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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Park. The Association of Geologists of Extremadura to the Penha Garcia Ichnological Park. The Association of Geologists of Extremadura promoted a visit to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia. Participants were able to delight themselves with the ichnofossils present in the Fossils Trail and with the guide Ivan Cortijo, within the framework of the cooperation protocol with the Villuercas-Ibores-Jara UNESCO Geopark. At the end of this immersion in the Ordovician Ocean, the group enjoyed the celebrated cod on the menu.

December 8th to 24th - Landscape Festival returns for Christmas. Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark's Landscape Festival happens every year between May and June, during the European Geoparks Week. This year we brought the Landscape Festival to the Christmas season. Our aim was to celebrate the best heritage of the municipalities through different ways of enjoying and learning from the landscape: from science to sports, from gastronomy to ecology. During three weeks activities took place in each of the municipalities which included a gastronomic cycle in Penamacor, the celebration of the International Day of the Mountains in Oleiros, trading of organic products in the Bio-Region Market of Idanha-a-Nova, as well as sport activities in Castelo Branco and Proença-a-Nova and an Ecological Festival in Proença-a-Nova. This initiative was part of the INature project.

December 8th, 10th, 17th and 23rd - From Nature to the Table Gastronomy Cycle in Penamacor. Two chefs brought the best products of Penamacor to Christmas dinner. Rui Cerveira and Marco Santos created sweet and savoury suggestions, innovating with one of Penamacor most important nature products, the honey.







December 9th – Naturtejo Geopark promoted in China. An initiative of Tourism of Portugal, supported by the Portuguese Consulate in Shanghai, WeChat, the largest social network of the Mandarin speaking community was the vehicle for a long report on Naturtejo Geopark, emphasising the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and Monsanto as the setting of the popular award-winning series "The House of the Dragon".



December 10th - Palaeontology tour crossing the Lusitanian Basin. Organised by the Palaeontology Department of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon and led by Professors Mário Cachão and Carlos Marques da Silva, Carlos Neto de Carvalho was invited to guide the visit to the Serras de Aire e Candeeiros Natural Park. The visit was supported by the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, Mira de Aire Caves and the aspiring Oeste Geopark. From the Jurassic Beach of São Bento to the intense traffic of theropods of Vale de Meios and the international stratotype for the Pliensbaquian-Tocretian boundary, at Ponta do Trovão. The visit was geologically and stratigraphically introduced at the Fossil Museum at Mira de Aire Caves for the nearly 50 participants, teachers, students and researchers.



December 11th - Seminar discusses natural and cultural heritage of Muradal Mountains on International Mountain Day. To celebrate the International Day of the Mountains was organized a Seminar about the Natural and Cultural Heritage of Muradal Mountains, focusing the Orvalho GeoTrail and the International Appalachian Trail. The event took place in the auditorium of the Orvalho Parish Council and was opened by the Vice-President of Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark, Paulo Urbano. The archaeologist João Caninas moderated the conference, which included presentations on Geodiversity, Biodiversity, Archaeology and History. Carlos Neto de Carvalho reinforced the importance of the Geological Heritage of the Muradal Mountain and the need to create an interpretative space to receive the increasing flow of visitors in the region.

December 14th - Portuguese UNESCO Geoparks Geotourism Strategy finalist in the National Tourism Award.

The 4th edition of the National Tourism Award 2022 distinguished the best companies, practices and tourism projects in Portugal, assessing the quality and innovation of the offer, environmental qualification, operational performance, as well as the contribution to tourism development.

With 743 applications total, the Geotourism Strategy of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks qualified for the short list of ten finalists in the category of Sustainable Tourism, having been recognized for its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and Social Responsibility.

December 14th - Friendly Christmas in Idanha-a-Nova for migrant communities. The Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova held the "Friendly Christmas", a solidarity event that sought to brighten up the Christmas of children and young people of migrant communities living at the moment in Idanha municipality.

"Idanha is a municipality that knows how to receive and integrate those who arrive. In this Christmas season, we wanted families and students from other countries to feel well in Idanha and see, in this party, the good reception of Idanha community, to which they also started to belong", as explained by the president of the municipality, Armindo Jacinto. At this moment, migrant families coming from several African countries, India, Romania, Brazil, England, Ukraine and many other countries are living in Idanha-a-Nova.

This event included a snack-party for all, with lots of Christmas entertainment and also the distribution of gifts for these children and young, donated by Idanha community for this very special moment. The event was held in the scope of the Municipal and Intercultural Mediators of Idanha-a-Nova project and the Local Centre for Support to the Integration of Migrants, whose mission is to welcome, integrate and support migrant citizens, promoting social cohesion and solidarity.

December 15th - 3rd Session of the Training Action for Technicians of the Portuguese Geoparks. In the scope of the Climate Action Biennium took place another training action for technicians of the Portuguese geoparks. The trainer of this session was Professor Helena Freitas, Coordinator of the Functional Ecology Centre, University of Coimbra and Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair Biodiversity and Conservation for Sustainable Development. The theme of the presentation was "Climate Change and Global Cultural and Natural Heritage". Carlos Neto de Carvalho and Manuela Catana attended this session.



December 17th, 21st and 24th - Special Christmas Bio-Region Market. The Bio Region Market of Idanha-a-Nova celebrated the Christmas season with a special edition, organised by the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, with the collaboration of Naturtejo Geopark.

For five days, the market brought together local producers and artisans and hosted children's Christmas entertainment, showcookings and musical moments. The Solidarity Space received food and other essential goods and several local associations promoted community actions and animal protection. In Naturtejo Geopark's space the Geoproducts and GEOfood stood out, a space that now also includes the Traditional Arts Centre. The partners Termas de Monfortinho, Geocakes, Fonte Insonsa and Vale de Alfaia were present with their own space, but it was possible to acquire geoproducts from other partners such as RODOLIV, Ervas da Zoé, Egitânia, Viladoce, Herdade do Escrivão or Aromas do Valado.



December 17th and 18th - Naturteho Geopark at Encomiend@ Fair in Moraleja (Spain). Naturtejo Geopark attended the 7th edition of the Encomiend@ Fair, in Moraleja (Spain), dedicated to gastronomy, handicraft and local commerce.

In a partnership with the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova and ADRACES, Naturtejo Geopark presented the territory, Geoproducts and GEOfood.

December 18th - Eco-Festival in Proença-a-Nova. The Eco-Festival organized by the Proença-a-Nova Municipality within the scope of the Landscape Festival/INATURE project included the Christmas Flavour Festival in Proenca-a-Nova and the NaTal Gourmet Trail.

December 22nd – BTT Trail Run. This activity developed within the scope of the Christmas Landscape Festival of INATURE project promoted cycling and the fantastic trails of the municipality of Proença-a-Nova, in a day of sport in Nature.



December 31st - New Geopark promotion panel. Two panels promoting Orvalho Geotrail and the International Appalachian Trail were placed in the entrance of Orvalho, in the national road 112, as well as in the border of the Geopark territory with the municipality of Fundão. These panels aim to give visibility to Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark brand, as well as the touristic products implemented at local level, and were an initiative of the Municipality of Oleiros in the scope of the project iNature - Geopark Naturtejo



IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA

Newspapers & www

December 9th - (BeiraBaixaTV) - Oleiros - International Mountains Day December 10th (Rádio Castelo Branco) - Oleiros celebrates the International Mountains Day

December 11th (Rádio Condestável) – Oleiros celebrates the International Mountains Day December 18th to 24th (Rádio Castelo Branco) – Proença-a-Nova in the Landscape Festival - Christmas Special

December 5th (Municipio de Oleiros-Facebook) – International Mountains Day - registrations until December 7th

December 8th (BeiraNews) - Oleiros celebrates the International Mountains Day

December 9th (noticiasdocentro.pt) – Oleiros celebrates the International Mountains Day December 9th (www.mp.weixinqq.com) – Naturtejo

December 10th (As Beiras) - International Mountains Day celebrated in Oleiros

December 10th (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – Gold mining in the Geopark - the living memory of the last miners

December 11th (https://on-centro.pt/) – Oleiros celebrates the International Mountains Day

December 11th (https://turismodocentro.pt/) – International Mountains Day December 13th (https://jornalproenca.pt) – Oleiros: International Mountains Day celebrated

December 13th (Diário Digital) – Oleiros celebrated the International Mountains Day December 13th (BeiraNews) – International Mountains Day celebrated in Oleiros December 13th (Diáriodigitaldecastelobranco) – Oleiros celebrated the International Mountains Day

December 22nd (Reconquista) – Sanctuary for elephants may come to life in the municipalities of Alandroal and Vila Viçosa

December 22nd (Reconquista) – Heritage – Mountains Day celebrated in Orvalho December 22nd (CMTV) – 35 thousand years later, Alentejo will have elephants again December 23rd (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – Watchtower: the last sentinel of the Talhadas Mountain

December 23rd (The PortugalNews.com) – Elephants return to the Alentejo after 35,000 years

December 31st (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – Orvalho GeoTrail: discovering primeval Nature

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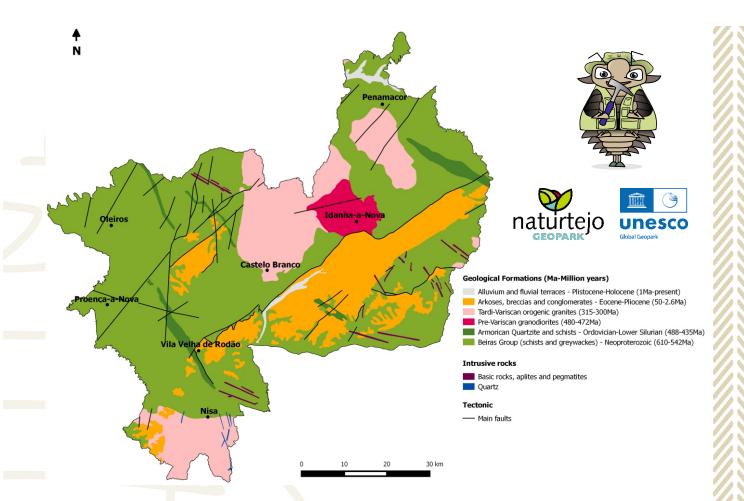
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