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International Association on Geoparks

CELEBRATING EARTH HERITAGE – SUSTAINING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues and friends,

The first issue of the GGN NEWSFEED for the autumn period is on your screens. Even if the COVID-19 pandemic is still here, the UNESCO Global Geoparks have found successful digital ways in order to communicate, to network and exchange.

Taking into consideration the current situation the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board together with UNESCO Earth Sciences & Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction Section and the Organizing Committee of the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Jeju island, on its 101st meeting decided that the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks will be held **ON LINE**.

Another very important announcement is the participation for the second year in the **World Cleanup Day** campaign. The World Cleanup Day is a voluntary cleaning action of our Earth. It is an action of positive collaboration with the spirit of unity and its main target is to mobilise all local communities, through their participation to cleanup and to find solutions to tackle mismanaged waste in our home, Earth.

On Friday 17th of September, 2021 a **DIGITAL FOLLOW UP COURSE** will be organised to provide an opportunity for discussion with the participants of the Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" and the Aspiring Geoparks.

We are sharing this issue with the hope that all UNESCO Global Geoparks around the globe will take actions and ensure ongoing activities for the environment and our communities.

Keep sending your good examples and sharing your messages.

The GGN Executive Board

GEOPARKS CONFERENCES & EVENTS

9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Jeju Island, Republic of Korea

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Organising Committee of the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks after discussion with the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board members and the UNESCO Earth Sciences & Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction Section made the following announcement:

“COVID-19 is continuing to spread around the world.

After careful consideration and discussion, the Organising Committee of the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks has been determined to hold the conference ON LINE.

The new registration process will be notice on the conference webpage after the Organising Committee meeting next week.

Abstract submission is still available now.”

The 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks will be held from December 12 to 16, 2021 and will be organised by the Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea.

For more details about the conference, please view the conference website:
<https://www.jejuggn2020.org/>

World Cleanup Day

18th September 2021

The Global Geoparks Network invites the 169 UNESCO Global Geoparks all around the world for a common world cleanup of our home Earth in one day on Saturday, September 18th, 2021.

The World Cleanup Day is a voluntary cleaning action of our Earth. It is an action of positive collaboration with the spirit of unity and most importantly, to realize that we need our planet Earth and its resources more than it needs us.

A simple action of picking up trash, cleanups and find solutions to tackle mismanaged waste will be our main goal. We can all work for keeping what unites us – to keep clean our common home, Earth.

On September 18th the Global Geoparks Network invites all to declare our presence in the World Cleanup Day.

Our Earth needs us in order to make it a better place to live in for us but also for the future generations.

Act for cleanup Earth, together with UNESCO Global Geoparks!



CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

FOLLOW UP COURSE

of the DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability

Friday 17th September 2021 at 12:00-14:00 GMT

UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network are pleased to announce the FOLLOW UP COURSE on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability". The FOLLOW UP COURSE will be held on September 17th 2021 from 12:00 to 14:00 GMT.

The Course is open to the participants of the Digital Course UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021. During the FOLLOW UP COURSE will be discussed issues related with the Digital Course UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021, will be clarified issues, exchanged ideas and experiences and discussed the participants' questions.

The FOLLOW UP COURSE of the Digital Course on "UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021 on "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability" will be co-organised by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network.

It will be hosted and delivered by the University of the Aegean, the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and Sustainable Development of insular and coastal areas and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest (Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geoparks – Greece).

Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2021
UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability
FOLLOW UP

LESVOS ISLAND
GREECE
 Friday 17th September 2021
 at 12:00-14:00 GMT

Information - Secretariat:
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GEOPARKS INITIATIVES

1st Global Geoparks Network

Film Festival



The 1st Global Geoparks Network Film festival will be organized during the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

The 1st Global Geoparks Network Film Festival received an overwhelming and positive response by the UNESCO Global Geoparks and Aspiring Geoparks.

62 of the videos from 27 countries fulfill the rules of the 1st Global Geoparks Network Film Festival and they are in competition. The selected videos can be viewed in following link:

<https://filmfest.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/videoscomp>

The videos in competition will be assessed by four jury members coming from France, UK, China and Germany (<https://filmfest.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/jury>):

- Nicolas Ependre (France)
- Iain Stewart (UK)
- Li Zhang (China)
- Tidi von Tiedemann (Germany)

For more information about the 1st Global Geoparks Network Film Festival please visit the website:

<https://filmfest.globalgeoparksnetwork.org/>

1st UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM



The Global Geoparks Network and UNESCO Earth Science and Geo-Hazard Risk Reduction Section have launched the initiative “UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM”.

The 1st Assembly of the YOUTH FORUM will be held in parallel with the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks which will be organised by Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea.

The UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is a new ongoing important initiative for the Geoparks. The main purpose of the UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM is to offer to young people an opportunity to get engaged more concretely in the preparation of the philosophy mandate and

activities of the UNESCO Global Geoparks and foster their commitment to the realization of the future they want and being actors of change in their territories. They will also elaborate their proposal for actions contributing to the UNESCO Global Geoparks strategic framework for action 2021-2025.

For further information on UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS YOUTH FORUM please visit the following link.

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](#)

CONFERENCES & EVENTS

UNESCO MONTEVIDEO OFFICE WEBINAR SERIES

Climate Change and Fire Management in UNESCO Global Geoparks and Biosphere Reserves"

Every Wednesday of September at 12:00 (Montevideo Time)

The UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean – Montevideo, from the Platform for Climate Change, Risk and Resilience which is carried out by the IGGP and MAB Programme, are launching a series of webinars on wildfires management in UNESCO Global Geoparks and Biosphere Reserves.

It's important to highlight that the webinars will have simultaneous translation to English, Spanish and Portuguese.

They will be carried out every Wednesday of September at 12h00 (Montevideo Time), and will have experts and people from these sites involved in fire management as speakers.

For the programme for each session, as well as the registration link and additional information can be found at the following link:

<https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?u=e50c910606a7363fde62463a7&id=59d2a0bb07>

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NATURAL HISTORY & WILDLIFE

"Protectors of Wildlife ●●● Future of the National Economy"

24-25 November 2021

About
Iraq Natural History Research Center and Museum

The Iraq Natural History Research Center and Museum, University of Baghdad (<http://nhm.uobaghdad.edu.iq>) was established in May 1946 under the name: Iraq Natural History Museum, University of Baghdad. Currently, it includes four departments: Entomology & Invertebrates, Ichthyology, Vertebrates and Botany & Ecology. It aims to preserve and storage collections of animal, plant specimens and geological samples; some of them are artistic and attractive for visitors in museum exhibits. It is also concerned with conducting research and studies in Natural History; as well it contributes to the identification of samples for students and other researchers. INHM has a specialized library that provides journals, books, and a database about natural history, as well, it has a scientific biannual issued *Bulletin of the Iraq Natural History Museum*.

Iraq Natural History Research Center and Museum has a great role in serving the community through the conducting of scientific seminars, workshops and specialized training courses, etc. for universities and various institutions.

Ministry of Higher Education & Scientific Research
University of Baghdad
Iraq Natural History Research Center & Museum

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Goal of the conference

Due to the great expansion in the environmental sciences and the several stresses that facing the biodiversity and wildlife, it has become necessary to conduct the studies that focus on this field. Such studies giving a description of the reality and the opportunity to get acquainted with the latest developments which related to biodiversity and wildlife safety. This goal can be achieved through the exchange of experiences between researchers. Contributions of the researchers in the natural history and wildlife which highlight the important role of the Iraq Natural History Research Center and Museum in conservation and protection of wildlife that may prompt the economy of our country in the future.

Conference Subjects

Biology

1. Taxonomy, and its applications in community service
2. Biodiversity
3. Wildlife Ecology
4. Ecosystems & their management
5. Non-native and Threatened Species
6. Nature Reserves & Conservation status
7. Comparative anatomy of wild species
8. Wildlife diseases
9. Phylogenetic relationships

Geology

1. Geodiversity
2. Geoparks & Natural Heritage
3. Natural resources, sustainability & desertification
4. Earth history evolution & Fossils

Bulletin of the Iraq Natural History Museum
<https://nhm.uobaghdad.edu.iq/>

[LEAFLET \[pdf\]](#)

GEPARK COMMUNICATION TOOLS

GGN newsletter 2021

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Deadline for submissions of articles: 30 September 2021

It is our great pleasure to inform you that the two new issues of the GGN Newsletter for 2021 (ISSUE 2 & ISSUE 3) are going to be published.

The GGN Newsletter is the official magazine of the Global Geoparks Network and it is published by the GGN Office in Beijing.

The GGN Newsletter is a very important communication tool of the Global Geoparks Network which includes articles that provide information on the

Geoparks' activities worldwide as well as the GGN activities. The GGN Newsletter gives to all the GGN members the opportunity to exchange ideas and good practices, to stay informed and connected.

Please send your articles (photos, latest news and events) **before 30th of September 2021** at ggnnewsletter@163.com.

The events happened between 1 April and 30 June will be published in the 2021 ISSUE 2, and events between 1 July and 30 September will be published in the ISSUE 3).

For more information please send a message to:

ggnnewsletter@163.com

We are looking forward for your articles in the new issues of the GGN Newsletter.

Please find the past issues of GGN Newsletter on the GGN website:
http://globalgeoparksnetwork.org/?page_id=1562

REGIONAL GEOPARKS NETWORKS

European Geoparks Network (EGN)

5th EGN Digital Forum

Special Papuk edition

1-2 September 2021

With great success was organised on the 1st and 2nd of September, 2021 the 5th EGN Digital Forum - Special Papuk edition.

The Forum was organised by Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark as a celebration of the EGN 20th anniversary.

During the 5th EGN Digital Forum - Special Papuk edition were presented good practice examples and local initiatives realized in the European Geoparks.



Africa Global Geoparks Network (AUGGN)

M'Goun UGGp (Morocco)

The Association of M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark Geopark and its geopartner the living cooperative is organizing on November 5, 6 and 7, 2021 the 5th edition of the MOROCCO TRAIL RACE.

The "MOROCCO TRAIL RACE" will be organised in five different activities: 110km, 80km, 60km, 46km, 25km and 10km.

For more information please visit the link www.moroccoallraces.com

MOROCCO
trail race

ORGANIZED BY
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#RUNYOURDREAM

110 KM

80 KM

60 KM

46 KM

25 KM

10 KM

5-6-7
NOVEMBER
2021

WWW.MOROCCOALLRACES.COM

African
UNESCO Global
Geoparks Network

The poster features a central image of a male trail runner in a black and yellow outfit, running towards the viewer. To the right of the runner, five race distance options are listed vertically, each accompanied by a small icon of a trail shoe. The distances are 110 KM, 80 KM, 60 KM, 46 KM, and 10 KM. The event dates are prominently displayed in large, bold letters on the left side. The top left corner contains the event logo, and the top right corner has the hashtag #RUNYOURDREAM. The bottom left corner provides the website URL, and the bottom right corner features the African UNESCO Global Geoparks Network logo.



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