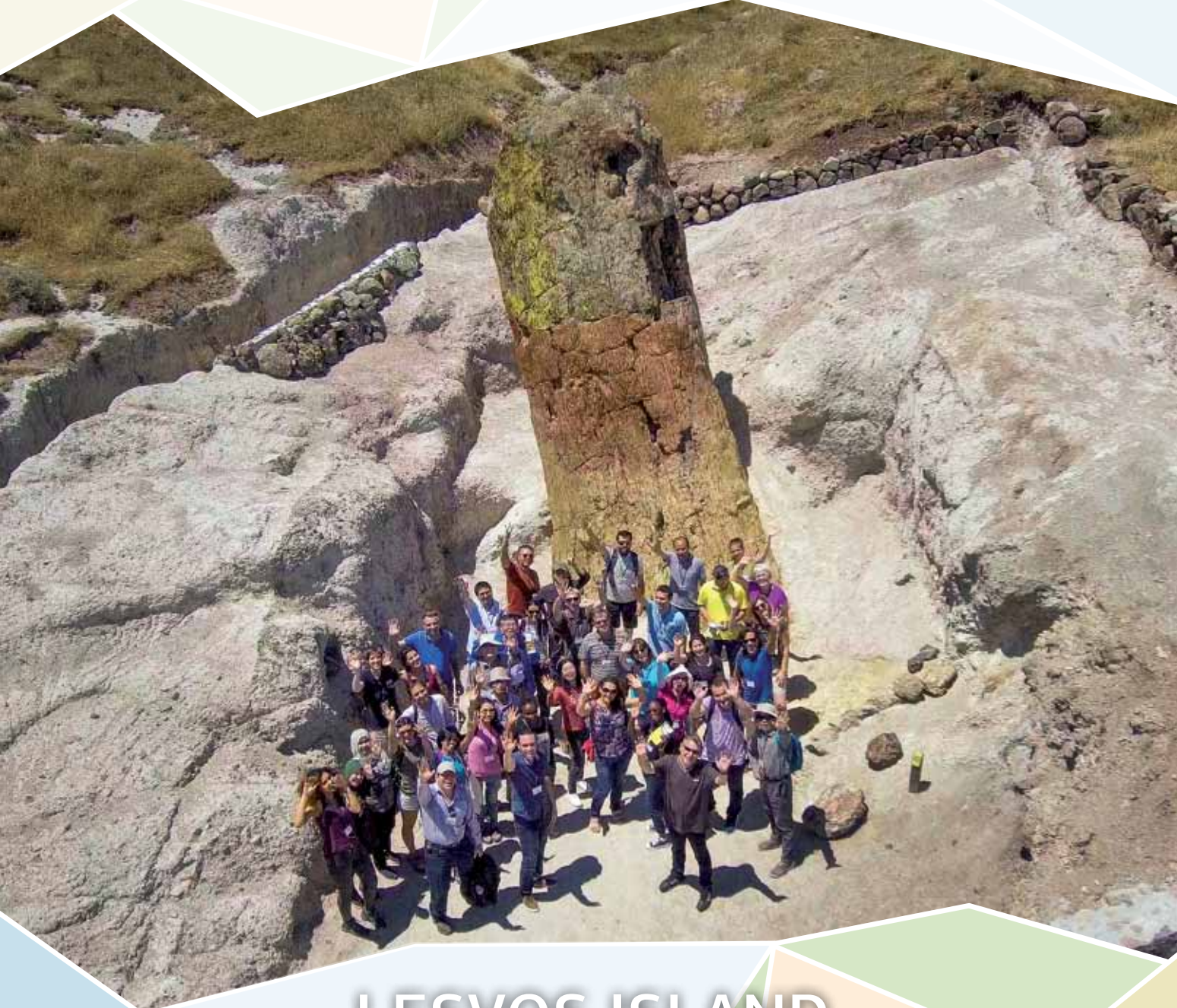


International Intensive Course on Geoparks 2020

UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability



LESVOS ISLAND
1-10 June 2020
GREECE

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International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks

“UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability”

1 – 10 June 2020
Lesvos Island – Greece

HOSTED & DELIVERED BY: **UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN
NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE LESVOS PETRIFIED FOREST**

CO-ORGANIZERS: **UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector
Global Geoparks Network**

SUPPORTERS: **GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF AEGEAN AND ISLAND POLICY
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MUNICIPALITY OF LESVOS
MUNICIPALITY OF WESTERN LESVOS**

Application deadline: April 30th, 2020

Invitation

UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network are co-organizing the 12th session of the International Intensive Course on Geoparks 2020 “UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability”.

The Course is hosted and delivered by the University of the Aegean – Department of Geography and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest at Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark, North Aegean Region, Greece, one of the first Global Geoparks in the world.

The Course will take place from 1st to 10th June, 2020.

The Intensive Course on Geoparks 2020 will focus on UNESCO Global Geoparks delivery and integration of sustain development to enhance contributions toward meeting the United Nations, Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are also known as the Global Goals, and were adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

The 17 SDGs are integrated and it is recognized, that action in one area will affect outcomes in others, and that development must balance social, economic and environmental sustainability. To achieve the SDGs by 2030 there is a need to work in partnership with government, the private sector, civil society and the local community to ensure that we protect and develop a better planet for future generations.

UNESCO Global Geoparks have been working towards meeting these challenges.

The scope of this undertaking may seem immense, however the International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks provides the opportunity to explore the SDGs and learn from UNESCO Global Geoparks best practice, focusing and successful activities and possibilities to contribute to the Global Goals.

The course provides an opportunity to discover how UNESCO Global Geoparks can make a real impact in local communities and on society as a whole.

Participants will gain the knowledge and expertise to implement new initiatives within their organizations to meet the SDGs, and will be sign-posted to the resources and case studies to inform successful action.

The Intensive Course on Geoparks 2020 will combine theoretical background with extensive fieldwork.

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 which you will present during the Course.

ECTS Credits

Participants will gain 5 ECTS credits after successful completion of the Intensive course on Geoparks.

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Intensive Course main topics

- UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Global Geoparks Network
- Global Geopark – Evaluation and revalidation procedures
- Aspiring Geoparks and Geopark building
- Geoparks contributing to Sustainable Development Goals
- Geoparks: Initiatives for conservation and protection to Sustainable Development
- Geoparks: Geoheritage management and Sustainable Development
- Geoparks and sustainable tourism: Examples and new opportunities
- Global Geoparks Network Sustainable Development Goals Working Group: Preparing Geo-hazard mitigation strategies
- Geoparks and Education for Sustainable Development
- Geoparks and sustainable local development

Invited lecturers

UNESCO

- Mr Kristof Vandenberghe
Chief of Section, Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk Reduction
Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences
- Dr. Özlem Adiyaman
Programme Specialist, Earth Sciences and Geo-Hazards Risk
Reduction Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences

GEPARK EXPERTS

- **Dr. Guy Martini**
UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Chair,
GGN General Secretary, Advisory Committee of the European
Geoparks Network
- **Prof. Ibrahim Komoo**
University Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), Malaysia
GGN Executive Board Vice -President,
Vice-Coordinator of the Asian Pacific Geoparks Network
- **Prof. Xiaochi Jin**
Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, P.R.China
GGN Executive Board Vice-President,
Coordinator of the Asian Pacific Geoparks Network
- **Dr. Kristin Rangnes**
Director of Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway
GGN Executive Board Treasurer,
UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Council Member,
Coordinator of the European Geoparks Network
- **Prof. Jianping Zhang**
University of Geosciences, China,
UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Vice-Chair,
GGN Executive Board, Advisory Committee of the Asian Pacific
Geoparks Network
- **Prof. Setsuya Nakada**
Volcano Research Center, University of Tokio, Japan
GGN Advisory Committee Chair
Vice-Coordinator of the Asian Pacific Geoparks Network

• Dr. Mahito Watanabe

Geological Survey of Japan
GGN Executive Board,
UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, Member,
Advisory Committee of the Asian Pacific Geoparks Network

• Dr. Marie-Luise Frey

Welterbe Grube Messel gGmbH
GGN Executive Board, Advisory Committee of the European
Geoparks Network,
UNESCO Global Geopark Expert

• Dr. Maurizio Burlando

Director of the Elba and Archipelago Toscano National Park
GGN Executive Board,
UNESCO Global Geopark Expert

• Dr. Yuanyuan Zheng

Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences
Chinese Geopark Network Coordinator, UNESCO Global Geopark
Expert

• Prof. José Luis Palacio Prieto

Institute of Geography, University Autonoma di Mexico
Latin America and Carribean Geoparks Network

• Dr. Asier Hilario

Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark
Spanish Geoparks Forum Coordinator
UNESCO Global Geopark Expert

• Dr. Charalampos Fassoulas

Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece
EGN Vice-Coordinator
Hellenic Geoparks Forum Chair, UNESCO Global Geopark Expert

• Prof. Thanasis Kizos

University of the Aegean, Department of Geography
International Institute on Geoparks Development (IIGED)
University of the Aegean

• Dr. Ilias Valiakos

Dep. Director of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos
Petrified Forest
International Institute on Geoparks Development (IIGED)
University of the Aegean
UNESCO Global Geopark Expert, Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark
Vice-Coordinator

COURSE DIRECTOR:

Prof. Nickolas Zouros

University of Aegean, Greece
GGN Executive Board President, UGG Council,
Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest Director,
Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark Coordinator



Information on the Course

Language	English
Participation	30 - 40 Geoparks staff members, PhD and Master students and graduates.
Venue	Silver Bay Hotel, Mytilene.

University of the Aegean - Faculty of Geography, Mytilene.

Natural History Museum of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, Sigri.

Access: All participants will be welcomed at Mytilene airport or port.

Transportation from Mytilene airport and Mytilene port to the Course and the hotel by coaches will be arranged.

The course is taught in **English**. The program includes lectures, workshops, in-course presentations, field work, group work and a final participant presentation.

The Intensive Course is framed by social events and possibilities of enjoying the gorgeous physical and cultural landscape of Lesvos Geopark, combining excellent learning and recreation opportunities.

Target Groups

The course is open to Geopark staff members, geoscientists, local development professionals, PhD and Master students and graduates involved in geo-education in relation with geo-conservation, popularization of Earth sciences, geopark management, geotourism and sustainable development of rural areas.

Teaching methods

The Intensive Course on Geoparks 2020 comprises of theoretical background together with extensive fieldwork.

The main activities of the Course include:

- pre-lectures activities which will take place through e-class and distribution of the latest documents regarding Geoparks building and Earth Heritage Management,
- 10 days - 80 hours 'hands on programme' distributed as following: 40 hours lectures by top UNESCO and Global Geoparks Network experts, as well as specialists in Earth heritage management in theory and practice and 40 hours field training and activities.
- an Activity Report, long distance assisted work, which shall take place after the end of the course.

Lectures will be given by geoparks experts and academic staff with long experience on geoparks, sustainable tourism and geoheritage management.

Transportation

Arrival by air: Odyseas Elytis International Airport of Lesvos Island (airport code MJT) has several daily connections to Athens and Thessaloniki.

Charter flights from the UK, Germany and other countries can be also used.

Delegates are strongly recommended to book air travel as early as possible.

Arrival by boat: Ferries to Mytilene depart from Piraeus Port.

Climate: The weather in June is usually hot. Temperatures may reach well above 25° C.

Registration

All participants are kindly requested to complete the Application form (www.petrifiedforest.gr/geoparks2020) and submit it electronically to the Organising Committee.

Registration Fee 500 €

The Registration Fee includes:

- lessons by International staff
- books, didactic material, materials for the conservation workshops
- 4 field trips during the course
- lunch during the course (10 lunch coupons)
- welcome dinner and dinners during field trips (5 dinner coupons)
- coffee breaks (20 coffee break coupons)
- Museum and archaeological sites entrance fee
- participation at social events
- transportation from Mytilene airport to the Course Hotel and vice versa upon arrival and departure.

Information - Secretariat

For further information all participants are kindly requested to contact

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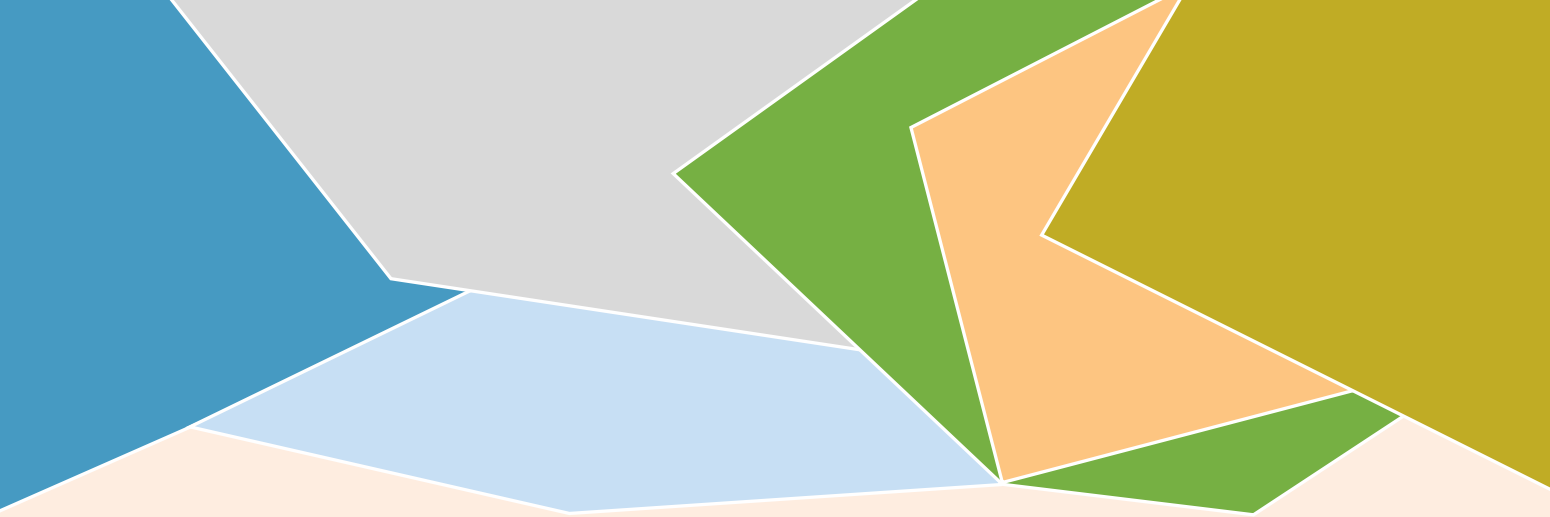
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Useful addresses

- **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/natural-sciences/environment/earth-sciences/unesco-global-geoparks/>
- **Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark:** www.lesvosgeopark.gr
- **University of the Aegean:** www.aegean.gr
- **Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest:** www.lesvosmuseum.gr
- **Global Geoparks Network:** www.globalgeoparksnetwork.org

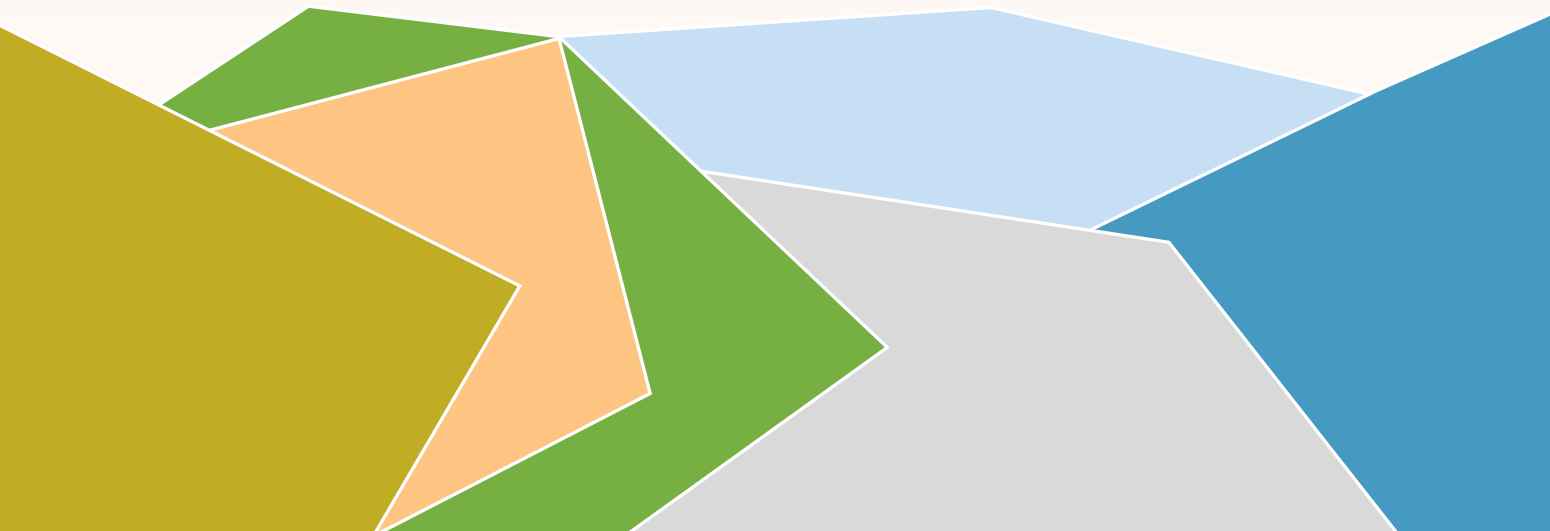




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