



**Oppening of the new geology museum in the “Maison du Parc” in Apt.**

### **LUBERON GEOPARK, 2007 Annual Report**

The Luberon Geopark has continued its actions on four main lines: protection of geological heritage, scientific research in partnership with universities and natural history museums, communication and education activities, valorisation of geological sites

Four highlights of 2007:

1 - Educational sessions for the discovery of geological environment: “Memories of the rocks” and “Art and geology” in 2006/2007 for 625 pupils of elementary and high schools.

2 - Scientific research

- Excavations on different places: medieval sites of palaeometallurgy, archeologic flint sites.

- Research on sedimentology of the langhian-serravallian deposits of Cabrières-d’Aigues from July to September, 2007, by a university student.

3 - **20th anniversary of the Luberon Geological Nature Reserve** during the **Geoparks week**. Exhibitions (« Extraits de Pierre » : stone quarries in the Luberon, « Fossiles d’ici et d’ailleurs » : fossils exhibition), georium, conferences, guided tours, sculpture, mineral ressources workshops, etc.

And only for the geoparks week : outdoor conference, guided visits of an ocher mine, exhibition of school works (Art and geology), conferences, walks, etc.

4 - Opening of the new geological museum of the Park’s visitors Centre in Apt : through a various collection of fossils from the Luberon area, a rich illustration, playful manipulations and explanations tailored to the general public, it offers a new geological look at the Luberon landscapes and long history. Edition of leaflets.