

Geopark Naturtejo Meseta Meridional – UNESCO European and Global Geopark, Portugal Report September 2007-February 2008

In this report Naturtejo Geopark presents briefly the main activities developed directly by the Geopark staff. More information on every subject may be found in www.naturtejo.com/conteudos/pt/conteudos.php (see Relatorios in the Portuguese version of the webpage despite the reports are in English(!): no one is perfect and we are still working on it!)

2007

September

1-2nd, 15th September – **Geology in summer – The Fossils Trail: finding the remains of the sea from 480 My ago swarming with life.**

6th September – **Visit to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and the Boulders Trail of Monsanto.**

7-8th September – **15th Chopard Rally of Old Cars.**

12-14th September – **GEOITALIA: forum italiano di scienze della terra in Rimini, Italy.**

1-16th September – **7th European Geoparks Network Conference in the NW Highlands Geopark (Scotland).**

12-15th, 19-22nd September – **Educational visit of English journalists to the Naturtejo Geopark.**

1-28th September – **Environmental sensitization in the Jumbo mall.**

25th September- 3rd October – **Intensive course “Geopark management and Geotourism” and workshop “Geomorphosites, Geoparks and Geotourism (Lesvos).**

28th September – **1st Meeting on the History-Cultural and Archeological Heritage of Castelo Branco in Vila de Rei.**

October

October – **Courses “Guides for Leisure and Nature Programs” and “Ornithology in the Idanha-a-Nova municipality”.**

16-17th October – **Eureka Tourism Brokerage Event.**

22-23rd October – **Geopark Cabo de Gata-Níjar Week.**

24th October – **Subbeticas Geopark Week.**

30th October – **New Educational Programs run by Naturtejo Geopark.**

November

10th November – **Official opening of the International Year of Planet Earth in Lisbon.**

10, 21-22nd November – **Educational programs for national schools and the ones from the Geopark territory already online.**

12, 14, 20, 21st November – **Course “Guides for Leisure and Nature Programs”.**

“Meet your Geopark” in the Alcains High School.

18th November – **Gardunha Trail with the Lourical do Campo village.**

19-30th November – **Exhibition “600 million years illustrated” in the Nuno Álvares High School.**

24th November – **Workshop “There is gold in Foz” about panning activity in Foz do Cobre and its valorization as tourist product.**

30th November – **International Seminar on Tourism in Natural Protected Sites.**

30th November – **Terragaze mobile presented in the updated Terragaze website.**

December

6th December – **Geopark Naturtejo as example in Workshop Arouca.**

8th December – **Full day's walking in the long trail GR22-E7.**

20th December – **Project “Moving Holidays” brings students from Sertã to the Geopark.**

27th December – **Naturtejo starts tourist certification for local private partners.**

28th December – **The programme for European Geoparks Week 2008 is concluded.**

2008

January

16th January – **Naturtejo Geopark wins the Honour Prize in the Tourism of Portugal 2008 award.**

16th January – **Incentivos Outdoor and the national railway company presented new cultural programs in the Naturtejo Geopark.**

22nd January – **I Seminar on Social Economy in Castelo Branco.**

26th January – **The landscapes Nature – an inner travel.**

26th January – **Workshop “Tourism in the Naturtejo Geopark.**

26th January – **Naturtejo wins the Bronze Medal in the Telegraph's Portuguese highlights.**

29th January – **New promotional tools for Naturtejo Geopark.**

30th January-3rd February – **FITUR2008 – celebrating Iberian Geoparks from the European Geoparks Network.**

February

February – **Post-Graduation in Tourism Marketing.**

11th February – **Amato Lusitano High School invades Penha Garcia Ichnological Park.**

16th February – **Fundão High School visits geosites at Naturtejo Geopark.**

18th February – **Oleiros municipality discusses Tourism.**

22nd February – Discussion meeting against the possibility of opening an Uranium mine in Nisa.

26th February – **Welcome to the aspiring municipalities of Naturtejo.**

29th February-2nd March – **FIO2008 – International Tourism Fair on Ornithology.**