

Programme

Invited lecturers

1. Prof. Nikolaos ZOUROS, GGN President, UGGp Council member, University of the Aegean, Greece
2. Dr. Guy MARTINI, GGN Secretary General, Former UGGp Council Chairperson, France
3. Setsuya NAKADA, UGGp Council Chairperson, Chairman of the GGN Advisory Committee; Japanese Geoparks Network, Japan
4. Ms. YUAN Xiaohong, Former Deputy Inspector, Department of Protected Area Management, National Forestry and Grassland Administration, China
5. Prof. JIN Xiaochi; GGN Vice-President, APGN Coordinator, Institute of Geology, CAGS, China
6. Prof. Ibrahim KOMOO; GGN Vice-President, APGN Vice Coordinator, University of Kebangsaan, Malaysia
7. Dr. Marie-Luise FREY, GGN ExB member, Germany
8. Dr. Alireza AMRIKAZEMI, UGGp Council member, Chairman of Iranian Geoparks Network, Iran
9. Prof. Min HUH, Coordinator of Korean Global Geoparks Network, Chonnam National University, Republic of Korea
10. Ms Chan Yu-nam, APGN AC member, Senior Director of Hong Kong UGGp, China
11. Prof. ZHANG Jianping, GGN ExB member, UGGp Council member, China University of Geosciences, Beijing, China
12. Prof. TIAN Mingzhong, Geopark expert, China University of Geosciences, Beijing, China
13. Prof. WU Fadong, Geopark expert, China University of Geosciences, Beijing, China
14. Mr. ZHENG Yuanyuan, APGN AC member, Senior UNESCO Global Geopark Evaluator, China

Co-coordinators: Zhang Jianping and Jin Xiaochi

Wednesday, 09 October 2024

14:00-18:00 Registration Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark

Thursday, 10 October 2024

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

8:30-9:30 Opening Ceremony

Chair: ZHANG Jianping

Speeches by:

Prof. Nikolaos ZOUROS, Global Geoparks Network (GGN)

Dr. Kristof VANDENBERGHE, Head, UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat (video)

Prof. JIN Xiaochi, Coordinator, Asia Pacific Geoparks Networks (APGN)

Xiangxi Municipal Government, Hunan Province

Chairman of China University of Geosciences, Beijing

- Group photo –

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Global Geoparks Network

Chair: Jin Xiaochi

Specially invited guests

Mr. JIANG Jianjun, one of founders of CGN, GGN honorary member, Former director-general, Geoenvironment Department, Ministry of Land and Resources, China

Ms. CHEN Xiaoning, GGN honorary member, Former deputy director-general, Geoenvironment Department, Ministry of Land and Resources, China

Prof. LONG Changxing, GGN honorary member, former member of GGN Bureau, and former Co-coordinator of APGN

Mr. LI Minglu, Former director of Geoenvironment division, Geoenvironment Department, Ministry of Land and Resources, China

9:45-10:15 20 years of the GGN *Nikolaos ZOUROS*

10:15-10:45 The history of the EGN *Guy MARTINI*

10:45-11:15 The history of the APGN *Ibrahim KOMOO*

11:15-11:45 The history of Geoparks in China *Jiang Jianjun*

11:45-12:15 Key contributors to the development of Geoparks in China *Tian Mingzhong*

12:20-13:20 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Round Table Meeting (1) Moderator: Jin Xiaochi

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Round Table Meeting (2) Moderator: Zhang Jianping

17:30-18:00 Free discussion

Friday, 11 October 2024

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

Theme: UNESCO Global Geoparks

Chair: Prof. JIN Xiaochi

09:00-09:45 Governmental Management System and Experience of Chinese UGGps
YUAN Xiaohong

09:45-10:00 Questions and answers

10:00-10:45 Keys to building a successful Geopark(1)
Guy MARTINI

10:45-11:00 Questions and answers

11:00-11:45 Keys to building a successful Geopark(2)
Guy MARTINI

11:45-12:00 Questions and answers

12:00-13:00 Lunch (Buffet restaurant)

Theme: UNESCO Global Geoparks

Chair: ZHANG Jianping

14:00-14:45 UNESCO Global Geoparks, philosophy and operation
Nikolaos ZOUROS

14:45-15:00 Questions and answers

15:00-15:45 Global Geoparks Network: Structure, Activities, Partnerships and Future Perspectives
Nikolaos ZOUROS

- 15:45-16:00** Questions and answers
- 16:00-16:30** Tea Break
- 16:30-17:15** Experiences of science popularization in Korean UGGps
Min HUH
- 17:15-17:30** Questions and answers
- 18:00-19:00** Dinner (Buffet restaurant)
- 19:30-20:00** Transport to Dehang Area
- 20:30-22:00** Immersive cultural performance: *Dreamland Dehang*

Saturday, 12 October 2024

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

Theme: Links among Geological, other Natural and Cultural Heritage Resources

Chair: *Guy MARTINI*

- 08:30-09:15** The development of UGGps in the Asia Pacific Region
Ibrahim KOMOO
- 09:15-09:30** Questions and answers
- 09:30-10:15** Geosciences research and geological heritage evaluation in Geoparks
JIN Xiaochi
- 10:15-10:30** Questions and answers
- 10:30-11:15** Geological disaster Reduction and Management in UGGps
Setsuya NAKADA
- 11:15-11:30** Questions and answers
- 12:00-13:00** Lunch (Buffet)

Chair: **CHEN Yu-nam**

- 14:00-14:45** SDGs and UNESCO Global Geoparks
Marie-Luise FREY
- 14:45-15:00** Questions and answers
- 15:00-15:45** UGGps' Gastronomy
Alireza AMRIKAZEMI
- 15:45-16:00** Questions and answers
- 16:00-16:30** Tea Break
- 16:30-17:15** Challenges of the Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks

ZHANG Jianping

17:15-17:30 Questions and answers

17:30-18:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

Ideas and Operational Guidelines of UNESCO Global Geoparks

Check list and Document A

18:45-19:45 Dinner (Buffet)

Sunday, 13 October 2024

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

Theme: UNESCO Global Geoparks: Operation and Activities

Chair: Ibrahim KOMOO

08:30-09:15 Activities and Networking of Global Geoparks in China

ZHENG Yuanyuan

09:15-09:30 Questions and answers

09:30-10:15 Management and practices in Hong Kong UGGp

Chan Yu-nam

10:15-10:30 Questions and answers

10:30-10:50 Tea break

10:50-11:35 Key points in preparation and practice of Geopark evaluation

ZHANG Jianping

11:35-11:50 Questions and answers

12:00-13:00 Lunch (Buffet, first floor of Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Theme: Case Analysis (Exchange and sharing of experiences, good practices and challenges of UGGps 10 min for presentation, 5 min for discussion)

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

Chair: ZHENG Yuanyuan

14:00-14:15 Case Analysis 1 –Xiangxi UNESCO Global Geopark

14:15-14:30 Case Analysis 2

14:30-14:45 Case Analysis 3

14:45-15:00 Case Analysis 4

15:00-15:15 Case Analysis 5

15:15-15:30 Case Analysis 6

- 15:30-15:45** Case Analysis 7
15:45-16:00 Case Analysis 8
16:00-16:30 Tea break
16:30-16:45 Case Analysis 9
16:45-17:00 Case Analysis 10
17:00-18:00 Comments and suggestions, with introduction to field trip
18:30-19:30 Dinner (Buffet)

Monday, 14 October 2024

- 08:10-18:00** Onsite learning and discussion in Xiangxi UGGp
Leaders: *WU Fadong and PENG Hua*
18:00-19:00 Dinner (Buffet)

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Theme: Case Analysis (continued)

Venue: Xiangxi Crowne Plaza Hotel, Xiangxi UGGp

Chair: ZHANG Jianping

- 08:30-08:45** Case Analysis 11
08:45-09:00 Case Analysis 12
09:00-09:15 Case Analysis 13
09:15-09:30 Case Analysis 14
09:30-09:45 Case Analysis 15
09:45-10:00 Case Analysis 16
10:00-10:15 Case Analysis 17
10:15-10:30 Case Analysis 18
10:30-10:45 Case Analysis 19
10:45-11:00 Case Analysis 20
11:00-11:45 Comments and suggestions
12:00-13:00 Lunch (Buffet)
14:00-15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

Strengthening UNESCO Global Geoparks Common Activities in Asia-Pacific region in the frame of GGN and APGN

Moderators: JIN Xiaochi and ZOUROS Nickolas

- 15:30-16:00** Tea break

16:00-18:00 Assessment (announcement of the host for the 9th session of training course in 2025)

18:30-19:30 Dinner (Buffet)

End of the course