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NEWS FEED

Season's Greetings

The Global Geoparks Network Executive Board wishes
to all the Geoparks Family
peace, health, happiness, success, prosperity, joy
to realize your wishes!





Season's Greetings

169 & 8 wishes for peace, happiness,
creativity, solidarity, prosperity and success.



Dear colleagues,

Only a few days have been left before the end of the year 2021, the second year with many restrictions and changes to the operation of our Network due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

But with the efforts of all the GGN members we managed all together during 2021 to continue our communication, collaboration and networking and keep our Network very active even in the difficult circumstance of the pandemic.

The year is closing with a hopeful message for the future and the commitment of all the members to work for the achievement of the actions of the GGN Strategic Plan for the years 2022-2023.

The new Global Geoparks Network Executive Board will work for our Network towards a creative, productive and successful future.

The Global Geoparks Network Executive Board

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Announcement of the 2021 GGN Election Results

At the 3rd General Assembly of the Global Geoparks Network on December 15th, 2021 the elections of the Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network took place.

The results of the Election for the New Executive Board 2022-2025 are:

President: Nickolas Zouros – Greece

Vice President: Xiaochi Jin – P.R. China

Vice President: Ibrahim Komoo – Malaysia

Secretary General: Guy Martini – France

Treasurer: Kristin Rangnes – Norway

Members:

Driss Achbal – Morocco (AUGGN)

Melanie Border – UK (EGN)

John Calder – Canada (CGN)

Marie-Luise Frey – Germany (Individual Member)

Kana Furusawa – Japan (APGN)

Artur Sá – Portugal (EGN)

Jianping Zhang – P.R. China (APGN)

GGN Advisory Committee Chair

The GGN Advisory Committee members elected the Chair for the period 2022-2025.

GGN Advisory Committee Chair: Elizabeth Silva – Portugal

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

6th UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Meeting

8-11 December 2021

The 6th session of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council was held online from 8th to 11th of December 2021. During the meeting, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council assessed 18 new applications for UNESCO Global Geoparks

(submitted in 2019 and 2020) and 29 revalidation applications from current UNESCO Global Geoparks. The following 8 sites were proposed for endorsement to the UNESCO Executive Board during the 2021 spring session:

- Ries (Germany)
- Platåbergen (Sweden)
- Mëllerdall (Luxembourg)
- Buzău Land (Romania)
- Salpausselkä (Finland)
- Kefalonia-Ithaca (Greece)
- Caminhos dos Cânions do Sul (Brazil)
- Sérido (Brazil)

The designation of these new sites would bring the total number of UNESCO Global Geoparks to 177 in 46 countries welcoming Luxembourg and Sweden.

For more information, please view the UNESCO's announcement at the following [link](#)

GEOPARK CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea

The DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, with the main theme: "FUN Geopark", organized between 12th and 16th of December 2021 by the Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea

With 546 registrants coming from 52 countries the Conference gave the opportunity to Global Geopark Representatives and Geopark Professionals to discuss examples of best practices in Geoparks and at the same time it gave the opportunity to many colleagues coming from Aspiring Geoparks to present their efforts for the establishment of new Geoparks worldwide.

The impact of the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks is reflected not only to the impressive number of the participants coming all over the globe but also to the broad publicity locally as well as in many countries in Europe and the world.

The Conference was preceded by the Meetings of the 3rd GGN Ordinary General Assembly and the GGN Advisory Committee Meeting and the elections for the GGN Executive Board and the GGN Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

A special session was dedicated to the 1st Youth Forum where youth representatives from all around the world met, discussed and elected their representatives.

The Opening Ceremony of the conference organised on December 14th and the scientific sessions run from December 14th to December 16th in parallel rooms. A workshop on Education organized by GGN Working Group on Education on December 15th.

During the Conference the participants had the opportunity to participate in virtual trips and explore the beauties of Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark. Participants had also the opportunity to have a tour at the Virtual Exhibition.

The closing ceremony of the Conference held on December 16th accompanied by the GGN Certification Ceremony, the announcement of the GGN Honorary Members, the Film Festival Awards and the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2023 announcement.

All colleagues agreed that both the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks and the associated digital meetings had very positive contribution to the cohesion and further development of GGN. Thus, the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks is already recognized as the most successful digital Geopark's conference ever!

1st GGN International Film Festival

The 1st GGN International Film Festival organised in parallel to the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks from 12th to 16th of December 2021 presenting videos by 62 Geoparks from 27 countries around the world.

The GGN Executive Board in its 109th session decided to adopt the proposal of the four international jury members:

1. Nicolas Eprendre (France)
2. Iain Stewart (UK)
3. Li Zhang (China)
4. Tidi von Tiedemann (Germany)

The winners of the 1st GGN International Film Festival are:

1st winner : Origenes UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain)

2nd winner: Longyan Aspiring Geopark (P.R. China)

3rd winner: Lauhanvuori-Hämeen kangas UNESCO Global Geopark (Finland)

For the announcement of the winners of the 1st GGN International Film Festival a special video was prepared by the GGN and presented during the closing ceremony of the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks on December 16th 2021.

You can view the video for the announcement of the winners of the 1st GGN International Film Festival [here](#).

All the video participated in the 1st GGN International Film Festival have been uploaded to the festival website [here](#)

HOST OF THE 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

September 2023

During the closing ceremony of the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark announced the host Geopark of the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in 2023.

The host of the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in 2023 is:

M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark (Morocco)



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10th International Conference
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