European Geoparks Week 2013

Report

Name of Geopark: Hațeg Country Dinosaurs Geopark

Dates of EGN week: 3 – 8 June 2013 and 20 – 25 June (Geopark`s Days)

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Special motto of geoparks week: Dinoversity

1. Please give the following information:

- Number of activities/events during geoparks week 9
- Number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 40
- Number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 20
- Number of printed articles on EGN week activities 5
- Total number of visitors/participants 500

2. Highlight most successful activities of your Geoparks Week 2012:

Our most successful activities this year were those addressed to children. We had three such events: The stories of stones, Dino-workshop and Dinosaurs and the biodiversity, Dino eggs catching, opening of a tourist visiting point dedicated to dinosaurs, dino-exhibitions of schools involved in a National Discovery contest dedicated to dinosaurs. Some of the activities took place outdoor and the workshop at the geoparks visitors` centre.

Another successful activity was to organise the Geoparks Days (22-24 June) during which The Dwarf Dinosaurs House (exhibitions and interactive activities) was open.

The children who participate to these actions were very excited to learn and see more about dinosaurs and the Earth. The number of participants was double than what we have expected and some of the activities had to be repeated in the following days.

We successfully tested a new way of working with children during the workshop – instead of separate tasks, they had to work together imagining and building a model of the Hațeg Island, with volcanoes, dinosaurs and Cretaceous paleo-environment.

The number of press coverings was more than we expected, especially for the outdoor activities both from local and national tv channels and newspapers.