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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



June 30th - The Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network is created. A Protocol signed in Lisbon between the UNESCO National Commission and the management structures of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, creates the Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Under the terms established by the UNESCO International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme and its Guidelines, this body is responsible for the coordination of this Programme in Portugal. Similarly to other national networks linked to UNESCO, the main goals are to deepen knowledge, exchange experiences and best practices among its members, promote greater coordination and monitoring of activities, as well as the launch of joint initiatives.

The Protocol was signed by the President of the UNESCO National Commission and by the Presidents of the five Portuguese Geoparks, Naturtejo, Arouca, Açores, Terras de Cavaleiros and Estrela.

Armindo Jacinto, Chairman of Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark and Mayor of Idanha-a-Nova, highlighted the importance of cooperation and networking between Geoparks, which is now reinforced by the official establishment of this National Network.

The Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network now created substitutes the Portuguese Forum of Geoparks, created in 2011 and of which Naturtejo Geopark was also a founding member.



June 30th to July 2nd - Accredited Teacher Training "Water - a cross-cutting issue". After two and a half years of interruption, the House of Sciences Meetings returned. The city of Estremoz received the II Thematic Meeting dedicated to "Water - a cross-cutting issue", with 15h of accredited training for Physics & Chemistry and Biology & Geology teachers.

Joana Rodrigues, Geologist from Naturtejo Geopark, lead two workshops "Underground Waters: Invisible Geological Heritage?", an activity that explores the relation between the physical and chemical properties of natural mineral waters and spring waters with its geological context that, according to the trainees 'opens doors to innovative approaches to the themes of Water and Geological Heritage'.

The Meeting took place at Bernardim Ribeiro Theatre and at Living Science Centre of Estremoz, and brought together dozens of specialists on the subject and about 300 trainees, primary and secondary school teachers. Besides the workshops, this Meeting included conferences, round tables, presentation of educational projects, field trips and was supported by Naturtejo Geopark in the organization.



July 5th - Technical visit by the Ecotourism Strategy Monitoring Committee of Georgia. Naturtejo Geopark received the Technical visit by the Ecotourism Strategy Monitoring Committee of Georgia. This Committee is composed by experts and representatives of the Georgian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, the National Administration of Tourism, the Ecotourism Association and the Rural Tourism Network of Georgia. Supported by the German Government's Agency for International Cooperation and co-financed by the European Union, a national strategy and action plan for Ecotourism is being developed. The team was received in Penha Garcia by the Mayor of Idanha-a-Nova and Chairman of Naturtejo, Armindo Jacinto.

The day started with a work meeting, where Joana Rodrigues presented the Strategy for Geotourism of Naturtejo Geopark and the work developed by the Portuguese Geoparks with Tourism of Portugal. Armindo Jacinto discussed with the participants the biggest challenges of Naturtejo Geopark territory on Tourism, Agriculture and Nature Conservation.

Besides the visits to Penha Garcia and Monsanto, the delegation had the opportunity to contact with the tourism, accommodation and restaurant partners Porta Raiana, Beir'Aja, Casa Vinte & Cinco, Petiscos & Granitos and Herdade Clube Tiro de Monfortinho.

The delegation also met with Tourism of Portugal, in Lisbon, and visited several Nature destinations in our country, aiming to learn about international contexts and experiences that can contribute to develop differentiating tourism products and services in Georgia.



July 7th and 8th - 13th Annual Partners Meeting of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites. 13th Annual Partners Meeting of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites took place in Urgeiriça, organised this year by EDM - Mining Development Company, in partnership with the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology. The 41 current partners got together to review the status of activities, articulate strategies and discuss new projects and also to meet 3 new candidates to become partners.

The Meeting debated the theme of the sustainability of mining territories, from the environment to the economy and local communities, with various case studies which included the environmental recovery of the Urgeiriça Mining Complex.

During the session 'New work perspectives', Joana Rodrigues, who represented Naturtejo Geopark together with Mariana Vilas Boas, shared with the Partners some initiatives of dynamics and promotion of the Mining Guide developed by the Geopark, namely publications, presentations in congress, teachers training, as well as the launch of the Partners Week in BTL 2022, together with the Portuguese Geoparks.

The logistics of the Meeting and the field visit were coordinated by the geologist from EDM, Daniela Lobarinhas, whose end of curricular training was done at the Naturtejo Geopark, in 2009.



July 8th - Opening of the Exhibition "10 years of the International Archaeological Camp of Proença-a-Nova". Celebrating the work developed in the Archaeological Camp of Proença-a-Nova over the last 10 years is the purpose of the exhibition on display until September 15th at the Tourism Office of Proença-a-Nova. The exhibition presented is essentially informative, with posters and leaflets, also counting with some of the materials collected in the investigations and complemented by the book 'Proença-a-Nova: Archaeology and Built Heritage', launched in July 2021 and also considered a historical retrospective on the work developed and also on the occupation of the territories of Proença-a-Nova from an archaeological point of view.

"This exhibition is a retrospective of the work done in ten years of the Archaeological Camp, projecting itself in more than ten different archaeological sites, from different eras", explains João Caninas, director of the Proençaa-Nova Archaeological Camp.

The archaeologist also points out that over the years the group has always intend to diversify the research sites: "we have several people with different specialties in archaeology and we are interested in exploring various realities in the municipality. We have tried to diversify the research sites, so that there may be more available places to visit, because by studying these sites, we make them visitable, we generate information about them and tell the stories of each one of them".

The Archaeological Camp of Proença-a-Nova is considered a 'School-Camp' and is directed to archaeology students and other related specialties, with partnerships with the University of Porto, University of Coimbra, University of Évora, University of Algarve and also the Autónoma University of Lisbon. Naturtejo Geopark is partner of this ambitious scientific and educational project since its origins and was represented in the inauguration by Carlos Neto de Carvalho.

July 13th - Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network. The first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network was held. This commission, which will meet monthly, aims to support the articulation of the activities of the recently created Network Coordination Committee. Naturtejo Geopark was represented by Joana Rodrigues.

July 14th - Annual Assembly of the International Association of Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths.

Transhumance routes are a real common European cultural heritage that unites northern and southern countries since their most primitive form of civilised life. "Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths, a European network of traditional routes" started in 2016 as an international and multidisciplinary research initiative originating from three transhumance systems, showing the diversity from northern Europe to the southernmost region, including four countries, Sweden, Italy, Portugal and Spain, but also partners from other continents, such as Mexico.

Naturtejo Geopark is the Portuguese partner of this International Association recently created under the aegis of the Canary Islands Government and La Laguna University. This Association intends to create a European Itinerary connected to Transhumance. In this Annual Assembly the new partners were presented, and Carlos Neto de Carvalho represented Naturtejo Geopark, as well as the present state of the candidacy of the Cultural Itinerary to the Council of Europe. Meanwhile, Naturtejo Geopark already contacted the Portuguese Representative in the Steering Committee of the Cultural Itineraries of the Council of Europe, the Architect Manuel Lacerda, putting him aware of the importance that this new Cultural Itinerary has for the valorisation of the territory's rural paths.



July 15th – 'Termas é Monfortinho' Festival with activities throughout July. 'Termas é Monfortinho' Festival has already started with a summer program that runs until September 25th, with more than 50 activities and of which Naturtejo Geopark is a partner. During July there are several musical events, debates about 'border neighbours', thermal waters, food and nutrition.



July 20th to 22nd - VII International Meeting of the House of Sciences. Almost closing the school year, took place another Teacher Training, in the VII International Meeting of the House of Sciences that, once again, was supported by Naturtejo Geopark in the organization. During three days, this time in Porto Higher Institute of Engineering, more than 400 teachers from Elementary and Secondary Schools and more than 100 specialists discussed the theme 'Climate and Sustainability', with several conferences, round tables, workshops and presentation of educational projects.

Joana Rodrigues streamlined the workshops "Groundwater: Invisible Geological Heritage?" and "Mining Guide -Geological and Geomineral Heritage of Portugal at your fingertips". This new activity aims to show the educational potential of this national platform, according to the Essential Learning of the national curricula, to Biology & Geology and Geography teachers. With a total of 25h training accredited by the Ministry of Education, the International Meeting of the House of Sciences provides teachers with a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary scientific training.

July 26th – Congratulations Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark for the 16th birthday. On July 26th, 2006 the application of Naturtejo Geopark was unanimously approved, becoming the first Geopark to integrate the Global Geoparks Network, in Portugal.



IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA

TV & Radio

July 5th (B<mark>e</mark>ira Baixa TV) - Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 12TH - (Rádio Castelo Branco) - Georgian Ecotourism Commission visits Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark

July 14th (Beira Baixa TV) – Georgian Commission visits Naturtejo Geopark

July 25th (centrotv.sapo.pt) – Living Science promotes three thematic walks in Idanha-a-Nova

July 26th (Beira Baixa TV) – Idanha-a-Nova - Living Science promotes three thematic walks

Newspapers & www

July 1st (https://unescoportugal.mne.gov.pt) - Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 4th (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – The past written in the rock July 4th (Mais Beiras) - Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 4th (Gazeta Rural) – Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 4th (Central Noticias) - Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 7th (Reconquista) - RECENTLY CREATED WITHIN UNESCO - Naturtejo joins the Portuguese Geoparks Network July 7TH (Forum da Covilhã) - Creation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 7th (Diário Digital) - Naturtejo Geopark is founder of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network July 11th (Gazeta Rural) - Georgian Ecotourism Commission visits Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark July 11th (maisbeiras.sapo.pt) - Georgian Ecotourism Commission visits Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark July 11th (BeiraNews) - Georgian Ecotourism Commission visits Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark July 11th (Ensino Magazine) – NATURTEJO - Santarém makes educational resource for Geopark July 12th (Gazeta do Interior) - Georgian Ecotourism Commission visits Naturtejo Geopark July 12th (Gazeta do Interior) – Underground treasures of Naturtejo Geopark begin to be revealed July 14th (Reconquista) – Georgian Commission visits Naturtejo Geopark July 28th (Gazeta do Interior) – Educational Landscapes of Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark presented in book July 28th (Reconquista) – Living Science in August - Thematic walks in Idanha July 28th (noticiasdocentro.pt/) – Living Science promotes three thematic walks in Idanhaa-Nova

PROMOTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC



- 16/07 Bugalhos: Histórias de paixão, lutas e especulação (Malhadal, Proença-a-Nova)
- 16/07 Ch'Arcas de Noé (CCVFloresta) 17/07 - Rios de Problemas e Soluções (Zebreira, Idanha-a-Nova)
- 28/07 Ch'Arcas de Noé (Figueira da Foz)
- 28/07 Bugalhos: Histórias de paixão, lutas e especulação (Praia de Quiaios)
- 02/08 À procura da Biodiversidade na Ribeira do Alvito (Casalinho, Proença-a-Nova)
- 05/08 Os Fósseis de Penha Garcia (Penha Garcia, Idanha-a-Nova)
- 05/08 Barrocais de Monsanto (Monsanto, Idanha-a-Nova)
- 07/08 Os Segredos do Vale do Almourão via "Menina dos Medos" (S.Fernando, P-a-Nova)
- 12/08 O Ouro das Portas de Almourão (Sobral Fernando, Proença-a-Nova) 19/08 - Astronomia com a FISUA (CCVFloresta)
- 20/08 Da Buraca da Moura à Cruz do Alto (Chão do Galego, Proença-a-Nova)
- 22/08 Os Segredos do Vale do Almourão (Sobral Fernando, Proença-a-Nova)
- 25/08 Biodiversidade e Geodiversidade da GeoRota do Orvalho (Orvalho, Oleiros)

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02/09 - Tour pelas Árvores Monumentais (Aldeia Ruiva, Proença-a-Nova)

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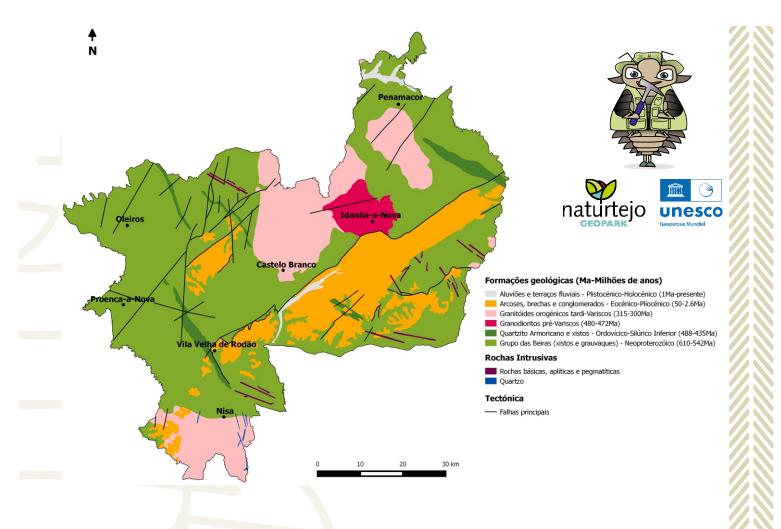
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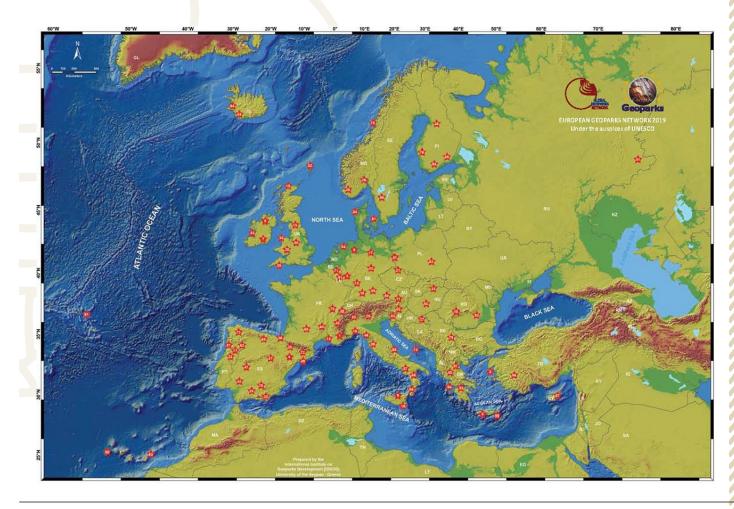
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