

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2021

1. IDENTITY

Iceland Geopark Committee, www.geopark.is, vonfoss@gmail.com

Year of inscription: 2014

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Sigurður Sigursveinsson, Katla Geopark, vonfoss@gmail.com

Members:

Association of Icelandic Geographers

Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland

Environmental Agency of Iceland

Geoscience Society of Iceland

Icelandic Association of Local Authorities

Icelandic Environment Association

Icelandic Institute of National History

Icelandic National Commission for UNESCO

Icelandic Tourist Board

Icelandic World Heritage Commission

Katla UNESCO Global Geopark

Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources

Network of Public Universities in Iceland

Promote Iceland

Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark

Thingvellir National Park

University Centre of South Iceland

University of Iceland Institute of Earth Sciences

Vatnajökull National Park

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: None

Territories that you are advising: None

4. ACTIVITIES

The Iceland Geopark Committee held two formal meetings in 2021, one in March and another in June (both in digital format). At the March meeting dr. Kirstin Lemon gave a presentation: The role of National UNESCO Global Geopark Committee: an example from the UK. The presentation was well received by the members of the Iceland Geopark Committee. Other items on the agenda included news from the two Icelandic Geoparks, a grant from the Ministry of Education regarding the participation of an Icelandic representative in the Jeju conference, and the 35th Nordic Geological Winter Meeting in Reykjavik in 2022.

At the June meeting the choice of the Icelandic representative for the Global Geoparks Network Youth Forum was discussed. It was decided that two delegates would be sent to the conference in Jeju, one from Katla Geopark and another from Reykjanes Geopark.

In September members of the Committee took part in the annual UNESCO day in Iceland where both Geoparks gave presentations on their activities.