

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2011 / 2019

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 2 staff including 1 geoscientist

Number of visitors: 1.6 million

Number of Geopark events: 12

Staff training at Cliffs of Moher. (Management body)

Evening Course (management and cooperative organization)

EGN Week (management body)

National School visits (management body)

Atlantic Geoparks project events (management body)

Code of Practice training (management body)

Farm tour geoheritage training manual (management body and cooperative organization)

Local radio interview (management body and cooperative organization)

Several university geology fieldtrips (management body and cooperative organization)

Public geology field trips (management body)

INQUA fieldtrip (management body and cooperative organization)

Workshops for Global Ecology class Burren College of art (management body and cooperative organization).

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6 National school presentations, 2 Secondary School projects

Number of Geopark press release: 3

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

1. Revalidation

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

2. Attendance at 43rd EGN meeting (Swabian Alps) and 15th EGN conference (Sierra Norte de sevilla)

Management and Financial Status

3. We continue to be managed by Clare County Council with additional support from Geological Survey Ireland

Geoconservation

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

1. We manage and deliver the Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism Businesses to members of the Burren Ecotourism Network. In 2019 over 40 businesses successfully participated.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

2. New Rainfall and River level monitoring citizen science project.('Aille Engaged')

Strategic partnership

3. We maintain a strong partnership with the Burren Ecotourism Network, Geological Survey Ireland, Failte Ireland (national tourism body) Office of Public Works, National Parks and Wildlife Service (national conservation bodies), and various Universities across Ireland.

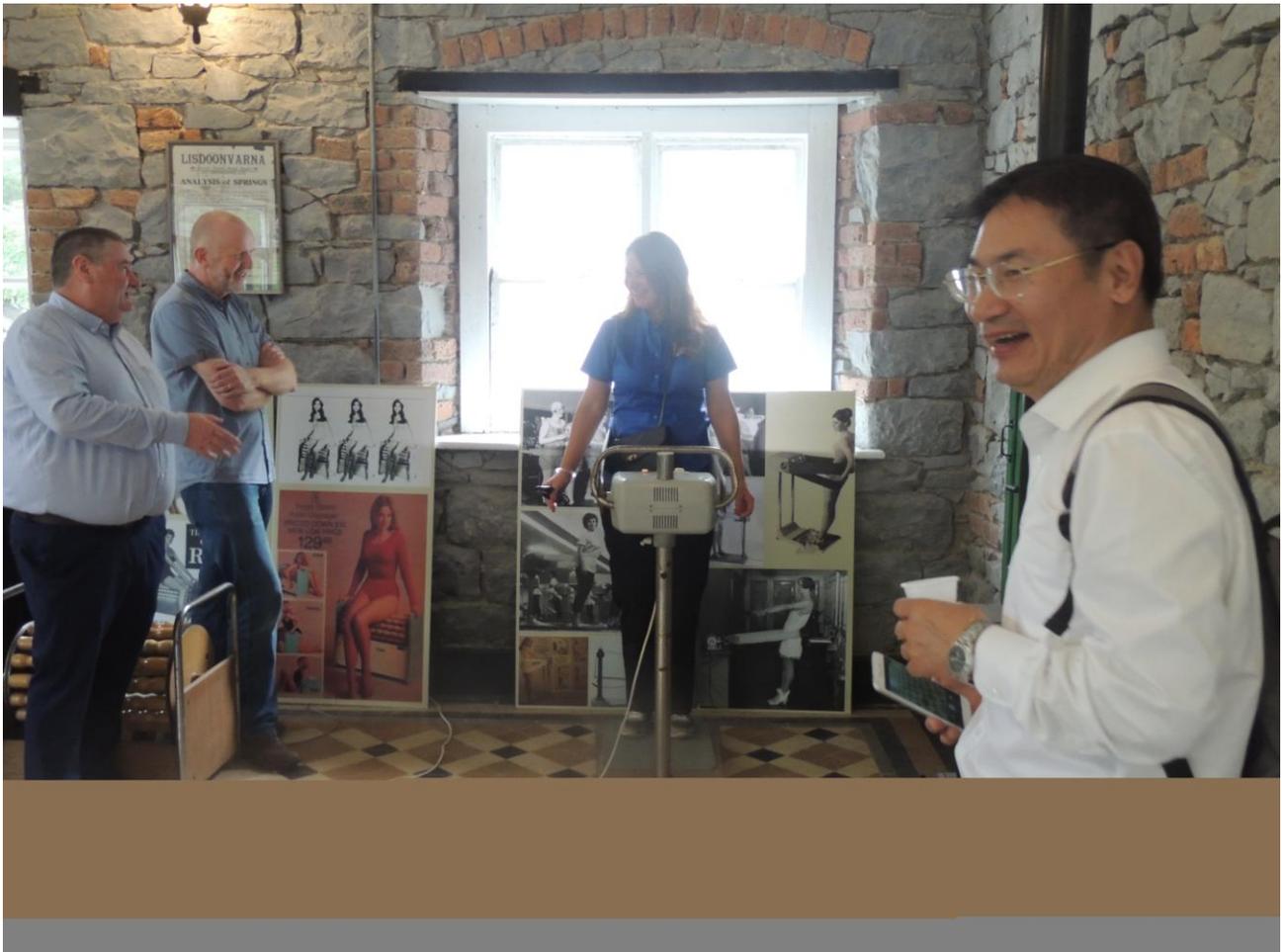
Promotional activities

Active presence on social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter also publication of to papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals

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Picture caption: Revalidation team (on right) experience the Spa Wells Geosite, Lisdoonvara.