.jejuggn2020.org/>

REGISTRATION

The official registration for the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks will start in February 2020. Please register for participation through the registration webpage.

The regular fee (\$300) applies to those who register by May 1st, 2020, and the registration fee will gradually increase afterwards.

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Celebration of the

International Earth Day 2020

22 April 2020

"Mother Earth: Education and Climate Change"

The Global Geoparks Network, the international organization of the **147 UNESCO Global Geoparks** celebrate the International **Mother Earth Day 2020** and asks all Geopark management bodies, partners and stakeholders to join the campaign and promote the role of **Earth** for our planet and our communities.

Mother Earth Day will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020 and it has relevance to all Geoparks.

According to the United Nations "Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit. The Earth and its ecosystems are our home. In order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth. International Mother Earth Day is celebrated to remind each of us that the Earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance. This Day also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity." (<https://www.un.org/en/events/motherearthday/>)

The Global Geoparks Network encourages everyone and especially Youth to Join the conversation on social media Celebrating Earth Heritage.

The Global Geoparks Network, the international organization of the **147 UNESCO Global Geoparks** is joining the global campaign, through a social media communication and events around the world, to celebrating Earth and its geological heritage, ecological and cultural value for our planet and the generations to come!

Shetland UNESCO Global Geopark, as a member of the Sustainable Development Goals Working Group, will be collating a schedule of events for International Mother Earth Day.

We request that you send your events/projects and the SDGs they support to Shetland UNESCO Global Geopark **Rory Tallack**, E-mail: Rory.Tallack@shetlandamenity.org.

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

GGN OPEN CALLS

CALL FOR HOSTS OF THE 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS – 2022

[Please Download the call](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL INTENSIVE COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

Lesvos 1-10 June 2020

[Please download the 1st Circular](#)

INTERNATIONAL GEOPARKS WORKSHOP IN YANGAN TAU

GEOPARK - RUSSIA

On November 25-29, Yangan-Tau Geopark hosted representatives of 14 countries and several subjects of the Russian Federation at the international seminar-meeting "Global Network of UNESCO Geoparks".

The workshop consisted of two days of presentations and one day out in the Yangan Tau area.

[Please Download the Report](#)

GGN Calendar of Meetings and Events

(updated February 2020)

2020

2-8 March 2020: International Geological Congress – IGC

4-8 March 2020: ITB Berlin – Participation with GGN stand in ITB Berlin

18 March 2020: IGGP Open Session - Paris
Presentation of the New Applications for UNESCO Global Geoparks

24- 30 March 2020: 45th European Geoparks Network Meeting -
Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

22 April 2019: International Earth Day, Geopark Activities

22-28 April 2019: 1st APGN Geoparks Week 2020

26-29 April 2020: Geoparks Conference – Viet Nam

17-22 May 2020: 1st Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Africa - Tanzania

24 May - 7 June 2020: European Geoparks Week

[1-10 June 2020: International Intensive Course on Geoparks "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" - Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece](#)

June 2020: 3rd Geoparks Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece and Cyprus "Geoparks-Protected areas Biodiversity and Geodiversity Conservation and Management" – Vikos Aaos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

14-22 September 2020: 9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOPARKS, Jeju island, Republic of Korea

5-10 October 2020: Regional Course on UNESCO Global Geopark 2020 - Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark, Malaysia

13 October 2020: International Day for Disaster Reduction, Geopark Activities

25-30 October 1020: 6th International Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks - China University of Geosciences Beijing, China

11 December 2020: International Mountain Day, Geopark Activities

2021

March 2021: 47th European Geoparks Network Meeting - Katla UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland

September 2021: Asian Pacific Geoparks Network Coordination Committee Meeting - Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

September 2021: 7th Asian Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium - Satun UNESCO Global Geopark, Thailand

September 2021: 48th European Geoparks Network Meeting - Sesia - Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

September 2021: 16th European Geoparks Conference - Sesia - Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

2022

March 2022: 49th European Geoparks Network Meeting - Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark, Netherlands in collaboration with TerraVita UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

September 2022: 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GEOPARKS

2023

March 2023: 51st European Geoparks Network Meeting, Hateg UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania

September 2023: 8th Asian Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium

September 2023: 17th European Geoparks Conference



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