China University of Geosciences, Beijing

The 3rd International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks

Geoparks Management and Earth Heritage Interpretation

3 - 8 December, 2017

**Venues:** Geosciences Convention Center, China University of Geosciences, Beijing
Fangshan UNESCO Global Geopark, Beijing

**Supporters:** Global Geoparks Network (GGN)
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Introduction

With the support of the Executive Board (ExB) of Global Geoparks Network (GGN) and the UNESCO Regional Offices, the 3rd International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks will be held in the period from December 3 to 8, 2017 in Beijing, jointly organized by the China University of Geosciences (Beijing) and Fangshan UNESCO Global Geopark. Based on the current situation of Chinese and Asia-Pacific UNESCO Global Geoparks, this course will target to the geopark management and Earth heritage interpretation. The lecturers are the top international geopark experts from the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, Global Geopark Executive Board and other related institutions. This course comprises two parts:

First part: UNESCO Global Geoparks Management (two days): for Geopark managers
Venue: Geosciences Convention Center, China University of Geosciences, Beijing
Registration Fee: 1000 RMB (150 USD)

Second part: Geopark Museums and Visitor centers, Earth heritage interpretation facilities and tools (three days): for Geopark managers and technical staff
Contents: Geopark Museum - Visitor Centers establishment and management, Earth heritage interpretation facilities and tools: methodology, successful cases, field investigation
Venue: Fangshan UNESCO Global Geopark
Registration Fee: 2000 RMB (300 USD)

Notes: Besides the appointed geoparks, the organizing committee of the training course warmly invites the attending geoparks preparing their own presentations to introduce their experiences on the geopark management, development and methodology of the geopark museum, visitor center and signage system. The invited experts will give their comments and constructive suggestions.

Teaching Team

Scientific Coordinators

Prof. Zhang Jianping, GGN ExB Member, China University of Geosciences
Beijing
Prof. Nikolaos Zouros, GGN President, UGGp Council Member, University of the Aegean, Greece

Invited Lecturers:

1. Prof. Jin Xiaochi; UGGp Council Member, GGN Vice President, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences
2. Prof. Ibrahim Komoo; UGGp Council Vice-Chair, GGN Vice President, University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia
3. Dr. Kristin Rangnes; UGGp Council and GGN ExB Member, director for Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, University of Oslo, Norway
4. Dr. Mahito Watanabe; UGGp Council and GGN ExB Member, Geological Survey of Japan
5. Dr. Marie-Luise Frey; GGN ExB Member, Messel Pit WHS, Germany
6. Mr. Zheng Yuan, UNESCO Global Geopark Evaluator, Coordinator of Chinese Geoparks Network, China
7. Prof. Tian Mingzhong, Geopark expert, China University of Geosciences Beijing
8. Prof. Wu Fadong, Geopark expert, China University of Geosciences Beijing
9. Dr. Yeung KM, Geopark expert, head for Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark
10. Dr. Ilias Valiakos; UNESCO Global Geopark Evaluator, Vice Director of Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest, Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
Course Programme
China University Geosciences Beijing

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Registration

09.00 – 18.00 GGN Executive Board Meeting
18:30-20:00 Welcoming Banquet

Monday, December 4, 2017

Chaired by: Jin Xiaochi and Kristin Rangnes

8.30-9.30 Opening Ceremony - Welcoming speeches by

   Director-General of Department of Geoenvironment, Ministry of Land and Resources;

   Director of Chinese Geoparks Network

   Representative from the UNESCO Regional Offices

   Governmental Official from Fangshan District, Beijing

   Wang Hongbing, Chairman of China University of Geosciences, Beijing

Theme: International Networking of UNESCO Global Geoparks

09:30 - 10:15 UNESCO Global Geoparks and Global Geoparks Network: structure, activities, partnerships and communication tools. 
   Nikolaos Zouros, GGN President, UGGp Council, Greece.

10:15 – 10:30 Questions and answers

10:30 - 11:15 UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geoconservation in Asia and Pacific
   Ibrahim Komoo, GGN Vice-President, UGGp Council Vice-Chair, Malaysia

11:15 – 11:30 Questions and answers

   Kristin Rangnes, GGN Treasurer, UGGp Council, Gea Norvegica
   UNESCO Global Geopark

12:15 – 12:30 Questions and answers
12:30 – 13.30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:15 UNESCO Global Geoparks in China: Quo Status and Candidate Recommendation
Zheng Yuan, Chinese Geoparks Network Coordinator, China

14:15 – 14:30 Question and answers

14:30-15:15 Global Geoparks Network Working Groups – structure and operation. The GGN WG on Tourism and the Geoparks activities on Tourism
Marie Luise Frey, GGN ExB, WHS Messel Pit, Germany

15:15 – 15:30 Question and answers

Ilias Valiakos, Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest, Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece.

16:15 – 16:30 Question and answers

16:30-17:00 Tea Break

17:00 - 18:30 The Geopark concept and UNESCO Global Geoparks Guidelines
UGG Council - GGN ExB panel presentation and Discussion

18:30-20:00 Dinner

Tuesday December 5, 2017

Theme: Geopark Concept and Management

Chaired by: Ibrahim Komoo and Tian Mingzhong

08.30-09.15 Geosciences Research in Geoparks
Jin Xiaochi, GGN Vice-President, UGGp Council, China

09:15 – 09:30 Question and answers

09.30-10.15 Geoparks Contribution to UNESCO Sustainable Development Goals.
Kristin Rangnes, GGN Treasurer, Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark

10:15 – 10:30 Question and answers
10:30-11:15 Challenges of the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks
   Zhang Jianping, GGN ExB, China University Geosciences
11:15 – 11:30 Question and answers

11.30-12.15 Management System of Geoparks in Japan and Community Involvement
   Mahito Watanabe, GGN ExB, UGGp Council, Japan
12:15 – 12:30 Question and answers

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13.30 - 16.00 Evaluation and Revalidation in UNESCO Global Geoparks,
   Panel presentation and Discussion

16.00-16.30 Tea break

16:30 - 18.00 GGN Functioning and Operational Guidelines, GGN Code of Ethics
   Panel presentation and Discussion

18:00-19:00 Dinner

19.00 Transfer to Fangshan

Wednesday December 6, 2017
Theme: Geopark Museum and Visitor Centers
Chaired by: M-L Frey and KM Yeung
8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8.30 - 9.30 Geopark Museum: management and operation
   Nickolas Zouros, GGN President, UGGp Council, Greece

9.30 - 10.30 The role of visitor centers in UNESCO Global Geoparks and World Heritage sites. Messel Pit WHS Visitor Center in Germany.
   Mari-Luise Frey, GGN ExB, Germany

10.30 - 11.30 Geoheritage interpretation. Examples from Alxa, Hexigten and Arsan UNESCO Global Geoparks
   Prof. Tian Mingzhong, China University Geosciences

11.30-12.30 Geoheritage interpretation. Examples from Langkawi UGG
   Prof. Ibrahim Komoo, UGGp Council Vice Chair, GGN Vice President, Langkawi UGGp, Malaysia

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 How to Design and Develop a signage system for geopark: Examples from Hong Kong UGG
KM Yeung, Hong Kong Geopark, China


Nickolas Zouros, GGN President, UGGp Council, Greece

15:30-16.00 Tea break

16.00-16.30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 1 - Fangshan Global Geopark

16.30-17.00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 2 - Zigong Global Geopark

17.00-17.30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 3 - Yangping Global Geopark

17.30-18.00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 4

18.00-18.30 Discussion

18:30-19:30 Dinner

Thursday December 7, 2017

7:30-8:00 Breakfast

8:10-20:00 Field Trip to Fangshan Global Geopark Museum, Peking Man Museum, Visitor Centers and geosite interpretation panels

Leaders: Tian Mingzhong and Gao Jianbo, China

Friday December 8, 2016

Theme: Geoheritage Interpretation Case studies

Chairled by: Jianping Zhang and Wu Fadong

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8.30 - 9.30 Geoheritage Interpretation. Examples from China

Zhang Jianping, China University Geosciences

Prof. Wu Fadong, China University Geosciences

9.30 - 10.30 Geoheritage interpretation. Examples from Dunhuan UGGp

10.30-11.00 Tea Break

11.00-11.30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 5

11:30-12:00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 6
12:00-12:30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 7

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13.30-14.00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 8
14.00-14.30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 9
14.30-15.00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 10
15.00-15.30 Discussion

15.30-16.00 Tea break

16.00-16.30 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 11
16.30-17.00 Geoheritage Interpretation Case Analysis 12
17.00-18.30 Discussion and Conclusion Remarks
18:30-19:30 Dinner

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