

European Geoparks Week 2008
Report

Name of Geopark: **TERRA.vita**.....

Dates of geoparks week: **June 16 - June 29**.....

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Special motto of geoparks week: **Communication (3rd International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks)**

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events held in geoparks week 60.....
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events 20.....
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 7000 flyer,
200 Poster
- total number of visitors/participants 350
(Conference)
ca. 5000 (public Geoparks Fair), ca. 5000 (Dinosaur Exhibition)

2. Describe the Geoparks Week 2008:

In 2008, the Geoparks-Week was completely focussed on the 3rd International UNESCO Geoparks Conference that took place in Osnabrück. According to the central item of the congress "communication", a number of public events were linked to the congress. First of all, a public lecture program was set up, introducing a number of items connected to earth heritage, environment and development. It started already in march 2008 and ran until the end of June.

From May until June, an open air exhibition on dinosaurs ("Giants of the past") was shown in four villages in the northern part of TERRA.vita. Information panels explained the 15 life-size models.

From June 21 - June 22 the first global Geoparks Fair took place in Osnabrück. On the market square nearly all global Geoparks joined the exhibition and took part. A wide public was attracted by the presentations of the parks as well as by the supporting programme including the première of a pupils musical "Mary and the dinosaurs".

A new Geopark-Information Center was opened during the Geoparks week. It is integrated into the Osnabrück museum for nature and environment and gives the impression of quarries and sand pits being put up like a stage in the museums rooms.

3. Photos:

