

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name: **Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark (Slovenia, EGN)**

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2013



Inauguration of the playground "Between rocks and flowers" on Hleviše hill (Photo (Zavarovalnica Triglav))

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 9 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of Visitors: 1847 participants in all tours, which were organized by Tourist Information Centre), 17.300 visitors in Anthony's Main Road (main geo-site)

Number of Geopark events: 16

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 13

Number of Geopark press release: 14

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

- 7 partner meetings in different part of the Idrija Geopark (February 2016)
- process for marking the entry points along the national roads and highways
- An inauguration playground – "Between rocks and Flowers" on the Hleviše hill, organized by a Idrija Mountaineering Society, September 2016

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- 37th EGN CC meeting in Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2016
- 7th International UNESCO Conference on GG and the 38th EGN CC meeting in the English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark, Sept 2016
- Article for ENG Magazine no. 14 and EGN Newsletter no 7
- Organizing EGN Week with 13 events

- Revalidation report, December 2016

Management and Financial status

- IHC is co-ordinator of Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark, currently more than 40 partners in the base, expert group consists of 8 organisations. IHC covers its expenses from its own budget and EU projects

Geoconservation

- Organising International Camp with a View, June 2016

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Hosting a visit from representatives of Papu UNESCO Global Geopark
- Danube GeoTour project at the Interreg Danube Transnational programme, Nov 2016

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

- Presentation of the educational programmes at the Črni Vrh elementary schools during the “Youth and Mountains” regional competition, October 2016
- Presentation of the educational programmes and plans at the “Popularisation of Geology” workshop at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Ljubljana, December 2016
- A tourist guide training in the Geopark, October 2016

Strategic Partnership

- A strategic partnership with Abbadia San Salvatore Municipality in a “RurAll” project - an exchange visit with events, October 2016
- international excursion in the Bakony-Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark (Hungary) for the Idrija and Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark’s partners, April 2016
 - Esteam project co-financed by the EU Erasmus + programme, September 2016

Promotional activities

- Idrija Geopark in the books: Natural Parks in Slovenia, “70 Geological Wonders of Slovenia”
- Interviews on national and regional radio (Val 202, Primorski Val), news on a national TV SLO1 and Koper Capodistria
- Showcases in the Idrija centre about the EGN week and Network of schools
- Idrija Geopark in Image Catalogue of Idrija, Green Destinations catalogue Hiking in Slovenia catalogue

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