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monthly report of the Geopark Naturtejo Meseta Meridional



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In this issue: - Geomonument stolen at Vila Velha de Ródão!- "Animating rocks" programme starts for Idanha-a-Nova schools - Territories for Innovation presented in the world most important tourism fair - Geointerview with José Brilha *and more...*

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The sad news came as the storms assaulting our region. One of the 16 most important geosites of the Geopark Naturtejo da Meseta Meridional was robbed from Coutada farm. The alarm was given by the mayor of Vila Velha de Ródão herself, after an unofficial visit to the place last week. At her request, police authorities are already investigating this important lost of regional heritage that was being protected as Municipal interest. It was as a medieval castle was erased from our landscape or a rare Tejo Rock Art site still emerged in the Fratel reservoir was destroyed. The geomonument was a fossil log belonging to the species *Annonoxylon teixeirae* from the Annona-tree family, whose relatives are only found nowadays in tropical latitudes. Considered geological heritage by several specialists from Lisboa, Coimbra and Évora universities, in 2005 Naturtejo proposed to protect the fossil as Municipal Cultural Heritage due to its vulnerability to vandalism and theft. The need for protection was supported by ProGEO-Portugal, which presented a declaration to Vila Velha do Ródão municipality last May. The stolen petrified log had almost 2 m long and a diameter of 1 m, 15 tons of weight, implying that the assault was made using a medium to large size bulldozer and at least a small truck. Geopark scientists and local politics fear that photos presented at the end of January in the new cultural magazine Açafa Online and took at the end of December may be the last ones relating one of the most important lost of heritage in recent times that should be considered stolen property of all citizens.

But not all are sad darkness. The project “Know the geomonuments close to your school” is being a success at the Geopark territory. Manuela Catana is doing a remarkable job with 280 very young citizens in an annual project with all Idanha-a-Nova basic schools. From the Primary School to Spanish and Portuguese universities all want to come to meet our Geopark. Manuela Catana also plays guitar and sings a very unofficial hymn of Naturtejo Geopark with the help of the pupils during her performance in schools!

The beginning of the year brings a new and very special chapter to Cruziana report. Geointerview is signed by the journalistic impulse of Joana Rodrigues. Every month she promises to do the questions you would like to know from the most important players in geoheritage & geoconservation, mainly in Portugal, but also from the most active partners all over the world. We really start well with José Brilha, a Portuguese pioneer in Geoheritage as applied geoscience, beginner of the Geoparks movement in Portugal and one of the most prolific writers on the subject.

January is also the month for international tourism promotion of the Geopark. FITUR is the right excuse for Naturtejo Geopark reinforcing collaboration with the Spanish Geoparks from the European Geoparks Network. From these, it is worth to emphasize the special help and care of Sobrarbe and Maestrazgo Geoparks. Once more, FITUR proved to be fundamental for raising status of the UNESCO Geopark brand at the high competitive international trade. This visibility must be sought in a declared projection of a differentiating, high-quality tourist brand, the Geopark, under the influence and prestige of UNESCO. This trademark should have a holistic approach under sustainable tourism, allying nature (geodiversity WITH biodiversity), the monuments, local culture,

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responsible and intelligent sports, popular know how and hospitality in the frame of Geotourism, this kind of tourism that we still need to fight for affirmation. A kind of tourism that should open ways of experiencing Earth reasonably, the only planet where we can happily live if we raise consciousness of our place in it.



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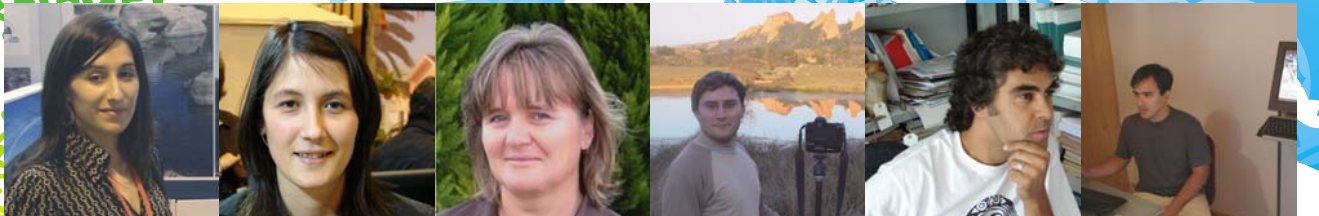
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1) Activities



January - Geology in Summer results

Ciência Viva Program is promoted by Science and Technology Foundation (FCT) and is addressed to general public consisting in several activities proposed by universities, museums, science centers, parks, schools and institutes, to raise awareness to science and technology. The activities occur in Portugal between 15th July and 15th September, with 2400 sessions divided in Astronomy, Biology, Geology, Engineering and Lighthouses. Naturtejo Geopark associated with University of Minho to promote 7 sessions spread in the territory and outside covering several themes: granitic landforms, fossils & plants, mines, Ordovician formations and Atlantic islands.

In 2008 there were 596 sessions (24,7%) included on Geology in Summer, promoted by 37 entities with 1714 (35,3%) participants.

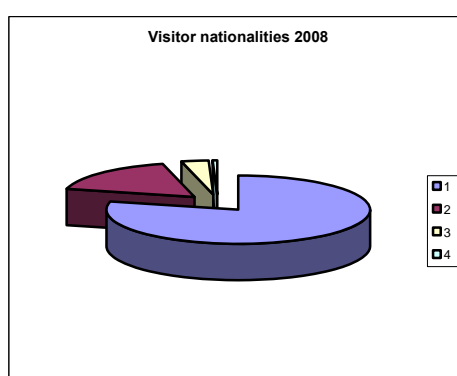
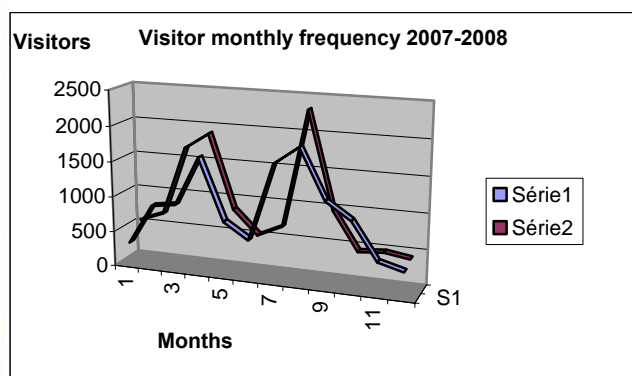
Globally, 60% of the participants had higher education, especially with science and technology degrees. 41% of people frequently participates in raising awareness activities and only 11% said never participated in this kind of sessions. 60% came from big cities like Lisbon and Oporto and 30% of people participated in more than 5 sessions, with 33% participating in 2 or 3 sessions.

Most of Geology in Summer public said the sessions were very good (70,5%), good (27,9%); only 1,6% said the activities were reasonable or bad and 98% recommended the actions to friends. It was also said that the themes were interesting and appealing, the information was presented very clearly and the activities allowed acquiring new knowledge. It is possible to say that the participants were highly qualified, were already familiar with the Program and thought very interesting and satisfied.

Geopark Naturtejo is already preparing some new activities to offer in the next Summer with interesting themes spread in amazing landscapes with lot of fun.

Data from Ciência Viva Program (www.cienciaviva.pt/veraocv/2008/)

January – **Geo-news in Ensino Magazine score two years non-stop.** Ensino Magazine is a free distributed national newspaper for academic institutes. Since two years ago Naturtejo sponsors this newspaper of the successful RVJ Editors from Castelo Branco and has a place to announce its geotourist and educational programs every month. Texts are usually made by Cristina Preguiça and Maria Catana. Celebrating two years of Geo-news Ensino Magazine presents Lessons from Nature in the February edition. The educational program around the Portas do Ródão Natural Monument is presented with the typical style of Manuela Catana inviting all kinds of students to have a trip of geodiscovering. That's why this year schools from all over Portugal and Spain are coming like flies...



January – **The Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia faces the 2008 crisis.** With a deep economic crisis afflicting Portugal and the prices of fuel getting higher every week the annual number of visitors at the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia stabilized around 11500 (series 2). The strongest periods were the Eastern time as usual and August due to Boom International Music Festival which allowed to establish a new record of people doing the Fossils Trail (2318). The Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia was visited this year by people from 21 different countries of Europe, America, Asia and Oceania. 78,8% of visitors are still Portuguese and 2000 were Spanish coming from all over the country, including Canary and Balearic islands. Concerning Portas do Ródão Natural Monument more than 2300 people visited it in the boat trip of Incentivos Outdoor company showing a stronger demand for the outstanding geological landscapes of this important geosite. 3 small boats are already being operated by this company.

7-11th January – **Director of Arawak outdoor company visits Geopark to program 2009.** Arawak is a Spanish company specialized in trekking and cultural travels. Working with Naturtejo Geopark for more than 1 year the director of Arawak himself visited the territory to prepare travel packages for 2009. With the help of our guides Eliane Antunes and Tiago Oliveira, as well as tourism technicians and local citizens from all over the territory they did the Fossils and Vultures trails, visited Idanha-a-Velha and Monsanto historical villages, the Geopark's headquarters and the Cultural Forum at Idanha-a-Nova. Then they moved to do a boat trip to the Portas do Ródão Natural Monument and visit Portas de Almourão geomonument, Fraga da Água d'Alta waterfall and

Mosqueiro geosites at Orvalho. Meanwhile they experienced the best of our lodging at Casa de Santa Catarina in Penha Garcia, S. Torcato Moradal in Estreito, Pousada das Amoras in Proença-a-Nova, Estrela da Idanha and Idanhanatura hotels in Idanha-a-Nova. They also visited Termas de Monfortinho thermal spa, the schist village of Figueira and Fróia fluvial beach and geosite at Proença-a-Nova.



12, 14, 16, 21-23 and 26th January – **“Geopark goes to School” – 1st stage of “Discover Naturtejo Geopark geomonuments located nearby you” annual Pedagogic Project: done!** The project was idealized by Idanha-a-Nova municipality and Naturtejo Geopark to raise awareness about local geodiversity and geosites to all the 280 pupils studying in the Primary School. The projected activities run in the scope of the new Geopark’s educational program for schools of its territory– *ANIM’A ROCHA*. This program leads to discovering geodiversity surrounding schools through classroom and field activities. For free and prepared for all teaching levels, these activities enable to find rock dynamics composing outstanding landscapes or the substrate where school is emplaced. Pupils have between 6 and 10 years old grouped in 16 classes from 8 municipal schools of Penha Garcia, Termas de Monfortinho, Ladoeiro, S. Miguel D’Acha, Relva, Idanha-a-Nova, Rosmaninhal and Zebreira villages. The leaders of the annual project running are the teachers Laurinda Gerales and Mário Vicente, as well as Manuela Catana for the Naturtejo Geopark.

During these days all the pupils had their first pre-fieldtrip lecture in the classroom by Manuela Catana, also to prepare the second stage of the project. The fieldtrips will be run in the next months with the visit to three geomonuments of Idanha-a-Nova: Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, Monsanto Inselberg and Erges Gorge in Salvaterra do Extremo. For the practical activities developed at the classroom Manuela Catana prepared a team composed by Telmo and Cátia, students from the Socio-cultural Animators Professional Course of EB 2,3/S Idanha-a-Nova School, that are being trained in Naturtejo, as well as Francisco Moreira, technician from the Idanha-a-Nova municipality and responsible for filming. The geologists Joana Rodrigues and João Gerales were invited to give a hand in some of the activities.

Next stages of the annual project will be running in March during the Spring Festival and in June, with the celebration of the Environment Day included in the European Geoparks Week calendar.



21st January – **White winter all across the Geopark highs.** Azores anticyclone is behaving funny with the weather this year. Portugal is facing freezing polar currents since December with strong storms at the coast and snowing in the mountains. It is unusual to see so much snow closing hundreds of roads. Also unusual is to see so much accumulation of snow in the highest mountains of Naturtejo Geopark. For few days the summit of the Geopark at Gardunha (1227 m) was covered of a shiny white cover. It was amazing to visit the granite boulders involved by snow. During these days it would be almost impossible to find visitors doing trekking at the Gardunha trail. The users are now running for life and living their footprints in the fluffy substrate to tell the story...



21st-25th January – **Naturtejo Geopark presents Tourist and Educational Programs in the International Tourism Fair of Lisbon.** Once more Naturtejo participated in the International Tourism Fair of Lisbon, the most important in Portugal, this year through the Centre of Portugal Tourism Region promoting all the territory of the Tourism Brand Pole Castelo Branco/Naturtejo. This Pole is one of the four that compose the map of the new Tourism of Centre Region. Other Tourist Brand poles are Ria de Aveiro, Coimbra and Dão-Lafões. During this nationally important event Naturtejo through Armindo Jacinto and Ana Rita Mota promoted the tourist potentialities of the Geopark. This fair was the official beginning of Routes by the Geopark 2009 tourist packages, the educational programs 2009 and the program Templar Portugal, promoted with the Spanish tour operator Halcon Viajes, whose natural scenery is Naturtejo Geopark. All these programs envisage captioning tourist fluxes for the territory through guided visits to the most important sites of the 6 municipalities, working with local hotels, restaurants, outdoor companies among others.

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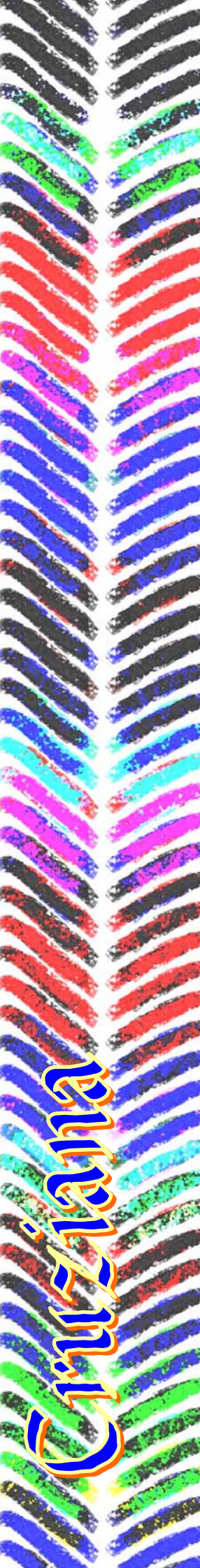
The packages presentation was made by Armindo Jacinto with the presence of many public and the president of Centre Tourism Region, the Director of Halcon Viages, the prior of Templar Order in Portugal, the administrators of Pestana Group and Espírito Santo Group, as well as representatives of tour operators, Institute for Tourism of Portugal and Coordination Commission of Centre Region. During this presentation there was a medieval revival played by Vivarte theatre group showing several moments of the Templar period, such as battles graciously interacting with the amazed public.

Meanwhile there was time to taste regional products offered by local farmers and companies, such as the smoked ham from A. Pires Lourenço & Filhos, SA, hand made cheeses from Queijaria Artesanal Lourenço e Filhos, Lda, from Queijaria Henrique Santiago, Lda, from Fonte and Capilé farms, arbutus jam from Boutique de Pão "A Delicia", arbutus liquor from Silvapa, Oleiros honey from João Barata, Alecrim hand made cookies, honey and several jams from Proença-a-Nova, biological olive pâtés, olive oil and olives from Tapada das Tojeiras farm, smoked sausages from Sacif, cookies and bread from Padaria Gaspar e Costa and Cheirinho de Penha Garcia ecoshop, hand made chocolate cookies from Casa do Forno and wines from Quinta da Arrancada farm. Tasting of such flavor wonders happened during the presentation of the new image and promotional booklet of Centre of Portugal Tourism Region where Naturtejo Geopark and its geosites and traditional villages were fully represented.

The Schist Villages project was also represented in this International Tourism Fair using an amazing image from Álvaro village, located at the Naturtejo Geopark, as the strongest promotional picture of its stand. There hundreds of curious people, among tourism professionals and general public, found the leaflets for several new Schist Trails opened recently in almost all the 5 schist villages found at Naturtejo Geopark.



28th January- 1st February – **Naturtejo Geopark presents Territories for Innovation in the world most important tourism fair.** "Territories for Innovation" was the motto that attracted thousands of visitors to discover the European Geoparks Network and its Iberian Geoparks in FITUR-Madrid, Spain. Once again Naturtejo was responsible for the tourist promotion of European and Global Geoparks networks at the International Tourism Fair of Madrid. This year FITUR surpassed in number of stands and countries all the most important tourism fairs in the world, with more than 2000 stands representing national tourism boards and tourism related companies. Portugal stand was the biggest foreigner representation presented this year. Facing a deep economical crisis, the Spanish market is by proximity fundamental for tourism growth in Portugal



and Naturtejo Geopark, with a strategic location right in the borderland, did not want to lose the opportunity to tight connections with more international tour operators and to be discovered by the 250000 visitors of this Fair.

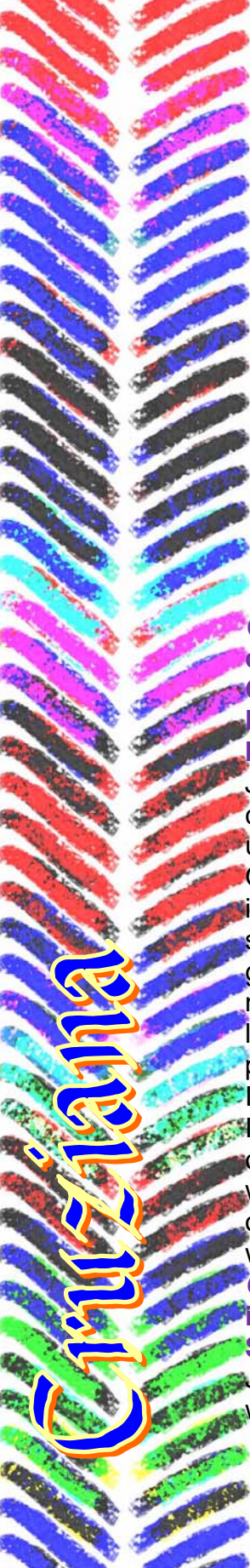
The Iberian Geoparks stand was marked by the innovative way of presenting mostly rural territories, supported by institutes and companies of their regions. The stand design of waving lines combining big well lightened pictures of the 5 Iberian Geoparks most beautiful landscapes with a “trilobite-power” touch of the new born geoartist Andrea Baucon, reviving Boom Festival International Music & Art Ecofestival, was inspiration of MAD & Publicidade company, from Castelo Branco. The Institute for Virtual Reality of Portalegre developed with Naturtejo Geopark and the geologist Rodrigo Ceia two interactive systems to improve the dynamic of the stand for the public. Geopark 3D presented the most beautiful photos of the Geopark to thousands of people queuing only to feel the experience. Virtual Trilobite was fun for hundreds of children that experiment to be side by side and interacting with this fantastic animal that once lived at the Geopark almost 500 million years ago and nowadays abounds as fossils and trace fossils in the Ordovician rocks of the territory. Because of this partnership the president of Portalegre Municipality and the Director of the Institute came to Madrid exclusively to visit our stand, sharing enthusiasm with Armindo Jacinto for the Geopark and for the potentialities of using new technologies for tourist reception and landscapes & culture interpretation. These and Geopark’s Viewpoint, where several promotional and documentary movies were presented of all the Iberian Geoparks, brought to the stand for a long visit the State Secretary of Tourism of Portugal, the President of the Institute for Tourism of Portugal, the Embassador of Portugal in Spain, as well as the strong enthusiasm of the President of the Tourism of Centre Region. Representing the Spanish Geopark was once more the President and Scientific Coordinator of Sobrarbe Geopark, which fully helped the stand with the presence Vicky, the tourism technician of Ainsa town; and the Director of the Geological Park of Aliaga, from Maestrazgo Geopark. The President of Geoparks from Venezuela Foundation took the opportunity to visit the stand supporting GGN. The illustrious guests, as well as hundreds of tourism professionals and general public, had the opportunity to taste Naturtejo Geopark through a table of local flavors supported by several local producers and companies from the territory. These products and other innovative and appealing proposals in the spirit of Naturtejo work were presented by the Geo-bakery “Casa do Forno” from Salvaterra do Extremo. During the days, Armindo Jacinto, Tiago Oliveira, Carlos Neto de Carvalho and Joana Rodrigues helped with their knowledge of the Geopark, thousands of visitors to imagine all the proposals for natural and cultural travels offered by Naturtejo and condensed in the new Routes by the Geopark 2009, using also the new geotourist map and brochure.



30th January – **Açafa Online: a new cultural magazine integrating Geological Heritage.** Associação de Estudos do Alto Tejo association presented a new online edition of its cultural magazine: Açafa. This new version is an open magazine where the submitted papers on culture and environment of Naturtejo Geopark territory and surroundings are progressively uploaded in the annual issue stored at the association website www.altotejo.org. AEAT association has been devoted since its early beginning to study and divulgate all sort of regional patrimonies. Geological heritage deserves special concerns for the association leaders have coordinated the application of Portas do Ródão to national Natural Monument and help to organize and promote several meetings and workshops on the subjects. One of the monographic paper issues of Açafa was devoted to the geological heritage of Vila Velha de Ródão. In the first issue of the new Açafa Online 2008 Geopark's scientific staff gave a hand as example for other geoconservationists to promote valuing and raising awareness measures for geoheritage. Carlos Neto de Carvalho and Joana Rodrigues presented a paper on the difficult topic of conservation of mobile paleontological heritage predicting lost by selling or stealing of fossil tree logs. With João Geraledes from Casa do Forno Geo-bakery they presented the first comprehensive inventory of Salvaterra do Extremo geoheritage and mining heritage. These examples will hopefully be followed by others from the same authors and other geoscientists. Açafa Online was presented to the regional media and public in the Institute for Portuguese Youth at Castelo Branco.



30-31st January – **Environmental Education National Meeting.** Manuela Catana represented Naturtejo Geopark in the XVI Environmental Education National Meeting held at Porto with the main theme “Biosphere, space for Learnship”. She presented a talk about the Geopark’s educational programs and their contribution for raising awareness of schools about geology and environment themes.



Research expert on Geochemistry and Clay Minerals and involved on Geological Heritage and Geoconservation issues since 1998, José Brilha is Professor at the University of Minho (Braga, Portugal). Member of the Executive Committee of ProGEO and founder of the Portuguese group of this association in 2000, director of the first Master Course on Geological Heritage and Geoconservation since 2005, editor of the new international journal “Geoheritage”, José Brilha is nowadays a leading personality on Earth Heritage at national and international levels.



Cruziana: Do you consider cultural illiteracy a threat to Geodiversity. How do the Portuguese politicians have been implicated in the theme?

José Brilha: Yes, I do! As several colleagues have been showing us, there are many threats to Geodiversity and cultural illiteracy is one of them. The society needs to be aware that geodiversity elements are needed to maintain our way of life but, unfortunately, most people does not care about that. In Portugal, we have used the International Year of Planet Earth commemorations to spread the word Geodiversity on every occasion. But there is much more work to be done on this issue...

Cruziana: What was the impact in Portugal of the ProGEO Symposium, at Braga, in 2005?

José Brilha: I think that this event was important to raise

awareness of the national geological community. It was also important to alert relevant institutions about the significance of this subject.

Cruziana: What is the importance of the Geoconservation Prize awarded by ProGEO-Portugal?

José Brilha: Each year since 2004, a national contest addressed to local municipalities awards the work done on the promotion of local geoconservation. Local administrations are very important for the conservation of geological heritage because they are closer to the potential problems and they can quickly act on eventual threats. The experience of the Geoconservation Award has been rewarding and we hope to engage more and more local politicians on geoconservation.

Cruziana: In your book “Geological Heritage and Geoconservation” (2005) you mention that tourism must stand sustainable geoconservation. Do you

think that nowadays Geotourism is an ally of Geoconservation?

José Brilha: Geotourism is just a type of use we can conceive for a geosite. If a geosite is properly managed and assessed, geotourism is a natural and desirable consequence. Nevertheless, not every geosite has potential to be used as a geotouristic spot. A key issue to be researched in the near future is to know the impact of geotouristic activities on the real conservation of geosites.

Cruziana: What is the best Geoconservation project in Portugal?

José Brilha: It is hard to say which one is the best! Each project has its own merit but one thing we should stress: a geoconservation project is never concluded and there is always so much to be improved...

Cruziana: And the worst?

José Brilha: Very negative examples are the geosites protected under the Portuguese legislation as "Natural Monuments" but that remain completely abandoned by the national authorities mainly because there is an absolutely absence of geologists engaged on the Institute of Nature Conservation and Biodiversity, the state institution responsible for nature conservation.



Lagosteiros Natural Monument

Cruziana: Carlos Romariz, in 1987, wrote that it is not enough to establish laws to make the places untouchable. What do you think about this?

José Brilha: I agree! Legislation is very important but it is not a guarantee that everything is going to be OK! (see question 6). But without proper laws we do not have arguments to stop a geosite destruction and the lost of geoheritage.

Cruziana: How do you see the Geoparks project in Portugal?

José Brilha: I find the geoparks concept very interesting and very useful to publicize geology to the society, protecting the geological heritage at the same time. Presently, the Geoparks project is gaining more visibility leading to the development of new ideas for the creation of new Geoparks.

Cruziana: How many Geoparks can we manage in Portugal?

José Brilha: It is hard to say an exact number. In spite of being a rather small country, Portugal has a remarkable geodiversity and an interesting number of geosites with high relevance, including the Atlantic archipelagos of Azores and Madeira. About ten should be a reasonable number, I guess.



Portugal geodiversity (www.igeo.pt)

Cruziana: Do you agree that some Geoparks only have managers/politicians in administration?

José Brilha: Of course not! One should not forget what is the basic principle of any

geopark: the conservation of geological heritage! When geologists are not considered key professionals in a Geopark management structure, it is the end of that Geopark.

Cruziana: Which are the fragilities of a Geopark project?

José Brilha: A geopark is a long-time investment. Only after several years running we can “see” results and sometimes this is not compatible with the agenda of local politicians and anxious entrepreneurs.

Cruziana: Don't we run the risk that we are experiencing a "fashion" of Geoparks? What do you think about it?

José Brilha: Of course! But we must be clever enough and use this “fashion” as a positive aspect.

Cruziana: To what extent the Geoparks project follows the Recommendation Rec (2004) 3 on Conservation of the Geological Heritage and Geological Areas of Special Interest?

José Brilha: This Recommendation urges the different European Countries to promote geoconservation in all levels: geosites

inventorying, legislation, education, management. All Geoparks must be recognized by national and local administrations and, therefore, they are totally compatible with the aims of the Rec(2004)3. But I'm very curious to see if these countries are really following these recommendations...

Cruziana: Portugal has joined the IYPE initiatives with many activities. And after 2009?

José Brilha: 2008 was the key year, of course, but there will be some new events for 2009. I hope that some surprises may be confirmed in a near future...



Cruziana: What advices would you leave for the Naturtejo Geopark and the European Geoparks Network?

José Brilha: Always keep the original geopark concept as your primal goal!

Cruziana: One GeoWish to 2009...

José Brilha: Just one? Success for all Geoparks!

3) Geopark's Impact in Media

Newspapers/Magazines

December (AltoTejo Newsletter's first page) – “Portas do Ródão Natural Monument”

December (AltoTejo Newsletter) – “The Day of the Tree”

December (AltoTejo Newsletter) – “Know how & tastes from Foz do Cobrão”

January (Ensino Magazine's Geo-news) – “A lesson from nature”

January (Turismo Hotel Internacional magazine) – “Naturtejo Geopark in a Paleontological adventure”

14th January (Gazeta do Interior) – “More than two thousand people did boat trips”

21st January (Gazeta do Interior) – “Armindo Jacinto between two “loves””

- 21st January (Gazeta do Interior) – “Young people join to Nature Tourism”
- 22nd January (Reconquista) – “Naturtejo pointed out in Tourism Fair”
- 22nd January (Reconquista) – “Workshop on Geology next saturday”
- 22nd January (Info-Ciências Digital) – “Photoreport”
- 29th January (Reconquista) – “Naturtejo shines in BTL and goes for FITUR”

4) Publications

Scientific Contribution for Geosciences

- RODRIGUES, J.C.; NETO DE CARVALHO, C. & GERALDES, J. – Património Geológico de Salvaterra do Extremo. *Açafa On-line*, 1: 1-17.
- NETO DE CARVALHO, C. & RODRIGUES, J.C. – As árvores fósseis de Vila Velha de Ródão: contribuição para a sua conservação e valorização como geomonumentos. *Açafa On-line*, 1: 1-23.
- CATANA, M.M. - *Os Programas Educativos do Geopark Naturtejo e o seu contributo para a sensibilização do público escolar em temáticas geológicas e ambientais*. Encontro Nacional de Educação Ambiental – XVI Jornadas da ASPEA: Biosfera, Espaço de Aprendizagem. Porto, 30 e 31 de Janeiro. CD-ROM.

Promotional

- Geopark routes 2009 (in Portuguese, Spanish and English).
- Naturtejo Geopark Geotourist Map (in Portuguese, Spanish and English)
- Naturtejo Geopark Geotourist Leaflet (in Portuguese, Spanish and English)
- Book markers *Cruziana* ichnospecies collection “Feeding your imagination” (in Spanish)
- Schist Trail of Foz do Cobrão (in Portuguese)
- Schist Trail of Figueira (in Portuguese)
- Schist Trail of Martim Branco (in Portuguese)
- Birdwatching Guide Idanha-a-Nova (in Portuguese)
- Vila Velha de Ródão municipality map (in Portuguese)
- Tourism of Centre Region booklet (in Portuguese and English)

8th European Geoparks Conference
Naturtejo Geopark (Portugal)

“New challenges with Geotourism”
Idanha-a-Nova, 14-18th September 2009

Geoparks & Tourism
Geotourism & Local development
Geoparks & Science
Geoconservation best practices & wrong ways
Marketing strategies for a stronger EGN brand
Man & Nature: Cultural landscapes
Strong vs weak points in a Geopark
New geoparks & their tutors

Feira Rajana
The 2nd International Geoparks Fair
Cultural nights with local people
inspired in Nature Tourism

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