



## **Annual Report on past and scheduled Activities**

**March 2014**

The main achievements of the Hellenic Geoparks forum during the last 6 months are the following:

- Several Forum's e-conferences on Geopark activities coordination among the members.
- Continuous support to and collaboration with the National Commission for UNESCO as well as the National Delegation at UNESCO regarding the discussions for the IGPP project establishment.
- The Forum supported actively the preparations for the submission of two applications from aspiring geoparks in Greece (Tethys-Grevena and Sitia), as well as offered expertise and support for the preparation of the application of Troodos aspiring geopark of Cyprus.
- A meeting of HGF took place on 16-17 October 2014 at Vikos –Aaos geopark on the occasion of the presentation of outcomes of a transnational cooperation project between the geopark and an Albanian territory, to develop geotouristic activities. All geoparks participated presenting their experience and European and Global Geoparks Networks.
- N. Zouros represented the Forum at a conference organized in Cyprus for the establishment of the Akamas Geopark project on August 29-30, 2014
- C. Fassoulas represented the Forum at the open ceremony of the exhibition on "Geocreations" developed by the Psiloritis Geopark and Troodos aspiring geopark at Heraklion Crete between 12 – 24 October 2014.
- Greek Geoparks were presented at the Exhibition AEGEAN "The birth of an Archipelago" hosted at Vittoriano in Rome, February 2015.
- HGF through a report that had presented, participated in a meeting coorganised by the Hellenic Commission for UNESCO and the Architect department of Technical University of Crete on the World Heritage sites that was hosted at Chania, Crete, Greece on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2015.

- Responded in various requests from other geoparks or countries on the Forum operation or the Hellenic geoparks.
- Review of the Hellenic Geoparks Forum webpage

For the forthcoming period the Forum is organizing the following activities:

- Preparation of a geoparks workshop that will be organized by the Helmos-Vuraikos geopark in Spring 2015.
- Collaboration with the new ministry authorities for Geoparks and geotourism
- Publication of a booklet on the Greek Geoparks.

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