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Geopark Naturtejo Meseta Meridional monthly report

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We open October with the last thoughts about the VIII European Geoparks Network held in Idanha-a-Nova but with strong impact in all the Naturtejo Geopark. This time we leave some last words from the organizers of the successful Idanha Film and Internet Festival.

“IFIF has finally born. Brought to life by the merit of an amazing and tireless group of dedicated warriors. IFIF has finally reached its outcome.

The **Idanha Film and Internet Festival**, throughout its three days of screenings, showed that it is possible to gather together artists and film-makers, including several Geoparks all over Europe, in a cooperative harmony, regardless prizes and vanities, in which the sole purpose is the celebration of a new sustainable planet. The IFIF proved to be possible to bring to life a festival of human wills ready to work together in the same wave of change.

Naturally, this festival would have never come to life, without all directors from every corner of the planet, delivering the master pieces of their effort, the dozens of movies that the IFIF proudly presented on the internet, walls and canvas, including the epic presentation on Penha Garcia Dam and for the first time in Portugal, windowing a new hope, a new call for a different way.

The path was long and tortuous, through stormy clouds and winds of change, however not one moment any of its founding members ever doubted the righteousness and truly **genuine character of IFIF mission**.

The organizers of the IFIF, would like to thank every director for its outstanding generosity, by endorsing with their amazing works, this cause of global cooperation for change, through the magic powers of the audiovisual creation. Thank you, to all the talented directors, believing sponsors & supporters, tireless technicians that worked in four different places Penha Garcia, Idanha-a-Nova Castle, School of Management and the World Wide Web, amazing volunteers, to every viewer and cyberviewer, to everyone believing and supporting this cause. For them we would like to dedicate the birth of this new paradigm in audiovisual cooperation.

The IFIF, more than from anyone else, was, is and forever will be theirs.

Keep looking for us, keep counting on us, keep coming to us and stay up-to-date to our following evolution.

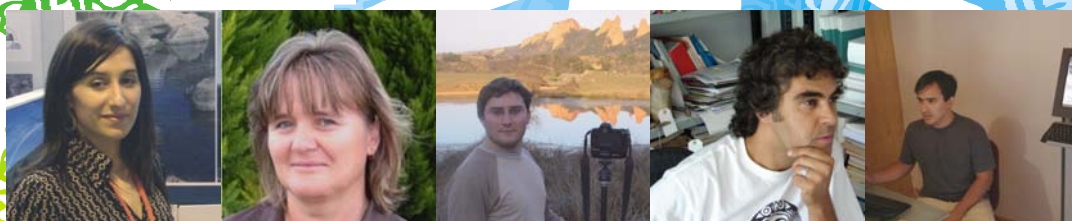
Many thanks to all!”

Many thanks to you, Jorge!

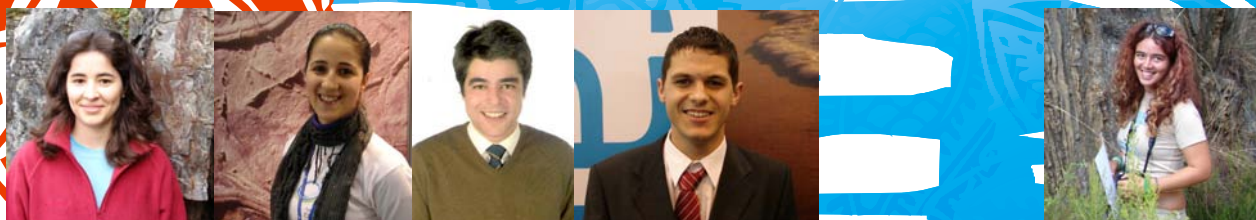
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1) *Activities*



8th October – **Naturtejo Geopark visited by German students for the first time.** This was the first time a group of non-Iberian students and teachers participated in the Naturtejo Geopark Educational Programs! 22 students and 2 teachers from the University of Trier came in the scope of the course Tourism Geography. Guided by Manuela Catana and João Geraldês they visited the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and the Monsanto Inselberg. During the afternoon the group visited the Portas de Ródão Natural Monument by boat and afterwards Rafael Andre run a mini-workshop on “Naturtejo Geopark Marketing”. We hope this friendly group is the first of many!

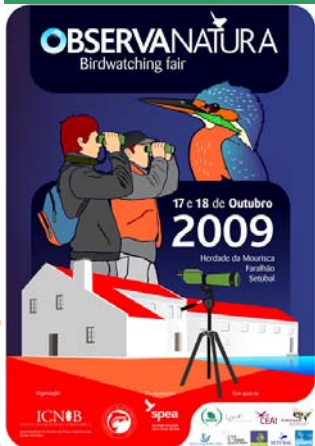
8th October – **Naturtejo Geopark in the European Week of Regions and Cities.** The Eurocid – Open Days 2009 is an annual and most important initiative of the Regional Committee of the European Union. Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission and Jerzy Buzec, leader of the European Union, opened the plenary works that counted more than 6000 participants coming from all over the world, endorsing the theme “Global challenges, European responses”. During 4 days brought together politicians, practitioners, academics and representatives from businesses, banks and civil society organisations for exchange and networking on local and regional issues. Under the overall theme of 'Global challenges, European responses', debates focused on regional responses to the economic crisis and to climate change. Armindo Jacinto was invited by the Brazilian delegation that visited Naturtejo Geopark last September to talk in the European Parliament. He brought the European Geoparks initiative to the room within innovative proposals for sustainable development and territorial cooperation.

9-12th October – **Portugal Tours in a family-style programme.** Naturtejo Geopark is working a lot with national and international tour operators. This time the Geopark prepared a “best of” for a group of 6 people. The local ranger Jorge Gonçalves was the guide by the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, Monsanto Inselberg and Portas de Ródão Natural Monument boat trip. This means that we have more local rangers cooperating in the activities of the Geopark.

10-12th October – **Tierra Fuego tour operator again for three days.** 31 Spanish tourists visited the Vultures Trail, Egitânea Roman City and Trail and the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia with our best and tireless ranger, Tiago Oliveira. A man born for the wilderness that studied Management: he could only come from Monsanto.



15th October – **Professional School from Sertã in the Geopark.** The Naturtejo Geopark educational programs for 2009/2010 are already available in the Geopark's webpage and the results seem promising. After the German University a new visit this time from the Professional and Technological School of Sertã. 11 students and 3 teachers from the graduation of Environmental and Rural Tourism were guided by Manuela Catana in a sunny boat trip by the Tejo valley and through Portas de Ródão Natural Monument. Afterwards they learned about the Archeology of Ródão in the museum of Vila Velha de Ródão and were surprised by the fossil trees from the House of Arts and Culture of Tejo.



17-18th October – **Naturtejo Geopark in the Observanatura Birdwatching Fair.** The birdwatching programmes of Naturtejo Geopark were presented in Setúbal, south of Portugal, for the Observanatura Fair. This first fair for birdwatching organized in Portugal had as the main aims to show the birdwatching activity and to promote it stimulating its growth. The Institute for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity through the Nature Reserve of Sado Estuary and the Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds were the organizers with the support of the Municipality of Setúbal and several environment NGO's and companies. The fair joined national and foreign participants, Nature Tourism companies, NGO's, editors and optical gear companies, and included workshops, mini-courses and birdwatching trips to the Nature Reserve, by trekking and

by boat. Pedro Martins and our partner biologist Carlos Pacheco represented the Naturtejo Geopark.



18th October – **Across Mountains, Mines and Valleys brings almost 100.** It was the the last trekking party from the year for Idanha-a-Nova. The Salvaterra do Extremo and Idanha-a-Nova municipality organized a thematic trekking with João Gerales, the local geologist, and Carlos Neto de Carvalho, to understand the landscape morphology of the Erges canyon geosite and the history of the Roman gold mine of Gorroal da Veiga and the lead mines of Salvaterra. In between some stories about the smuggling period in the Borderland with a short visit to the neighbor Spanish city of Zarza-la-Mayor and a nice lunch with songs by the women of Salvaterra amazed the trekking braves.



22nd October – **Geopark goes to School...the Professional School of Castelo Branco.** Manuela Catana went for two classes in the Agostinho Roseta Professional School. 46 students from the 10th grade course Tourism and Hotelry had a theoretical and practical class with Manuela on the subject “Naturtejo Geopark as strategy for sustainable development within the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network”, emphasizing geotourism and accomodation in the Naturtejo region.

29th October – **Green Flag for Geopark Schools.** The Eco-Schools programme is an initiative from the Blue Flag European Association that certifies, in the school, the practicing of a coherent and qualified environmental education promoting environmental conscienceness. Two schools from Nisa and Castelo Branco were awarded with the

Green Flag of Environment. Mendes dos Remédios and Cidade de Castelo Branco schools show proudly their flags.



31st October – **Fossils as Heritage for everyone.** The Municipal Archeology Museum from Amadora organized one more session “School open to the Heritage” under the main theme “The return of the dinosaurs”. Three invited paleontologists talked in the Casal da Falagueira Pole small room for general public about their research areas and interests or projects. Carlos Neto de Carvalho presented his talk on “Fossils as Heritage for Everyone”. It was a kind of return to the origins since, for the first time, Carlos talked in his hometown.

2) Geopark's Impact in Media

Newspapers/Magazines

October (Raiano) – “Project for the Primary Schools of Idanha-a-Nova “Discover the Geomonuments of your municipality” presented in the National Meeting of Education in Sciences”

October (Reflexo) – “GEOTOURISM in the 8th European Geoparks Conference at the Naturtejo Geopark”

October (Ensino Magazine) – “Naturtejo bet in the educational programmes”

October (Ensino Magazine) – “Transatlantic cooperation”

8th October (Reconquista) - “Naturtejo shown in Brussels”

12th October (elviajero.elpais.com) - “Trekking in the borderland”

14th October (Gazeta do Interior) - “Moment with Carlos Neto de Carvalho”

15th October (Reconquista's first page) - “Naturtejo enchants Brussels”

29th October (Reconquista) – “Circuit mountains, mines and valleys”

TV

21st October (Localvisão TV online regional television)- Interview with Armindo Jacinto.

3) Scientific Contributions

Brilha, J. – A Importância dos Geoparques no Ensino e Divulgação das Geociências. *Revista do Instituto de Geociências-USP*, Publ. Esp., S. Paulo, 5, 27-33. www.igc.usp.br/geologiausp.

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