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NEWS FEED

Dear colleagues,

With the first GGN Newsfeed of the year 2022 we want to thank each one of you personally for your support to the activities and networking of the UNESCO Global Geoparks community during 2021!

2020 and 2021 were two years that none of us could have ever predicted the challenges and losses in our planet, our societies and our Geoparks would face. 2022 is starting with the hope that the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions will be over and that we will have the opportunity to implement the actions of the GGN Strategic Plan.

This first GGN Newsfeed of the 2022 is bringing in your mailbox important news of the latest activities but also the future events and announcements on Geoparks' events and activities around the Globe.

We would like to seek for your attention on the following forthcoming events:

- IV Geoparks and Geotourism Symposium in Chile (27 - 29 January 2022)
- EGN Spring Meeting 2022, De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark in Netherlands in cooperation with UGGP TERRA.vita in Germany (26 – 30 April 2022)
- 3rd Digital International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism" (15 – 25 June 2022)

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 Geopark's events, your reports of events and your activities and GGN will promote them through its facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/globalgeoparksnetwork>

The GGN Executive Board

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

1st meeting of the newly elected GGN Executive Board



The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network took place on January 11th, 2022.

The new Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network elected during the 3rd General Assembly of the Global Geoparks Network on December 15th, 2021.

The members of the newly elected Executive Board of the Global Geoparks Network for the years 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

Observers:

Kristof Vandenberghe - UNESCO

Elizabeth Silva - GGN Advisory Committee Chair

The work of the first meeting started with decisions related with the operation of the Executive Board, the challenges of the GGN operation and the promotion of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Brand.

DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Republic of Korea

Opening ceremony Video & Photo gallery



The GGN Executive Board congratulates the Organising Committee of the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks for the excellent organization of the Digital 9th International Conference on UNESCO

Global Geoparks, held in Jeju UNESCO Global Geoparks, Republic of Korea and all the parallel events, the 3rd GGN General Assembly, the 1st Global Geoparks Film Festival, the 1st UNESCO Global Geoparks Youth Forum. It was very crucial to keep, during this very difficult period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the cohesion of the network and its operation. The Conference and the GGN General Assembly are the most important events in the operation of our Network.

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.

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 Opening Ceremony of the conference organised on December 14th and the scientific sessions run from December 14th to December 16th in parallel rooms.

The Organising Committee of the Conference has uploaded the video of the Opening ceremony at the following link:

www.jejuggn2020.org

and a photo gallery have been uploaded to the following link:

www.jejuggn2020.org/photo_gallery

HOST OF THE 10th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS – 2023



M'GOUN GÉOPARC MOROCCO

10th International Conference ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

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)

You can view the video of the host of the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in 2023 [here](#).

International Tourism fair FITUR Madrid 2022



With great success organized the event of the Spanish Geoparks Forum in collaboration with the Global Geopark Network in FITUR promoting the tourism offer of Geoparks. The event organized on 19th of January 2022 with the participation of all the Spanish UNESCO Global Geoparks.

The Geoparks' event started with the presentation and greetings by the Maestrazgo and Sobrarbe UNESCO Global Geoparks Presidents and the Tourism Minister of Aragón. During the event Jose M. Barrera, Coordinator of the Spanish Geoparks Forum presented the new website and the Spanish Geoparks Forum activities.

Geopark's presentation in FITUR contributed significantly to our common efforts to raise the profile and visibility of the UNESCO Global Geoparks as quality brand in tourism and sustainable tourism destinations.

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

DIGITAL COURSE ON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism

15-25 June 2022

UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network are co-organising the third distance learning Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2022 which will deal with the topic "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism".

The Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks will be held from 15th to 25th of June, 2022.

In the previous years the Course was hosted by Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece. In the time of the COVID-19 outbreak and as we are unable to travel, the course will be organised digitally for a third year.

Geotourism is a unique alternative form of tourism and motivated by the experience, knowledge and enjoyment of geodiversity and geo-heritage in UNESCO Global Geoparks all around the globe.

The course provides an opportunity to discover how UNESCO Global Geoparks contribute to Geotourism, how they can make a real impact in local communities and on society as a whole but also provides conceptual issues on UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Geoparks staff members, PhD candidates, Master students and graduates can gain knowledge and experience on Geoparks.

If you are interested in participating please submit an application form accompanied by a short CV and an abstract (one page) of your country's geoparks project or your research project. During the course you will be invited to present your geopark's project or your research project.

Application deadline: May 15th, 2022

For registration and more information please visit www.petrifiedforest.gr/geoparks2022

GGN REGIONAL NETWORKS

EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK (EGN) European Geoparks Spring Meeting 2022

EGN SPRINGMEETING 2022

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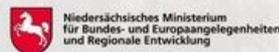
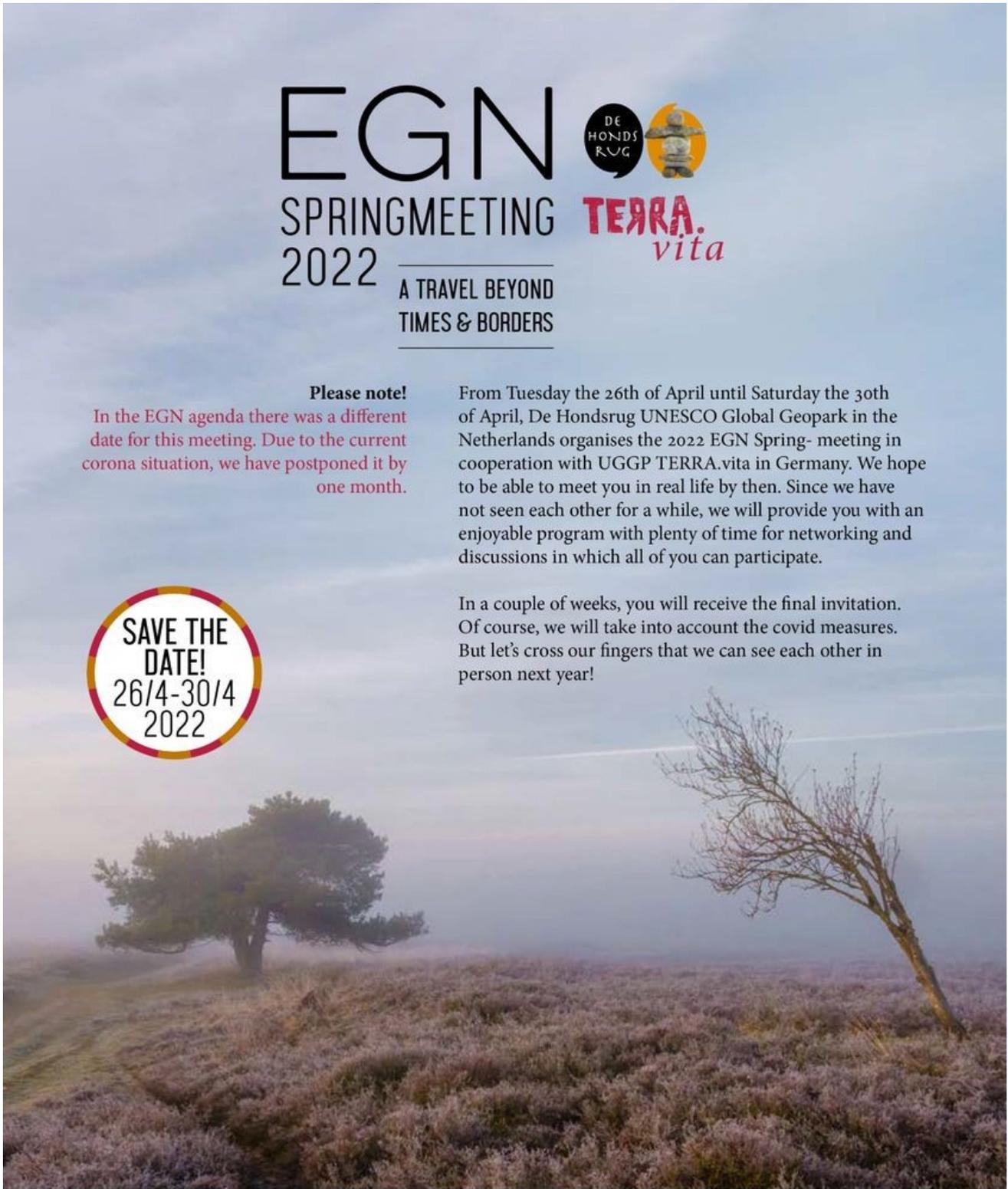
Please note!

In the EGN agenda there was a different date for this meeting. Due to the current corona situation, we have postponed it by one month.

From Tuesday the 26th of April until Saturday the 30th of April, De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark in the Netherlands organises the 2022 EGN Spring- meeting in cooperation with UGGP TERRA.vita in Germany. We hope to be able to meet you in real life by then. Since we have not seen each other for a while, we will provide you with an enjoyable program with plenty of time for networking and discussions in which all of you can participate.



In a couple of weeks, you will receive the final invitation. Of course, we will take into account the covid measures. But let's cross our fingers that we can see each other in person next year!



The EGN Spring Meeting will be held from 26th to 30th April 2022 and will be organized by De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark (Netherlands) in collaboration with TERRA.vita UNESCO Global Geopark (Germany).

Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network (GEOLAC)

GEOVIVÊNCIAS MAGAZINE

The magazine of Latin America and the Caribbean Geoparks Network

The Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network publish 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 Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Geoparks Network - GEOLAC invites all the members of the Network to nominate a member with the qualifications academic necessary to integrate the Editorial Committee of the Geovivências Magazine of GeoLAC.

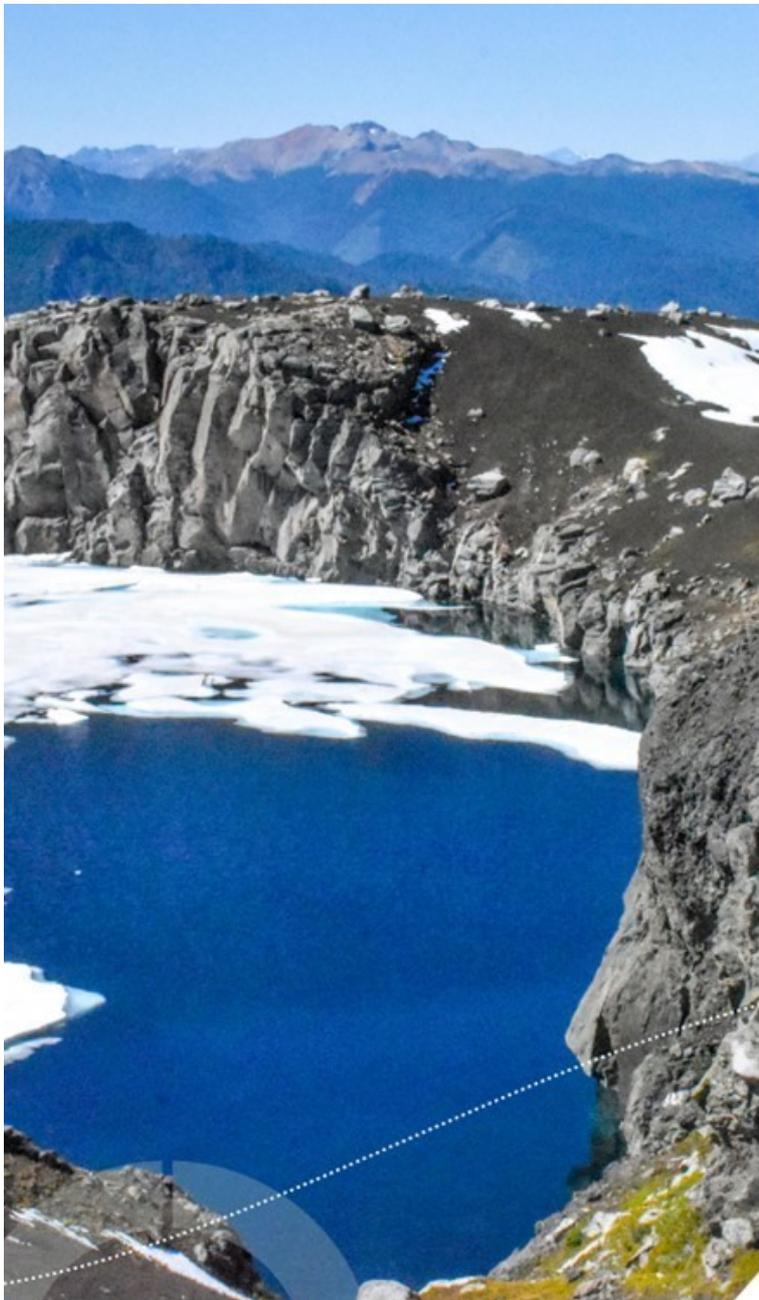
The nomination must be made until January 22, 2022 at email geolac.coordinacion@outlook.com.

GEPARK MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

Kütralkura UNESCO Global Geopark (Chile) 4th Geoparks and Geotourism Symposium in Chile

Araucanía region, Chile

27 - 29 January, 2022



4° SIMPOSIO

de Geoparques y
Geoturismo en Chile
en el Geoparque Mundial
de la UNESCO Kütralkura

COMUNICADO
Nuevas fechas

27, 28 y 29 de Enero.
Región de La Araucanía, Chile

PROGRAMA:
TRANSFERENCIA
INNOVACIÓN
TURÍSTICA PARA
EL ECOSISTEMA
DEL GEOPARQUE
KÜTRALKURA



The 4th Symposium of Geoparks and Geotourism in Chile will be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th of January, 2022 in the region of Araucanía in Kütralkura UNESCO Global Geopark, Chile.

During the Symposium will be presented good practices linked to Geoparks and activities of Geotourism developed in them. The Symposium will be hybrid, with the possibility of participating face-to-face or digitally.

The opening session of the 4th Symposium will be held on the 27th of January, 2022 at 12.30 GTM - 9.30 hrs Chile.

You can see the programme of the 4th Symposium of Geoparks and Geotourism in Chile [here](#).

Imbabura UNESCO Global Geopark (Ecuador)

Summary of activities 2021

Photos:

- Approach to the Buenos Aires parish and visit places of interest.
- Communes of San Luis, La Primavera, San José



Imbabura UNESCO Global Geopark presents a very rich in content summary of activities carried out during the year 2021.

The Imbabura report is a compendium of the reports that are normally presented at the meetings of the Imbabura Geopark Management Committee, every two months.

Despite the adversities due to the pandemic, the Management Committee made successful efforts to work permanently with the community, maintain closeness, build trust and attend to the areas of attention of the UNESCO Global Geoparks, especially Geoeducation, Geotourism and Conservation; in pursuit of the socio-economic reactivation of the territory.

You can view the summary of activities of Imbabura UNESCO Global Geopark [here](#).

Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark (Brazil)

Museum of Paleontology video

Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark is sharing with all the Global Geoparks members its new informative video from the Museum of Paleontology of the Araripe UNESCO Global Geopark:

<https://youtu.be/nBRrf5YzvBc>

GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK

Geoparks Reporting 2021

Geoparks Annual Reports 2021

All GGN Institutional Members should submit to the GGN an Annual Report on their activities. Please download the [GGN - Geopark Annual Report Model](#)[doc] and fill in the form and send it back to the GGN until 28th of February 2022 (ggnassociation@hotmail.com and ggnsecretariat@hotmail.com).

YOUR ACTION IS NEEDED

Preparation of the GGN National Fora / Committees 2021 Annual Report of Activities

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