

Second Circular

11TH
**EUROPEAN
GEOPARKS
CONFERENCE**

19 - 21 September 2012
Arouca Geopark
Portugal

smart

inclusive

sustainable
growth

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introduction

The “European Strategy 2020” launched in June 2010 by the European Union, adopted three priorities: smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, aiming over the next decade to help Europe to exit successfully from the economic crisis. The Arouca Geopark has adopted the main aims of the “European Strategy 2020” focused on knowledge and innovation, a more sustainable economy, high rates of employment and social inclusion.

The Arouca Geopark, located in north of Portugal, was established in 2008 to develop the activities included on the Arouca Geopark Association (AGA) Strategic Plan 2008-2013. Currently AGA contributes to improve local economy and cultural identity through science, education and geotourism activities.



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Smart growth

Science Alive in the
Summer National
Program: Findind the
Freita Mountain´s geosites



Inclusive growth

GeoInvolve Project:
recovering of the
maize bread
traditional
production

Sustainable growth

New private
investments:
Trilobite restaurant

The **11th European Geoparks Conference** will be held at Secondary School of Arouca in the centre of Arouca town (Arouca Geopark, Portugal), **between 19th and 21st September 2012**, and intends to be a contribution for a smart, inclusive and sustainable growth on European Geoparks.

The Conference sessions will be credited for Portuguese teachers (1 credit).

The final programme will be available in the 3rd Circular: **3rd September 2012**.

All are welcomed.

organising committee

The **11th European Geoparks Conference** will be organized by AGA – Arouca Geopark Association in cooperation with the Arouca Municipality.

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guest speakers

Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission

- Key priorities of Europe 2020 Strategy: application to the European Geoparks

Nickolas Zouros, Coordinator of the European Geoparks Network

- Measuring progress in European Geoparks: a contribution for a smart, sustainable and inclusive growth of Europe

Hervé Passamar, Director of the Agency for the Development and the Enhancement of Heritage

- Analysis and studies of the social and economic impact of heritage

aims

- To reflect about the European Geoparks Network progress;
- To contribute for the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth of the European Geoparks;
- To share good experiences on Education Programs and Projects;
- To consolidate the European Geoparks as territories of excellence for Geotourism;
- To exchange new trends on geoconservation strategies;
- To present new public and private investments in Geoparks;
- To certificate Geoparks: a strong tool to foster European Geoparks.

presentation and topics

Oral and poster presentations will be planned on the following topics:

1. Smart, Inclusive, and Sustainable growth in Geoparks
2. Geoparks, Geotourism and Territorial Management
3. Education in Geoparks
4. Science and Research in Geoparks
4. Geoconservation: new challenges for Geoparks
5. Geoparks good practice projects
6. Labels, Certifications and Quality in Geoparks
7. Aspiring Geoparks

partners

- European Geoparks Network
- Global Geoparks Network
- ADRIMAG – Local Action Group
- Secondary School of Arouca
- University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- Geosciences Center of University of Coimbra
- Earth Sciences Center of University of Minho

- Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO
- Portuguese National Committee for the International Geoscience Programme (IGCP-UNESCO)
- IUGS – International Union of Geological Sciences – Geoheritage Task Group
- ProGEO Portugal
- Portuguese Geoparks Forum
- Porto and North of Portugal Tourism Entity
- ISLA - Higher Institute of Languages and Administration
- Portuguese Mines and Geological Sites Route

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programme

The **11th European Geoparks Conference** will be held at Secondary School of Arouca, in the centre of the town. The 11th European Geoparks Conference will comprise thematic oral sessions with guest speakers, selected oral presentations and poster sessions related to the main aims, as well as, a post-conference fieldtrip at the Arouca Geopark. The final programme will be available in the 3rd Circular: **September 3rd, 2012.**

19th of September 2012 | Wednesday

- 09h00 Opening of the Secretariat
- 10h00 Official opening of the Conference
- 11h00 Plenary meeting by invited key-note speakers
- 12h30 Lunch
- 14h30 Parallel sessions of oral communications
- 18h00 Poster sessions
- 19h00 End of the day 1
- 20h00 Reception dinner of the Conference
- 21h30 Cultural programme

20th of September 2012 | Thursday

- 09h00 Parallel sessions of oral communications
- 12h30 Lunch
- 14h00 Parallel sessions of oral communications
- 19h00 End of the day 2
- 20h00 State dinner of the Conference
- 21h30 Cultural Programme

21st of September 2012 | Friday

- 09h00 Fieldtrip at the Arouca Geopark

post-conference

field trips

Post-Conference field trip to Azores aspiring Geopark

September 22nd - 25th | Saturday - Tuesday

Soon more details: www.2012egnconference.com

Post-Conference field trip to Naturtejo Geopark

September 22nd - 24th | Saturday - Monday

Time and Space in the Naturtejo European & Global Geopark

Includes:

- Transfer to the airport
- Transport all over the excursion
- Two nights bed & breakfast
- 3 lunches and two dinners
- Safari and outdoor activity
- Guided visits
- Tickets for museums and monuments
- Travel assurance

Total cost: 265 €

Minimum of participants: 8

See details: www.2012egnconference.com

Insurance and liabilities of participants in the 11th European Geoparks Conference field trips – neither the 11th EGN Conference organization, nor the excursion leaders or their affiliations, shall assume any liability for possible accidents or any loss incurring the participants of the excursions.



conference registration

Participants wishing to attend the **11th European Geoparks Conference** must fill in and return the registration form via website www.2012egnconference.com, **until August 15th, 2012**.

Registration fees are reduced for submission forms before **May 31st, 2012**.

Please see the fees values bellow.



submission of papers

To present a communication (oral or poster) in the **11th European Geoparks Conference** an abstracts must be submitted **until June 30th** by e-mail to 2012egnconference@gmail.com, according to the template available in the website www.2012egnconference.com

No papers will accepted from authors not attending the Conference. In the case of multi-authored papers, at least one author must be formally registered for the meeting **until August 15th, 2012**.

Oral communications

The plenary meeting includes the participation of renowned international experts. Oral communications will take place in parallel sessions at Secondary School of Arouca rooms. Each communication session is 15 minutes long, with discussion included.

Poster communications

Posters will be presented in one moment of the Conference, on 19th September, according to the programme.

The posters rules are:

- Maximum poster size is A0 in portrait setting (we cannot display landscape posters).
- Do not use fonts smaller than 18 pt.
- Please prepare your poster so that it is understandable for the entire audience.
- We will provide pins and poster boards will be labelled.
- Posters should be up by the morning of 19th September.

publication of meeting contributions

The submitted and reviewed abstracts will be presented in a Proceedings volume presented at the time of the Conference, together with the rest of the registration package.

The authors of the most relevant abstracts for the **11th European Geoparks Conference** will be invited to prepare a full paper to be edited at a Special Volume of the international journal *Geoheritage* (Springer).

accommodation

Several establishments are available for the Conference. The following list presents the suitable accommodation. Please book your accommodation through the website: www.2012egnconference.com.

Accommodation in Arouca

Establishment		Webpage	Location
S. Pedro (3* hotel)		www.hotelspedro.com	Located in Arouca town
Quinta de Novais (rural hotel)		www.quintadenovais.com	Located in Novais – Santa Eulália (4km - 8min)
Casa de Cela (rural tourism) main house (1) rural house (2)		http://casadecela.com/	Located in Cela - Urrô (8km - 10min)
Casa do Pinto (rural tourism)		www.casadopinto.pt	Located in Canelas (13km - 17min)
Quinta da Mestra (rural tourism)		http://quintadamestra.com/	Located in Burgo (2km - 5min)
Quinta do Pomarinho (rural tourism)		http://quintadopomarinho.com/	Located in Romariz - Burgo (2km - 5min)
Quinta da Vila (rural tourism)		www.quintadavila.com	Located in Alvarenga (20km - 25min)
Vila Guiomar (rural tourism)		http://homepage.oniduo.pt/jose.fraza/VilaGuiomar.htm	Located in Alvarenga (20km - 25min)

Accommodation on the outskirts of Arouca

Establishment	Webpage	Location
WR Hotel (4* hotel) 	http://www.wrsjmhotel.com	Located in São João da Madeira (30 km - 40min)
Nova Cruz Hotel (3* hotel) 	http://www.novacruzhotel.com/	Located in Santa Maria da Feira (33km - 45m)
IBIS (2* hotel) 	http://www.ibishotel.com/pt/hotel-1729-ibis-porto-sul-europarque/index.shtml	Located in Santa Maria da Feira (37km - 45m)

ATT:

The payment must be made, after the registration, by bank transfer. Please note that all bank costs and money transfer costs must be prepaid by the registrant. So, be sure to pay all fees charged from your bank. We must receive your wire transfer amount in full. The order of payment should include your name as the issuer of the transference. After registration the participants must send proof of payment to the Conference Secretary by the e-mail 2012egnconference@gmail.com.

Account data for accommodation

Account name: Cambratur Viagens e Turismo Lda.

Account number: 0018 0003 3019009402044

Bank: Santader Totta SA

IBAN code: PT50001800033019009402044

SWIFT/BIC Code: TOTATP

travel and transfers

The Oporto International Airport and the Campanhã railway station (Oporto City) will be the meeting points for transfer to Arouca.

There will be transfers on 18th September from Oporto International Airport and the Campanhã railway station (Oporto City) to the Hotels. There will be no transfers from other Portuguese airport.

Timetable: 18th September

12h00
15h00
17h00
20h00

During the Conference days 5 different transfers will be provided between Secondary School of Arouca and the hotels according the following scheme.



LEGEND

- Transfer 1 (Ibis Hotel - Secondary School of Arouca)
- Transfer 2 (Nova Cruz Hotel - Secondary School of Arouca)
- Transfer 3 (WR Hotel - Secondary School of Arouca)
- Transfer 4 (Quinta de Novais Rural Hotel - Casa de Cela Rural Tourism - Quinta da Mestra Rural Tourism - Quinta do Pomarinho Rural Tourism - Secondary School of Arouca)
- Transfer 5 (Vila Guiomar Rural Tourism - Quinta da Vila Rural Tourism - Casa do Pinto Rural Tourism - Secondary School of Arouca)
- 11th EUROPEAN GEOPARKS CONFERENCE
- S. Pedro Hotel Located in Arouca town

There will be transfers on 21st and 22nd September from the Hotels to the Oporto International Airport. There will be no transfers to other Portuguese airport.

Timetable: 21st September

10h00
14h00
18h00
22h00

Timetable: 22nd September

06h00
08h00
10h00
12h00

accompanying persons programme

The Tourist Office in Arouca will provide a special program for accompanying persons, visiting the main places of the Arouca Geopark and Oporto city. Accompanying persons need not register for the Conference, but if they want to attend the Conference dinners or the Conference field trip, they will need to make reservations and pay the respective fees for those events.

expected weather

The dates selected in late summer are ideal for Arouca, when fair weather and daily temperatures ranging from 20 to 24°C (lows between 10-12°C) are typical.



Those participants requiring an official invitation letter for visa purposes, or requests for funding to the appropriate bodies, must write to the organizers indicating their name, passport number, title, sex, length of stay in Portugal, nationality, affiliation and current postal address. The letter will be mailed once registration and abstract acceptance have been confirmed.

registration fees

Early Registration: 250,00 €(before 31st of May)

Regular Registration: 300,00 €

Early Student Registration: 200,00 €(before 31st of May)

Student Registration: 250,00 €

Accompanying Persons: 150,00 € (without the right to proceedings volume and promotional materials)

The Registration Congress Fee includes:

- Proceedings volume
- Promotional materials
- Coffee-breaks
- Lunches
- Reception dinner
- State dinner
- Airport and Hotel Transfer
- Conference fieldtrip to the Arouca Geopark
- Opening and closing ceremonies
- Cultural programme

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Account data for registration

Account name: AGA – Associação Geoparque Arouca

Account number: 0045 1020 4024817311153

Bank: Caixa de Crédito Agrícola Mútuo

IBAN code: PT50004510204024817311153

SWIFT/BIC Code: CCCMPTPL

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