

# **Bohemian Paradise- European Geopark**

Overview of the most important activities September 07 – March 08

## **1. Contribution towards the work of the Network**

- Participation in EGN Coordination meeting and 7th European Geopark Network Open Conference in Ulapool by two Geopark representatives (2 lectures).
- Bohemian Paradise Geopark has become a sought-after destination for introduction of thoughts on the network of European Geoparks, for representatives from the Slovakia and Poland. Consultancies were rendered to Slovak-Hungarian Geopark and Poland on their applications for membership of the European Network.
- Participation in International conference in prepared Slovakian-Hungarian Geopark, (lecture “European Geoparks Network”), 65 participants December 2007, Fil’akovo, Slovakia
- Participation in the International year of Earth – exhibition and opening ceremony in Prague – February 2008

## **2. Science and surveying**

- Research in palaeontology, mineralogy, the sandstone phenomenon, tectonics and volcanology has continued.
- Participation in 3<sup>rd</sup> congress of Czech Geological Society Volary 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2007
- Participation in the National Workshop – Popularization of geology, September 2007 ( lectures: Publishing house of Czech Geological Service – window to the world of geology, Popularization of geology on Czech internet, International year of Earth – new chance for geoscience in the Czech Republic, European Geoparks UNESCO as a tool for popularization of geology, New methods and forms of work for teachers)

## **3. Management structure**

- Bohemian Paradise Geopark Public Benefit Association Bohemian Paradise Geopark Public Benefit Association has established expert advice

## **4. Conservation (geoconservation)**

- Reconstruction of instructive path between Bitouchov and Podspalov
- Autumn cleaning of Bohemian Paradise 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 54 participants worked for 600 hours. Modifications against erosion on Vranovsky edge and in Besednicke rocks, disposal of disallowed waste disposal and cleaning of tourist routing in Maloskalsko, cleaning of Jizera river from the boat and cleanup of invasive pine-tree in Drabovna (Mala Skala)

## **5. Marketing and promotional activities**

- The exhibition “Geopark Bohemian Paradise – a chance for the region”, which introduces the idea and operation of European Geoparks with supporting films and lectures, took place in 12 places in the Geopark.
- Day of Bohemian Paradise Geopark UNESCO (20<sup>th</sup> September)

- Program for schools - we perceive nature by all senses

## **6. Participation in common activities**

- Power of plants (8<sup>th</sup> September)
- We recognize mushrooms of Bohemian Paradise (15<sup>th</sup> September)
- On bicycle from Lomnice to Kozákov (22<sup>nd</sup> September)
- Day of Bohemian Paradise Geopark UNESCO (20<sup>th</sup> September)
- Program for schools - We perceive nature by all senses
- temporary exhibition „Bohemian Garnet“
- temporary exhibition “Agates and jaspers”
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wenceslas neighbours meeting - presentation of the films with Bohemian Paradise, live music, celebration of 80 years of tramping in valley of Žehrovka (22<sup>nd</sup> September)
- Christmas, Christmas is coming (15<sup>th</sup> December)-production of decoration of birds from seeds and suet, singing of Christmas carols
- 3 new geopath in Nová Paka surroundings
- new outside geological exposition at Tatobity

## **7. Geotourism actions**

- Day of Bohemian Paradise Geopark (20<sup>th</sup> September) Program for schools - we perceive nature by all senses
- Exploring geological history of the Geopark
- Bird watching
- February 2008 - 25 geotourists from Kazachstan

## **8. Educational activities**

- 3 students' final work was finished
- 128 hours of lectures for schools

## **8. Creation of promotional material**

- Four new postcards of the Bohemian Paradise Geopark
- Advertising of the Bohemian Paradise European Geopark in mass media
- Guide on Czech, Moravian and Silesia 2 – Bohemian Paradise – Turnov and Semily surroundings
- Guide on Czech, Moravian and Silesia 10 – Bohemian Paradise – Jičín and Nová Paka surroundings
- Book Nová Paka surroundings – East gate to the Bohemian Paradise Geopark

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