

Beigua Regional Nature Park (Italy)



During 2007 the Beigua Regional Nature Park (European and UNESCO Global Geopark) continued his work to improve the geological heritage conservation activities within the frame of the wider and more complex strategy of conservation of the natural and cultural-historical heritage the protected area has. New projects and opportunities were developed. *Highlights of the year included:*

- In the period between April and June three temporary exhibitions were organized in Beigua Geopark:
 1. Temporary exhibition “A 30 million years old tropical forest in Santa Giustina area” in the Natural History Civic Museum of Genoa from April 17th until July 29th 2007. The exhibition was organized in cooperation with the Earth Sciences Department of the University of Genoa and the Municipality of Stella. 9.037 people (2.788 of them were students) visited the exhibition in Genoa.
 2. Temporary exhibition “Fossil coral reefs in Ponte Prina Site” in Sassello from June 3rd until June 30th 2007. The exhibition was organized in cooperation with the Environment and Earth Sciences Department of the University of Genoa and the Municipality of Sassello
 3. Temporary photographic exhibition “Landscapes, Geodiversity, Biodiversity in Beigua Park – Beigua Geopark” by the naturalistic photographer Roberto Malacrida. The exhibition began on May 30th 2007 in Varazze and travelled in others Municipalities of the Geopark (Sassello, Cogoleto, Stella)

- On May 27th the renewed Infopoint in Prariondo dedicated to the main lithological characteristics of Beigua Geopark was opened. Several other activities were organized under the umbrella of the European Geoparks Week
- The annual meeting of the Italian Coordination of Ophiolitic Protected Areas (C.A.P.O. – Coordinamento Aree Protette Ofiolitiche) was hosted in Arenzano, headquarters of Beigua Geopark (31st May – 1st June 2007) with the presentation of the book “Italian tour discovering ophiolitic rocks territories”
- In November 2007 Beigua Geopark attended the National Science Festival of Genoa 25th October – 6th November 2007; an open space laboratory about the paleontological heritage of the Beigua Geopark was organized and information panels about EGN and GGN were exhibited. 2.473 people (1.749 of them were students) visited the laboratory during the festival

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Caption : The renewed Beigua Geopark Information Point at Prariondo (May 2007)