

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark (Germany)

2002 / 2013



Handing over the UNESCO-Certificate from German UNESCO-Committee to the Geopark Swabian Alb

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of Visitors: 1.2 Mio. (Jan. – Jul. 2016)

Number of Geopark events: management body (51) and cooperative organization (about 500)

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: about 50

Number of Geopark press release: 13 (management body)

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

- Handing over the UNESCO-Certificate from German UNESCO-Committee to the Geopark Swabian Alb
- Inauguration of the new Geopark Info centers Museum Ehingen, historical mine

shaft "Tiefer Stollen", Aalen and Kolbingen cave (visitor cave)

- Seventh Geopark Festival in the historical mine shaft "Tiefer Stollen", Aalen
- Celebration the European Geopark Week
- Celebration the "Day of the Geotop" by public cleaning the "snail slab" in Offerdingen municipality
- Gaining 3 new Geopark members: 2 municipalities and an education foundation
- Removal of the Geopark headquarter to a new location in Münsingen

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the EGN meetings in Geopark Basque Coast, Spain, and in Geopark English Riviera
- Participation at the International EGN-Conference in Geopark English Riviera
- Webmaster of the German Geopark Fora is an employee of the Geopark

Management and Financial status

- Implementation of a Geopark steering group in the county Reutlingen

Geoconservation

- Mapping of geotopes in several counties (up to now 420 geotopes are mapped)

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Reprint of the brochure "Adventure Geopark"
- Designation of 17 geotopes as Geopoints

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Starting the project "Geopark-Schools" with 5 UNESCO Project-Schools and 2 other schools
- Planning the implementation of a permanent Learning Workshop "explorhinoGEO" at Aalen university in cooperation with an education foundation

Strategic Partnership

- Discussion the implementation of an education partnership with a big water supply

corporation

Promotional activities

- Participation on tourism fair CMT – Caravan Motor Tourism – Stuttgart 2016
- Release the reprint of the brochure “Info centers”, containing all 26 Geopark Info centers
- Release of a new edition of the brochure “Adventure Geopark”
- Handing over copies of the UNESCO Geopark certificate to our members and Info centers
- Several discussions with members of parliament about implementation the Geopark into a ministry administration of the federal state Baden-Württemberg

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