European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: BEIGUA GEOPARK

Dates of geoparks week: 17th May - 8th June

Contact person: MAURIZIO BURLANDO

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week 19
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 5 (by newspapers and radio)
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 10,000
- total number of visitors/participants > 3,000 people

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

During the Geoparks Week 2008 various events were organized:

- **guided visits** to discover the most interesting geological, geomorphological, floristic and wildlife sites in the Geopark
  - Sat 17th May 10am – 12am: guided visit at Beuca Botanical Garden (Cogoleto)
  - Sun 18th May 9am – 4pm: guided walk discovering the geomorphological features of Beigua Geopark at Prariondo
  - Sun 25th May 9.30am – 4pm: Bird-watching activity at the Ornithological Center Vaccà area, Arenzano
  - Sat 31st May 9am – 4pm: Guided walk to the geoarchaeological sites at Alpicella (Varazze);
  - Mon 2nd June 10am – 4pm: Guided walk at “Prariondo-Tobiera Laione Nature Trail”
  - Sun 8th June 10am – 4pm: Guided walk in “Gargassa Valley Geological Trail”

- **sports activities**
  - Sat 17th – Sun 18th May 10am – 4pm: canyoning activities in Beigua Geopark streams, organized with the collaboration of the Italian Canyoning Association (A.I.C. – Associazione Italiana Canyoning)
- Sat 31st May – Sun 1st Jun – Mon 2nd Jun: sports activities in the Municipalities of Arenzano, Cogoleto, Varazze (trekking, orienteering, nordic walking mountain-bike, volley, basketball, etc) organized with the collaboration of UISP Italy

- **educational programs**
  final events with all the classes joining the 2007-/2008 educational programs proposed by the Beigua Geopark staff

- **exhibition**
  temporary exhibition “Fossil coral reefs in Ponte Prina Site” in the Natural History Civic Museum of Genoa (from March 28th until June 30th 2008); the exhibition was organized in cooperation with the Environment and Earth Sciences Department of the University of Genoa

- **visitor centres and info-points activities** (Geoparks video-presentations)
  Promotional activities about Geoparks, EGN and GGN in the Visitors Centres and the Information Points of the Beigua Geopark; video-presentation “Discovering the European Geoparks Network and the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network” at the Geopark Corner in Beigua Park headquarters in Arenzano on 19th / 21st / 23rd May and 3rd / 5th June at 2.30pm – 4pm

- **environmental fair**
  - Sat 24th May 9am – 19pm: promotional open-air stand of Beigua Park – Beigua Geopark within the annual event “Parks for the Public” in Genoa (Sestri Ponente), organized with the collaboration of the Regional Network of Protected Areas of Liguria

3. Photos: