

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Geopark Ore of the Alps, Austria, EGN

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / -



Prof. Dr. Sylke Hilberg (University of Salzburg) about the "Hot springs of Liechtenstein gorge", geosite 121

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 189.594 - Liechtenstein gorge, geosite 121

Number of Geopark events: 12 by management body and 4 by cooperative organization

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 24

Number of Geopark press release: 12

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

Special exhibition in the Geopark visitors centre at Bischofshofen - ski jumping area, with the title "People - Power - Music" (From the copper ore to the trumpet), 2016.

European Geopark Week Topic: Hot springs, rapids and waterfalls (concert, popular scientific lecture, gold washing for the family, free guided tour on the waterfall trail, ...)

Contribution towards GGN - networking and participation

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Josef Gantschnigg (Financial Director of the Geopark) at the 7th International conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks at the English Riviera, Great Britain, September 2016.

Sylke Hilberg (University of Salzburg, Dep. of Geology) and Horst Ibetsberger: "LIECHTENSTEINKLAMM - Deep Gorge and Mystic Springs in the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Geopark, Austria" in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14, 2016.

Management and financial status

The management structure of the Geopark is the same as reported in the evaluation document 2014. The financial status of the association "Ore of the Alps" was examined and approved by the INTERREG funding agency, as well as through the treasurer audit.

Geoconservation

Cooperation with the Dep. of Geography and Geology, "Alpine self-sufficiency agriculture of the miners." Master Thesis, University of Salzburg, Prof. Juergen Breuste

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Preparation of the article "UNESCO Geopark Ore of the Alps" for the book "UNESCO Geoparks of Austria" which will be published in spring 2017

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction: Project "Sustainable tourism and educational programmes" together with the University of Salzburg, Dep. of Geography and Geology

Strategic partnership

Cooperation meeting of the transnational LEADER Geopark partners: German national Geopark "Inselsberg - 3 Gleichen" in Thuringia, German national Geopark "Porphyryland Sachsen" in Saxonia and the UNESCO Geopark "Ore of the Alps" in Saxonia: Hohburg

Promotional activities

Report of the ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) Salzburg about the opening of waterfall trail in Bischofshofen, April 2016

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