

## **European and Global Geopark Bergstrasse-Odenwald Activity Report September 2007 – March 2008**

September - March: Participation in the elaboration of the Regional Development Programme (2007-2013) for the central area of the Geopark (as European Funds application document); member of the Regional Steering Group; Participation in the elaboration of the new Regional Tourism Concept; member of the Regional Steering Group; Participation in the working group for the development of the visitor information center, UNESCO world heritage Messel pit

September 2007: Annual meeting of the EGN, Northern Highlands; presentation of the Geotope 2007 (Pleistocene dune landscape in the Rhinegraben), cooperation contract with the Global Geopark Mt. Lushan (PR China) – visit and field trip; annual Geo-Naturpark day; workshop “regional marketing” with regional government; celebration of Geopark-focussed primary school; Geopark consultancy for the Westerwald territory; Field University, Lesvos

October 2007: presentation of the Geopark short movie for all Geopark information centers, entrance gates and member communities; “stone music” adventure day at the Felsenmeer; celebration of as Quality Nature park; presentation of the hiking map No. 18; certificates for Geopark on site and Geopark on the farm guides; participation in TAIEX workshop Sibiu, Romania

November 2007: 3 day workshop for a delegation of 25 teachers of the European and Global Geopark Gea Norvegica – geo-education, Ranger programme, school cooperation projects, field trips; preparation of “Forest Art 2008”; implementation of web-cam at the adventure trail “wine and rocks”

December 2007: meeting of the Geo-InfoNet (network of all Geopark information facilities in the territory), INTERREG meeting, Dublin; preparation and conception of “Geopark in Action” event 2008 in discovery area “High Odenwald”; Geo-working group – field trips, teacher tours; conception of the book “wine and rocks”; Christmas event with the Odenwald-Quelle (mineral water producer and sponsor of the Geopark) in the frame of a joint series of “adventure days”

January 2008: workshop “marketing and public relations” for regional farmers; preparation of the “Odenwald-Quelle” adventure days 2008; presentation of the new Geopark Information Terminals for Geopark entrance gates, information centers and member communities; presentation of the new Geopark overview map, preparation of Felsenmeer exhibition panels, meeting “Forest Art 2008”, registration and submission - international meetings 2008 (GGN meeting - Osnabrück; IGC - Oslo; Geotope 2008 Königslutter); preparation and conception of the EGN week 2008; contribution to the INTERREG IV C application of EGN

February 2008: meeting with sculptor for several projects “granite and sandstone”; meeting with the “Sparkasse-foundation”, conception of the Art-

trail 2008, conception of the “sandstone year 2008” with webpage and events; exhibition “climate change” in cooperation with the Museum Bensheim and the Bergstrasse wine growers; conception and meeting – Geotope 2008; participation in 4 Local Action Groups (entire Geopark territory) within the frame of LEADER+ follow up funding, development of framework for Geopark projects 2008-2013

March 2008: meeting with the city of Lorsch and the WHS Kloster Lorsch – development of touristic programme; annual meeting of all Geopark member communities; celebration: finalization of the Geopark hiking map collection (20 single maps, 1:20000) for the entire territory; conception and preparation of the project “Mediterranean garden” in cooperation with the Bergstrasse wine growers, the Hessian department of forestry and the climate network “Klaranet”; presentation of a new kind of Geopark information leaflet, presenting a Geopark Discovery Area

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