

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark: Apuan Alps UGG (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription: 2011

Year of the last revalidation: 2015



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 22 staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: the 2016 data count a total of 24.422 visitors considering the number of individuals visiting "Antro del Corchia" cave and our museum or visitor centres (entrances to the geoparks without tickets are so numerous that it is impossible to determine exact number but it can be estimated in about 850.000 visitors).

Number of Geopark events: 21 events held by Apuan Alps UGG management body and 67 events held by partners

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: the total number school classes is 72, for a total of 1246 students

Number of Geopark press release: 85 press releases

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Educational exhibition "Rains and Ruins" with the contribution by UNESCO Earth Sciences and geo-hazards Risk Reduction Section and UNESCO Global Geoparks Presentation of the Geomorphological and Neotectonic Map of the Apuan Alps, in collaboration with Pisa and Siena Universities

"The nights of Archaeology", inauguration of a new multimedia room in the Interactive Museum of Hearth Sciences in Equi Terme di Fivizzano

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

Participation of the two representatives at the EGN meetings and at the 7th International Geoparks Conference (Torquay, England)

Participation at the panel discussion and workshop about "Disaster Risk Reduction at Unesco Global Geoparks, ways forward" (Torquay, England)

EGN magazine, issue 13, "Discovering the "Giants' Potholes": a new geotrail in the Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark"

Management and Financial status

The management structure is made up of several offices and services for a total of 22 people and the operating budget for 2016 totals € 1,541.000

New financial status leads to an easier management of the dynamics of spending with costs and assets optimization

Geoconservation

Count of mouflons: activity guided by Geopark Rangers for the monitoring of mouflons in the Apuan Alps

New planning instrument ("Landscape Plan") recognizes a central role to geosites for the landscape protection

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

"Green weeks" in the Geopark for kids from 8 to 15 years (11 weeks for about 171 kids)

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction for schools

Strategic Partnership

Research project in collaboration with Pisa University on geomorphological survey applied in old marble quarry workings

Promotional activities

Contest "Tasting the Apuan Alps", km zero menu with local food, hosted by Apuan Alps UGG recommended accommodations

Promotional leaflet about "Giants' pot-holes of Mount Sumbra"

"A taste of Nature", 2016 Parks Festival: guided visits, cooking lesson, music concert and environmental activities

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