

European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: **Sierras.Subbéticas Geopark**

Dates of geoparks week: **2nd June to 8th June, 2008**

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1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week 8
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 4
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 1450
- total number of visitors/participants 300 to 500

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

The act of inauguration of the II European Week of the Sierras Subbéticas Geopark was hosted by the provincial delegate of the Environment Department in Córdoba, Luis Rey Yébenes; the Director of Sustainability in the Network of Natural Spaces of Andalusia, Rocío Espinosa de la Torre; and the Mayor of the City of Priego de Córdoba, Encarnación Ortiz Sanchez.

We offered two exhibitions to the great public. A painting Exhibition: "Geologic landscapes of the Sierras Subbéticas"; and the II Contest of Environment Photography of Priego de Córdoba.

Two communications took place inside the Geopark's Week: "The Subbéticas, a history of 200 million years", made by Dr. Juan Carlos Braga, professor of Palaeontology of the University of Granada and President of the Spanish Association of Palaeontology; and "The plastic arts and the landscape in the Subbéticas", made by Miguel Forcada, official chronicler of Priego de Córdoba.

On the other hand, and fulfilling the support to the environmental education, diverse activities were carried out with the participation of the several schools of Priego of Córdoba. These activities consisted of: a speech on the formation of fossils, including a guided visit to the "Cañada del Hornillo", where the children collected many ammonites and other fossils; a handicrafts workshop, where they were created, with stucco and clay, representative fossils of the Subbéticas; and the construction of a big mosaic sculpture of ammonite in the City Square of Priego of Córdoba.

Two guided visits were made inside the Geopark: from the Recreational Area of Santa Rita to the "Hoyones"; and from "Los Villares" to the "Puerto del Cerezo" and "Las Lagunillas".

3. Photos:

