



## Summary of China-Italy UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum

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In Nov. 3, 2022, the China-Italy UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum was held offline and online in China University of Geosciences, Beijing, this event was jointly organized by the China University of Geosciences, Beijing and the Italian Embassy in China for celebrating the 2022 Italy-China Cultural Tourism Year and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of China University of Geosciences, Beijing. Prof. Alesandra Guidi, S&T Counsellor, Dr. Elisa Messina from the Embassy of the Republic of Italy, Prof.



Ma Junjie, Chairman of China University of Geosciences, Beijing addressed their welcome speeches in the opening ceremony, Prof. Nikolas Zouros, the GGN president, and Ms. Sophie Justice, the EGN coordinator sent their video speeches for expressing their warm congratulation on behalf of the GGN and EGN.



More than 200 participants from the Adamello Brenta, Tuscan Minging, Pollino and Madonie UNESCO Global Geoparks from Italy (online), Yanqing, Fangshan UNESCO Global Geoparks (offline), Zhangye, Xiangxi, Taishan, Alxa Desert, Hexigten, Huangshan, Ningde, Zhangjiajie, Arxan, Zigong, Yimengshan, Duhuang, Qinling-Zhongnanshan and other Chinese UNESCO Global Geoparks (online) attended the Forum. Prof. Liu Dameng, vice-president of the University chaired the opening ceremony.



Prof. Zhang Jianping, the GGN ExB member, China University of Geosciences, Beijing chaired the Forum. Representatives from 4 Italian UGGPs, 2 experts from China University of Geosciences, Beijing and 6 Chinese UGGPs made their presentations sharing their experience on geopark management, building, promotion and networking. This Forum gives an opportunity to share and exchange in wide topics related to

UGGp issues, and it provides a good platform for UGGPs from both China and Italy to communicate and exchange each other, strengthen the connection among international UGGPs. The Forum obtained a great success.



