

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark (France, regional Network)

2012 / 2016



2018 Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark – Portes du Soleil Ski Game

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4 staff including 1 geoscientist

Number of Visitors: Unknown.

Number of Geopark events: at least 50 organized by the Geopark

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes. More than 3000 children participated in workshops, projects and outings.

Number of Geopark press release: 5 press releases and 2 radio interviews. Publication of a bi-annual newsletter.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

- Renewal of the Geopark Scientific Committee. Retirement of several founding members and integration of new active researchers from the University of Grenoble, INRA and ASTERS. Election of a new president, Patrick Lachassagne (Hydrogeologist).
- Launch of a new winter outreach event for the general public in partnership with the Portes du Soleil Franco-Swiss association.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the European Coordination Committee meetings in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGGp, Ireland and the Azores UGGp, Portugal.
- Preparation of an ERASMUS+ school exchange program in Val Sesia Grande Geopark, Italy with the Rokua Geopark, Finland. A three day visit was organised by the Chablais in 11/2017.

Management and Financial status

- The financial status of the Geopark is stable, no changes
- The management of the Geopark is stable, no changes

Geoconservation

- Identification and initial research into a new geosite – a low altitude frozen scree

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Continued development of the Geopark partner program
- Special event for the Geopark partners and the holiday centres
- Training for heritage guides and mountain guides to become "Chablais UGGp Mediators"

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

- Field trips for high school students to discover climate change on a geological timeframe (Lycée la Versoie). Field trips with the St Joseph Lycée.
- Participation in a day of sustainable development at the Lycée la Versoie.
- Activities and workshops were offered in schools as well as field trips in the Geopark, a catalogue of outings was to 125 schools in our Geopark

Strategic Partnership

- Renewal of our agreement with "Tethys" the society of 40 approved Geopark Chablais guides.

Promotional activities

- Fete du Geopark - a celebration of the Geopark during European Geopark Week
- A celebration of the Geopark in partnership with the INRA research institute for the national science festival, Thonon les Bains.
- Creation of children's temporary tattoos with the Chablais UGGp mascot.

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