

4th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks

GEPARKS 2010 CONFERENCE



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CALL FOR PAPERS

“Global Geopark - The Natural Way to Forward”

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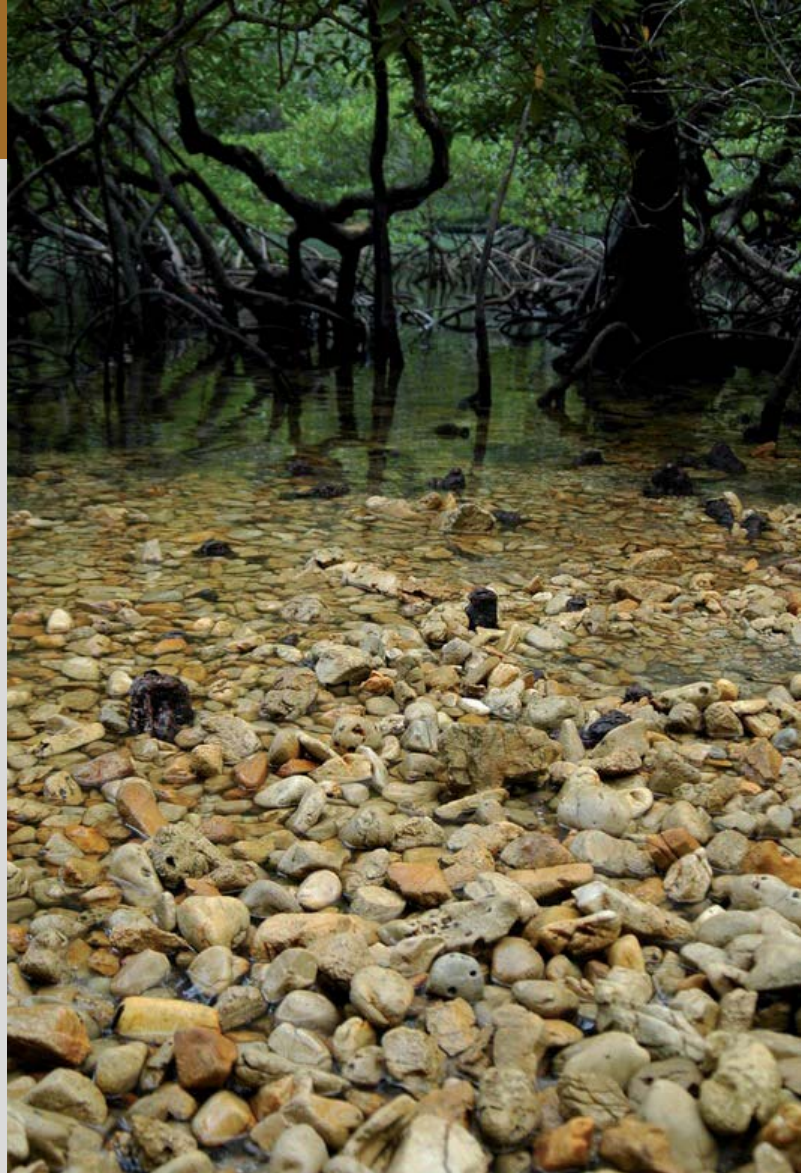
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Global Geopark Networks

In 1997 UNESCO proposed to launch a 'UNESCO Geoparks Programmes' on the global scale with the aim of safeguarding earth heritage sites of international importance and enhancing regional socio-economic development. While this programme was suspended in 2001, UNESCO in consultation with the scientific board of the IGCP created 'the International Advisory Group for Geoparks'. It consists of geoscientists representing governmental and non-governmental organisation from America, Africa, Asia, Oceania and Europe. Their tasks are mainly to promote and advise member countries seeking assistance to establish the national geoparks.

In 2004, within the framework of an international meeting, the "Operational Guidelines for National Geoparks seeking UNESCO's assistance" were presented. This is the basis of the establishment of Global Network of Geoparks Assisted by UNESCO. The aim of this network is to provide a platform of corporation and exchange between experts and practitioners in geoheritage matters under the umbrella of UNESCO. The Bureau of Global Network of National Geoparks assisted by UNESCO (GGN) will serve as management body to develop models of best practice and set the standard for the national geoparks to be a member of GGN.



European Geopark Network

Established in 2000, the European Geoparks Network (EGN) aims to protect geodiversity, to promote geological heritage to the general public as well as to support sustainable economic development of geopark territories primarily through the development of geological tourism. The network has drawn together territories from across Europe that share these aims and which are now working together in an active and dynamic way to achieve them. Originally consisting of four territories, the network has, as of April 2009, been expanded to include 34 territories across 13 European countries.

The network operates primarily by continuous electronic communication, frequent coordination meetings, annual conferences and the establishment of common projects through which territories can exchange ideas, experience and best practice thereby supporting each other to fulfill their common goals.

Asia Pacific Geoheritage and Geoparks Network (APGGN)

The establishment of geoparks is still in its infancy in the Asia Pacific region, as only four countries, Iran, Australia, China and Malaysia own designated UNESCO endorsed geoparks. The potential for geoparks establishment is promising, with several countries in the region designating geoheritage sites for conservation. Asia Pacific Geoheritage and Geopark Network (APGGN) provides a networking platform between stakeholders of established geoparks and stakeholders of geoheritage sites to facilitate the establishment of future geoparks and improve geoheritage and geoparks governance.

The main role of the APGGN is to provide a networking platform that will enable strategic promotion of geoheritage conservation and geoparks establishment. In addition, it will provide support particularly in the sustainable economic development of geopark areas with emphasis on enhancing geotourism and nature tourism activities. This will be carried out through the promotion and exchange of scientific understanding, technology and expertise as well as education and awareness raising programmes.



International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks (ICG)

The International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks (ICG) is an international venue for members of Global Geoparks Network, scientists and practitioners interested in geoheritage conservation to get together biannually to discuss as well as to share experience with regards of geoheritage and geoparks development. The International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks which will be held in Langkawi Global Geopark is the 4th after the first three successful conferences as follows:

- First- International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Beijing, China, 27 Jun – 7 July 2004
- Second- International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Northern Island, 17-21 September 2006
- Third- International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Osnabruck, Germany, 22-26 June 2008

4th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Langkawi 2010

The 4th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks 2010 will be held in Southeast Asia's very first global geopark, Langkawi Global Geopark, Malaysia. Langkawi is one of the rare island geoparks in the world comprising of 99 islands, possesses the region's oldest rocks and the most complete Palaeozoic geological history.

OBJECTIVE

Closely related to geopark and geoheritage conservation is geotourism, today's rapidly growing industry that are supported by people seeking for better appreciation for geoheritage resources and broader understanding of their living environment. The UNESCO Global Geopark initiative is concentrating its effort for protecting and promoting geological sites and at the same time enriching human capital through more holistic environmental protection and creating new opportunities through sustainable recreation and education tourism. The last decades have seen an increasing role played by geosciences in supporting sustainable development at local and global scale. Today, this role is becoming increasingly important as issues related to holistic environmental sustainability, climate change and natural hazard are even more frequently debated.

This conference provides best venue for researcher and planners to openly discuss the various issues from concepts to strategies, research to public education, protection to opportunities, leisure to tourism, planning and development in order to ascertain the relevancy of geopark concept as the best way in pursuing holistic regional sustainable development.

VENUE

The conference will be held at Awana Porto Malai Langkawi.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

Participants are expected to come from international community of various backgrounds from researchers in the fields of geoheritage, geotourism, conservation, environment and sustainable development to policy makers, economists, geopark and local community administrators and leaders, NGOs, business operators and individuals with keen interest on geoheritage development.

THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

- Communicating Geoheritage
- Youth and Geoparks
- Community Involvement in Geoparks
- Environmental and Geoparks
- Quality Management and Geoparks
- Global and Regional Geoparks Networking
- Tourism and Geoparks
- New and Aspiring Geoparks
- Organisation Structure and Geoparks
- Advancement of Geosciences within Geoparks
- Geoparks and Sustainable Development



Location Map



ACCOMODATION

The Geopark 2010 conference venue is a resort with 208 guest rooms and suites offering panoramic views of the lagoon and nearby islands. This conference resort will provide a special rate for participant. The availability is based on first come first serve basis.

Awana Porto Malai, Langkawi
Special rate for conference participants: RM 205 (58.50USD)
www.awana.com.my

Other recommended hotel available, their rating and distance from conference venue are as listed below. Participant can book their accommodation by directly email the respective hotel/resorts. (Please request for ICG 4 special rate).

- THE LANAI LANGKAWI BEACH RESORT
Distance: 1.0 km, Email : enquiry@lanaiibeach.com.my
- HOLIDAY VILLA LANGKAWI
Distance: 1.2km, Email : reservation@lgkhvl.com
- THE FRANGIPANI LANGKAWI RESORT AND SPA
Distance : 1.8km Email: rsvn@frangipanilangkawi.com
- ASEANIA RESORT LANGKAWI
Distance:2.0km, email: aseaniar@tm.net.my
- MERITUS PELANGI BEACH RESORT AND SPA
Distance: 4.4km, Email: resvn.pbl@meritus-hotels.com
- GEOPARK HOTEL
Distance: 17.5km, Email Address: info@geoparkhotel.com

Any enquiry on accomodation please refer to the secretariat at info@langkawigeopark.com.my

FEES

Early registration fees : USD300 (before 31st January 2010)
Late registration fees : USD400 (after 31st January 2010)

The conference fees cover access to all sessions, registration documentation, conference materials, book of abstracts, tea breaks and lunches, welcome dinner and geopark exploration . Accompanying person fee includes registration documentation, welcome dinner, workshops and geopark exploration .

Registration fees exclude accomodation, travel, and airport transfers, personal and optional social events.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Abstract Submission : 30th September 2009
Acceptance Knowledge : 31th December 2009



Conference Programme

	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
9 April					Setting up GEOPARK FAIR								
10 April		Opening Ceremony GEOPARK FAIR	GEOPARK FAIR	GGN MEETING			Geopark Exploration –Mahsuri						
11 April		GEOPARK FAIR					REGISTRATION						Ice-breaker Party
							Geopark Exploration—Kilim Geoforestpark						
12 April		REGISTRATION	OPENING CEREMONY FOR 4TH INTERNATIONAL GEOPARK CONFERENCE (IGC)		SESSION 1 Communicating Geo- heritage	L	SESSION 2 Youth and Geopark	SESSION 3 Community Involvement	Communicating Geoheritage 1	Governance of Geopark 1	Geopark in Developing countries 1	Economic Opportunity 1	Marketing & Promotion 1
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13 April		POSTER SESSION 1	SESSION 4		SESSION 5	H	SESSION 6	SESSION 7	Communicating Geoheritage 2	Governance of Geopark 2	Economic Opportunity 2	Marketing & Promotion 2	Conference Dinner
		Business Meeting 1	Environmental Changes		Quality Management	B	Global and Regional Network	Tourism and Geopark					
		Business Meeting 2				R	SESSION 8 New and Aspiring Geopark	SESSION 9 Organisation Structure					
						E							
14 April			Geopark Exploration—Machinchang Geoforestpark			A							
15 April		POSTER SESSION 2	SESSION 10 Advancement of sci- ence		SESSION 11 Geopark and Sustain- able Dev	K	Workshop Report	CLOSING CEREMONY FOR 4TH IGC					
		Business Meeting 3					Conference Declaration						
		Business Meeting 4					Announcement of 2012						

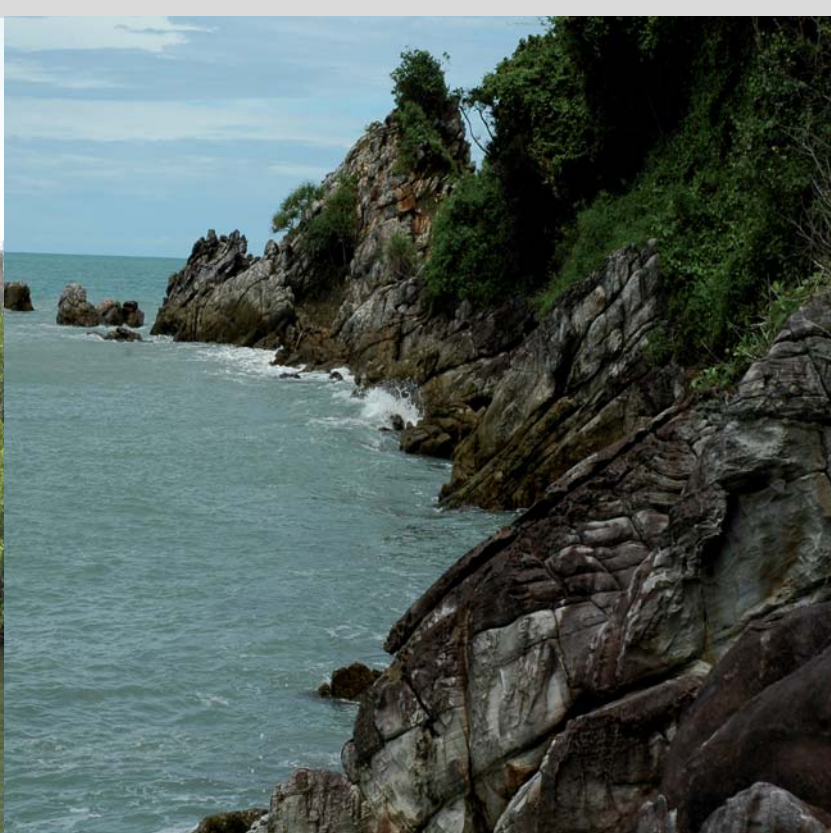
* Final arrangement of technical sessions will be depending on papers received

Langkawi Global Geopark

Langkawi Geopark is Malaysia's first established geopark located in the far northwestern corner of Peninsular Malaysia. Located in the state of Kedah, the Langkawi Geopark is unique in the sense that it comprises 99 islands that formed the legendary Langkawi archipelago. Langkawi has already been established as Malaysia's premier tourism destination, jump-started originally by the declaration of Langkawi as a duty-free island in 1987. The establishment of Langkawi Geopark by Kedah State Government, Malaysia in May 2006 and endorsement by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) under the Global Geoparks Network on 1st June 2007, marked on milestone both in the pursuit of geoheritage conservation as well as the enhancement of nature tourism potential.

GETTING TO LANGKAWI

Langkawi Geopark is accessible by air from Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), also Penang and Subang Airport or from Singapore. Malaysia Airlines fly 5 times a day to Langkawi International Airport through KLIA. The low-fare Air Asia and Firefly offer direct flight to Langkawi through Low Cost Terminal (LCCT) and Subang International Airport while Silk Air offers direct flight from Singapore.



Geopark Fair

Introduced for the first time during the 3rd International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks in Germany, this successful event was organized to provide a platform for all global geoparks to promote various aspect of their geopark from geoheritage to geotourism and hospitality, local tradition, foods, artwork and souvenirs. It is a one stop shopping for tourists to plan for their next visit to geoparks and for geopark members to get to know each other much closer and to initiate various kind of networking activities.

Date : 11th April-15 April 2010

Venue: Awana Porto Malai, Langkawi Malaysia.

Exhibition Booth : One booth with wall, 3m x 3m in width.

Deadlines for registration : 31 January 2010



Workshop and Dialogue

Two hours workshops on various themes based on highly relevant current issues organized to cater for the various spectrum to geopark stakeholders from the administrators and policy makers to the general public. Topics chosen include communicating geoheritage, geopark governance, marketing and developing the geopark will enlighten participants on the various issues on geoparks.

Geopark Exploration

Field visits organized for the participants to get to know about the various of components of Langkawi Geopark. Since this visit does not only promote geology, it is called the geopark exploration. It aims to provide everyone greatest chance to explore nature and people of Langkawi with slogan. "To know Langkawi is to Love Langkawi".

Business Meeting

The conference also provides room for various other business meetings including meeting for various regional geopark networks and for respective geoparks to start or to strengthen ties between one another. Signing of MoUs between two or more geoparks are encourage during this session.

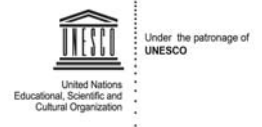
Second Global Geotourism Conference

Second Global Geotourism Conference will be held on 17-20 April 2009 at Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia. There will be 25 % discount on registraiton fees for first 25 participants who enroll both Second Global Geotourism Conference and International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks 2010.

For further information, please refer:
<http://www.globalgeotourism.com>



REGISTRATION FORM
4th International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks 2010
9-15 April 2010



Name :

Title :

Address :

Tel :

Fax :

Email :

I would like to participate in the main conference as:

- Oral presenter
- Poster presenter
- Ordinary participant

[Notes: Each participant could present not more than 2 oral papers]

Title of paper [Indicate oral or poster and relevant theme]:

1.
2.
3.

Geopark Exploration

- I would like to attend the Geopark Exploration 1: Mahsuri (10 April 2010)
- I would like to attend the Geopark Exploration 1: Kilim Geoforest Park (11 April 2010)
- I would like to attend the Geopark Exploration 2: Machinchang Geoforest Park (14 April 2010)

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Registration Fee:

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Please email/fax/post this form to : Secretariat Geoparks2010 Conference
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**REGISTRATION FORM
2nd Global Geopark Fair
10th-12th April 2010**



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Cultural Organization

We would like to participate :

[Redacted] [Global Geopark Name]

Address:

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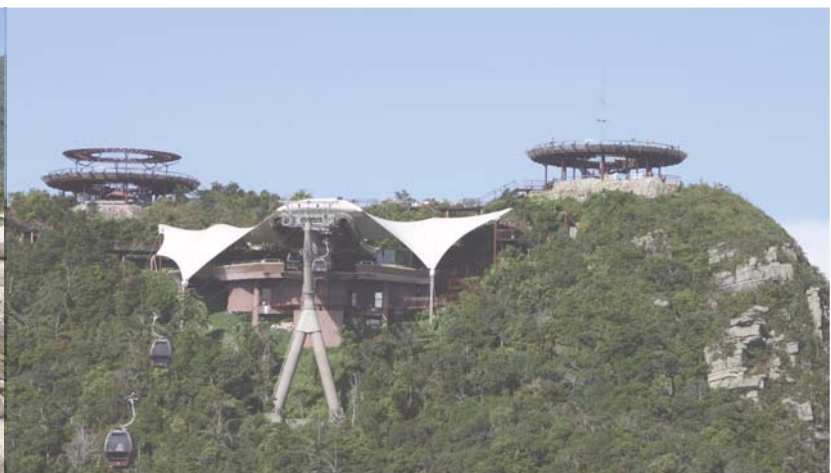
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The exhibition will take place at Awana Porto Malai Exhibition Hall.
Please send the registration form to

Email : rasanubari@langkawigeopark.com.my or
info@langkawigeopark.com.my

or fax to : +601-96672092/7233/1940

Deadline : 31 January 2010





General Information

About Malaysia

Multiculturalism has not only made Malaysia a gastronomic paradise, it has also made Malaysia home to hundreds of colourful festivals. It's no wonder that we love celebrating and socialising. As a people, Malaysians are very laid back, warm and friendly. Geographically, Malaysia is as diverse as its culture. There are two parts to the country, 11 states in the peninsula of Malaysia and two states on the northern part of Borneo. Cool hideaways are found in the highlands that roll down to warm, sandy beaches and rich, humid mangroves.

For the perfect holiday full of surprises, eclectic cultures and natural wonders, the time is now, the place is Malaysia. Further information on the country can also be obtained from the Malaysian government's official portal, www.malaysia.gov.my.

Travel Preparation

Visitors to Malaysia must hold a valid passport or travel document with a minimum validity of six months beyond the intended visiting period.

Most nationalities do not require visas for social or business visits. For further information, please contact the nearest Malaysian diplomatic mission or Tourism Malaysia office.

Visit the Malaysian Immigration Department's website (www.imi.gov.my)

Or Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia website. (www.kln.gov.my)

Set in the heart of Southeast Asia, Malaysia is easily accessible from most parts of the world by air, land and sea links.

Over 45 international airlines fly into the country while national carrier Malaysia Airlines has a global network that spans six continents and a national network that covers more than 36 local destinations.

AirAsia, Malaysia's budget airline also services certain domestic and regional routes.



For further information

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