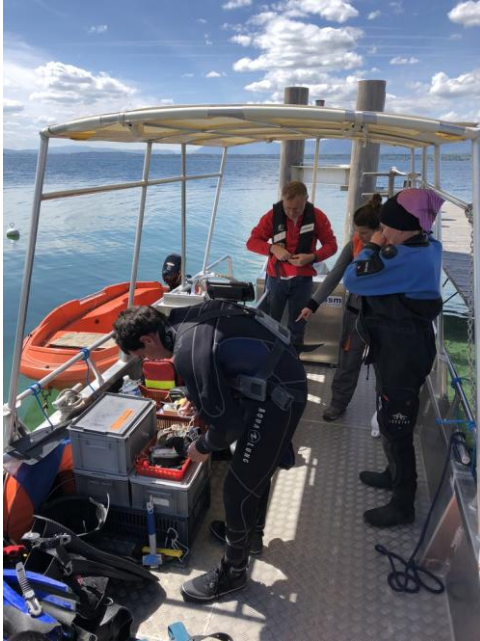


GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2018

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark (France, European Geopark Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation 2012/2016



Archaeologists from the national Underwater Archaeology Unit (DRASSM) led by Y Billaud surveying the Neolithic Stilt Villages of Touges, a World Heritage site and focus of much Chablais Geopark activity in 2018

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3,5 staff including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 50 000

Number of Geopark events: Organized by the Geopark 3 main events (more than 50 subevents) ; More than 20 organized by partners

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes : 300

Number of Geopark press release : 8

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2018

- Successful launch of a new event during EGN week “(re)découvre le Chablais”

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the Karavanke/Karawanken UGGp EGN AC and CC meetings (2 representatives) ; Participation in the Adamello Brenta UGGp EGN AC, CC (2 representatives)
- Participation in the GGN AG at Adamello Brenta UGGp
- Article contributed to the EGN magazine ; Article contributed to the EGN newsletter

- Participation at French national Geopark committee meetings and joint initiatives

Management and Financial status

- Evolution to a full time Geopark team member (from 50%); recruitment of an assistant to the education manager for a 6-month period
- Launch of new ERAMUS+ 3-year exchange programme with Sesia Val Grande and Rokua UGGp's
- Award of financial support by the Haute Savoie Department

Geoconservation

- Project to raise awareness and improve understanding of deep dolines at Nifflon
- Archaeological monitoring and surveying of the Touges WH lake stilt village

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Winter event in the Portes du Soleil ski area (650km of pistes)
- European Geopark week : talks, geosite visits, events, games, partner events and special offers
- National Science Festival run in the Chablais area by the Geopark with workshops and talks by scientists

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

- Revision and publishing of school field trip, workshops, overnight and week long educational trips.
- Development of a new secondary school teaching programme on sustainable development with local examples

Strategic Partnership

- Renewal of the written partnership agreement with Savoie Mont Blanc Junior, an organization for promoting children's (educational or holiday) trips to the area

Promotional activities

- Relaunch of the "Visites en Chablais" tourist brochure in partnership with the Geopark; Ensuring the Geopark is referenced on large scale tourist maps ; Promotional panels of the Chablais UGGp and GGN and international UGGp's displayed during the ski game and EGN Week.

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