1. IDENTITY

Iceland Geopark Committee, www.geopark.is

Year of inscription: 2014

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Sigurður Sigursveinsson, Katla Geopark, sigurdur@hfsu.is

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
- Reykjaness UNESCO Global Geopark
- Safe Travel
- 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. However, both Reykjaness UGGp and Katla UGGp had meetings with Mrs. Ólöf Ýrr Atladóttir, former Director General of the Icelandic Tourist Board but presently advising aspiring geoparks in Saudi Arabia.
4. ACTIVITIES

The Icelandic Geopark Committee held two formal meetings in 2020, one in February and the other (digital) in November. At the November meeting Sigurður Sigursveinsson replaced Lovísa Ásbjörnsdóttir as Chair of the Icelandic Geopark Committee.

The main achievement of the Committee in 2020 was the development of a website for the committee. It was supported by a grant from the Ministry of Education and Culture and was opened in November 2020 (www.geopark.is). The two Icelandic geoparks plus Lovísa Ásbjörnsdóttir from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History developed the content of the website and met ten times during the year for this purpose, mostly via online meetings.

Also, considerable effort were made regarding a bid to hold the 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks. As it turned out the bid was not handed in despite the full support of the Icelandic UNESCO Commission, as we were not able to guarantee the considerable financial resources necessary for such a meeting.