

Eastern Partnership CONFERENCE ON GEOPARKS, GEO- EDUCATION AND GEO-TOURISM

4-7 September, 2022 - Přeboram, Czech Republic

Our conference is related to the Earth heritage interpretation and education in geosciences and in geo-tourism. The involved geoparks would like to enhance and share their experience with development of geoschools, geotours, geotrails, geopoints and other Earth heritage interpretation tools.

Sunday 4.9.2022

13:00 pick up participants from Milín hotel by bus

13:15 by the same bus pick up participants from Panství Dlouhá Lhota Hotel and then start of the study visit to Koněpruské jeskyně (Koněprusy caves) – 45 people; the guide will be Pavel Bokr

17:00 return to the Panství Dlouhá Lhota – drop of people who stay there

17:15 drop of people at Milín Hotel (bus will wait there for 45 minutes)

18:00 bus leaving to Panství Dlouhá Lhota hotel for networking evening

18.30 start of the dinner at Panství Dlouhá Lhota

22.30 bus leaves towards the Milín hotel (for participants who would want to leave earlier we will provide individual transport due to their needs)

Monday 5.9.2022

8:00 bus number 1 (20 seats) leaves from Panství Dlouhá Lhota to Přeboram

8:00 bus number 2 (50 seats) leaves from Milín Hotel to Přeboram

9.00 – 13.20 Morning Session

9.00 Opening of the Conference

9.05 Introduction (Welcome Speech)

Eva Volfová, Deputy minister for the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic



9.15 Welcome of Central Bohemia region and tourism of Central Bohemia region
Václav Švenda, Councilor for tourism of Central Bohemia region

9.25 Sustainable Tourism and Creative Life in Geoparks
Martina Pásková, University of Hradec Králové and the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

9.40 The Regional Principle in Geoscience Education – a Means of Forming a Relationship to a Place
Dominik Rubáš, Teacher at the Charles university

10.00 UNESCO Global Geoparks (+ Online Greeting from Council of UNESCO Global Geoparks)
Nickolas Zouros (President of the Global Geoparks Network), Martina Pásková (Chairwoman of the National Geoparks of the Czech Republic), Guy Martini (Chairman of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council)

10.15 - Coffee Break (catering)

10.45 Geopark planning on the example of Racha region, and several alternative locations in Georgia
Tamar Chichinadze, student of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Geography scientist of Vakhushti Bagrationi, Institute Of Geography

11:05 Tourism within Forestry Agency "Moldsilva"
Daria Ivanița, main specialist in tourism, Forestry Agency "Moldsilva"

11.20 National Park Lower Dniester, the newly created PA in Moldava
Natalia Guranda, Director/Environmental Expert of Public Association EcoContact/Center for Information and Consultation on Environmental Matters: Aarhus

11.40 Presentation about the geo-diversity of protected area from NW of the Republic of Moldova
Ala Donica, scientific researcher in Institute of Ecology and Geography, Moldova

12.00 Caucasus Wildlife Refuge, the privately protected area established and managed by the PFWC
Sona Kalantaryan, Project Coordinator at the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC), Armenia

12.20 The potential of creating Geopark in Armenia
Narine Hakobyan, Deputy Head of Land and Subsoil Policy Department of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia

12.40 Potential Geoparks of Western Ukraine

Yuriy Zinko, Senior Lecturer at Ivan Franko National University, Ukraine

13.00 Azerbaijan nature resources

Jeyhun Pashayev, director of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan/ The state naturally reserve of mud volcanos of Baku and Absheron peninsula and Elmir Gadirov, Government agency of State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan

13.20 Lunch Break (catering)

14.50 - 18.10 Afternoon Session

14.50 Barrandian National Geopark

Luboš Gardoň, Director of Barrandian National Geopark

15.10 A Factory Owner from Scratch and a Maecenas from the Heart

Jan Školník, Development Agency for Broumovsko - online

15.30 Geo-schools – a playful education

Štěpán Rak, educator and geologist of Barrandian National Geopark

15.50 Geopark Malé Karpaty or when Permonians help

Jiří Vitáloš, Chairman of the board of a non-profit organization Barbora and Andrea Heldová from non-profit organization Barbora

16.10 Coffee Break (catering)

16.40 Geo-fieldtrips – Geoscience Education and excursions

Pavel Bokr, geological educator of Museum of Bohemian Karst in Beroun

17.10 Interpretation of geological heritage

John Macadam, online presentation

17.50 Polish geoparks

Michał Poros, Chairman of the Board of the Association of Communes “The Holy Cross Mountains Geopark”

18.10 Discussion

19.00 Get to together Dinner (Banquet)

21:30 Both buses (number 1 and 2) leave for the hotels

Tuesday 6.9.2022

8:15 bus number 1 leaves from Panství Dlouhá Lhota to Příbram

8:15 bus number 2 leaves from Milín Hotel to Příbram

9.00 – 13.00 Morning Session

9.00 Soil - the Bridge between Biodiversity and Geodiversity
Ladislav Miko, Advisor to the Minister (Ministry of Environment)

9.20 Project UNESCO IGCP project 2021 "Enhancing Societal Acceptance of the Sustainable Development of Earth's Geological Resources" – 4GEON: Geoparks' People of Four Continents Connected through Playful Earth Heritage Education
Josef Zelenka (University of Hradec Králové), David Zejda (Open-IT), Radek Mikuláš (Institute of Geology of Academia of Sciences)

9.40 Colca y Volcanes de Andagua UNESCO Global Geopark/ Colca geopark and Andagua de Volcanes
Abraham Caceres Cabana, representative of Colca geopark, Peru

10.00 Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO Global Geopark, Tanzania
Joshua Moshi Mwankunda, manager of geopark in Tanzania

10.20 BOHOL ISLAND GEOPARK - The Philippines' First Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark
Jovencia Bete Ganub and Karl Michael Din, representatives of Bohol geopark from Philippines

10.40 Candidatura UNESCO Proyecto Geoparque Río Coco Nicaragua GeoCIT / UNESCO candidature Rio Coco Nicaragua Geopark Project GeoCIT
Marcio Rivas Nuñez, Deputy Mayer of municipality which manages geopark Río Coco

11.00 Coffee break catering (workshop included)

- Geoschools good praxis example (Primary School of Bratří Čapků) – bus for 20 people from NATURA House (Plzeňská 134 Příbram to Bratří Čapků 279, 261 01 Příbram) and back – Štěpán Rak – 2 excursions because of big interest

12.00 Dinosauria museum Prague – journey to the Mesozoic Mountains
Marek Foltman, manager of the Dinosauria museum and Štěpán Pícha, paleontologist and educator of Dinosauria museum

12.20 Geopark in the hands of a private company
Mgr. Jan Doucek, Železné Hory (Iron Mountains) National Geopark

12.40 Ralsko National Geopark
Lenka Mrázová, director of the geopark Ralsko

13.00 Lunch Break (catering)

14.20 - 18.00 Afternoon Session

14.20 Very short history of Barrandien area

Lukáš Laibl, geologist of Barrandien National Geopark

14.40 Closing of the conference including draft of joint communiqué of the EU and Eastern Partnership

15.30 Coffee Break catering

16.00 Barrandian National Geopark – study visit to Rejkovice geosite in Barrandian National Geopark guided by *Mr. Fatka*

- departure at 16.00 from NATURA House (ca 50 participants)
- bus will come back to NATURA House around 18:00

16:00 for participants not included in the study visit, there will be commented tour through the NATURA House

18.00 Farewell Dinner (catering) at NATURA House

22:30 Both buses (number 1 and 2) leave for the hotels

Wednesday 7.9. 2022

9:30 bus (50 seats) will be leaving from Milín Hotel

9:45 bus will stop at Panství Dlouhá Lhota and pick the rest of participants for study visit to Skyje

11:00 stop at Chodouň - GeoFood good praxis example and tasting of local products (Lavender Valley)-

12:00 stop for lunch at Chodouň

13:30 the bus will leave for study visit to Skyje and Klonk u Suchomost – *guide Mr. Fatka*

Participants at this study visit will not have any provided meal but the bus will stop somewhere for possible lunch. The bus will be back at the hotels around 16:00. (2 hours are included for lunch).