

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY: Molina Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark (EGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the next revalidation: 2014 / 2018



Ceremony for Golden Spike setting at the Fuentelsaz Global Stratotype GSSP
By the chair of IUGS International Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) Stann Finney.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 1 General Manager, 1 Scientific Director, 5 Staff members

Number of Visitors: 6.000 Visitors for Museum of Molina.

Number of Geopark events: Total events: 63. Held: 44, Collaborations: 19

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6

Number of Geopark press release:

Between 3 and 10 issues per week in digital and paper media.

3 regional and national radio and 3 regional and national TV interview every month.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

- Declaración of Fuentelsaz Global Stratotype (GSSP) as Natural Monument protection figure
- Fixing of golden spike ceremony at the Fuentelsaz GSSP stratotype.
- Launch of Geopark Track Ways Network.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Receiving delegation from Qinling Zhongnanshan Global Geopark to share experiences about Geopark Management
- Assistance to EGN Meeting in Basque Coast Geopark
- Assistance to 37th EGN Meeting and GGN Conference in English Riviera Geopark.
- Participation in 1st meeting of Spanish Geoparks Committee.
- Participation in "II Open Meeting of Spanish Geoparks Committee" on Sierra Norte Geopark.
- Participation of representatives in the EGN meetings in Rokua (Finland) and Basque Coast (Spain).
- Organizing and receiving of III Open day of Spanish Geoparks

Management and Financial status

Founding for 2016 season:

- Provincial Government: 32.000€, Municipality of Molina de Aragon: 9.200€, Museum of Molina Cultural Association: 24.000€, Regional Government: 23.637€ for staff members, Spanish Geological Survey (IGME) 5.946€

Management:

- Participation in Rural Development Group Assembly
- Signing of founding agreement between Geopark and Provincial Government
- 2nd Geopark Scientific Committee meeting
- 4th and 5th Reunion of Geopark Management Body.

Geoconservation

- Collaboration with national Geological survey for inventory and conservation of Permian Fossil forest and Triassic reptile footprints.
- Recovery of Fuentelsaz Waste dump as Stratotype Panoramic Viewpoint.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Organization and collaboration for celebration of 9 fairs about traditional culture and activities.
- Visit of neighbor region entrepreneurs Gudar-Javalambre Association
- 8 Paleontological, environment and archeological exhibitions.
- Organizing of 2016 provincial geological outreach day "Geolodía 2016"
- Collaboration on the 1st Milmarcos Hiking Day.
- Panels and sculpture for signalization of Fuentelsaz Stratotype.
- Presentation of "Estudios Territoriales Integrados" company Geotouristic services.
- 12 temporary picture exhibitions in the Museum of Molina.
- Organizing of Environment Hiking Day with the naturalist Luis Miguel Domínguez.
- Collaboration in the Hinojosa Tractor Chess
- Several signalizing panels for Molina de Aragón Castle
- 8 Signalizing panels for several geotouristic sites
- Signalizing of Milmarcos to Labros villages Hiking Ways..

New Education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Organizing of 10 Guided visits for students to archeological sites.
- Organizing of 3 lectures for Museum of Molina archeological conferences cycle.
- Organizing of 5th Seminar of Nautilus Paleontological Association
- Archeological Research Campaign in collaboration with Reading English University in Molina's Castle Medieval Archeological Site
- Art and Nature School Infant Contest.

Promotional activities

- Choral recital by the Choir of the Madrid Press Association
- Geopark staff team is awarded with "Tierra Molinesa" Development Association Entrepreneurs Award
- Recording of several regional and national television programs to broadcast the Geopark.
- Organizing of the XXXII Conference of Paleontology of Spanish Society of Paleontology.
- Presence in FITUR international tourism fair.

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