

**Intensive Course:**

All participants are kindly requested to complete the Registration form (<https://geoparks2013.pns.aegean.gr>) and submit it electronically to the Organising Committee.

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**Registration Fee**

€250 (including lessons by International staff, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS BOOK, didactic material, field trips during the course, meals during field trips).



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**Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest**

<http://www.lesvosmuseum.gr>  
European Geoparks Network  
<http://www.europeangeoparks.org>

Transportation

**Arrival by air:** Ulysses 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.

There is a regular public bus connection between the airport and the Mytilini city centre, which is located 8 km to the north of the airport.

**Arrival by boat:** Ferries to Mytilini depart from Piraeus Port (daily) and Thessaloniki.

**Climate:** The weather is usually hot in June and July. Temperatures may reach well above 30°C.



International Summer School  
«Earth heritage site assessment –  
Geoparks management  
and geotourism development»

Lesvos (Greece),  
25 June – 4 July 2013



**Organization:** University of the Aegean – Department of Geography and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest  
**In collaboration with:** Global Geoparks Network – UNESCO  
European Geoparks Network

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## Invitation

The University of the Aegean - Department of Geography in collaboration with the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest and the Lesvos Geopark invite you to participate in the Intensive Course "Earth heritage site assessment - Geoparks management and Geotourism development" on Lesvos Island, Greece, from June 25th to July 4th, 2013.

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

The International Intensive Course on Geoparks 2013 is co organized in close cooperation with the Global Geoparks Network and the European Geoparks Network. The Course will take place on Lesvos Island, Greece at the premises of the Lesvos Geopark.

Those who are interested in participating in the course are invited to send an application form accompanied by a short CV and an abstract (one page) of their presentation, which they will present during the Course.

## Course Description

The objective of this international course, offered in the context of a summer school at the University of the Aegean, is to analyze the opportunities and challenges of safeguarding and developing the multiple contributions of Earth heritage sites and monuments to life and society.

The Geopark concept will be presented as well as good examples and practices in Geoconservation and Geoheritage management in Geoparks and major mistakes in failed projects, as well as successful strategies to overcome and to avoid common failures.

The content of the course provides

- a) methods and tools for understanding, managing and assessing Earth heritage sites and monuments;
- b) a broad platform to study the impact of Geoparks and Geotourism in human sustainable development and quality of life; and
- c) critical and multidisciplinary approaches employed in comprehensive, participatory decision-making, governance and interventions in Geoparks.

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

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

## Target groups

The course is intended for Master, Ph.D. students and graduates. The minimum academic requirement is a completed Bachelor's Degree. The course is open to all academic post-graduate students, interested in Earth heritage management, Geoparks and Geotourism. Due to the multi-disciplinary perspective of the course, participants from all related fields of expertise are welcome to this intensive program: earth sciences, geography, environmental sciences, rural studies, tourism etc.

## Teaching methods

The course teaching methods include lectures, workshops, in-class presentations, 4 full days field work, group work, optional individual assignments in the subject matter of the course and final exams (with ECT accreditation). Prior to the course, participants, if they choose to do so, may be invited to prepare assignments on topics to be determined in collaboration with the course Steering Committee.

### Information on the Intensive Course

<b>Title:</b>	Earth heritage site assessment – Geoparks management and geotourism development
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Participants:</b>	25-30 PhD and Master students and graduates students
<b>Organisation:</b>	University of the Aegean - Faculty of Geography Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest
<b>Co-Organisers:</b>	Global Geoparks Network, European Geoparks Network,
<b>Date:</b>	25 June – 4 July 2013
<b>Venue:</b>	University of the Aegean - Department of Geography, Mytilene Natural History Museum of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, Sigri, Lesvos, Greece
<b>Access:</b>	All participants will be welcomed at Mytilene airport. Transportation from Mytilini airport to the Course Hotel by coaches will be arranged
<b>Application deadline:</b>	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2013
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