

International Intensive Course on Geoparks 2009

« Earth Heritage and Nature Conservation: Geopark's Management and Action Plans »

Lesvos Island - Greece, 29 September – 3 October 2009

In collaboration with:

**Global Geoparks Network - UNESCO
European Geoparks Network**

Organization:

**University of the Aegean – Department of Geography
Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest**

Application deadline: June 30th, 2009

Invitation

The University of the Aegean - Department of Geography and the Natural History Museum - Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark invite you to participate in the Intensive Course "**Earth Heritage and Nature Conservation: Geopark's Management and Action Plans**" on Lesvos Island, Greece, from **September 29 to October 3, 2009**.

The 3rd International Intensive Course on Geoparks is co organized in close cooperation with the Global Geoparks Network, the European Geoparks Network and the Working Group "Geomorphosites" of the International Association of Geomorphology (IAG). The Course will take place on Lesvos, at the premises of the Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark.

The course is open to Geopark staff members with a degree in Geosciences, to PhD and Master students working on geopark, geotourism, geosite, geomorphosite and landscape topics, as well as to Geoscientists having a special interest on the topic.

Those who are interested in participating in the course are invited to send an application form accompanied by a short CV and an abstract (one page) of their presentation (Geopark action plan, PhD thesis or Master project thesis), which they will present during the Course.

Information on the Intensive Course

Title: **"Earth Heritage and Nature Conservation: Geopark's Management and Action Plans"**

Language: English

Participation: 20-30 Geoparks staff members and PhD and Master students,

Organisation: Department of Geography - University of the Aegean, Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest

Co- Organisers: Global Geoparks Network, European Geoparks Network, Working Group "Geomorphosites" of the IAG

Patronage: UNESCO

Date: September 29 – October 3, 2009

Venue: University of the Aegean - Department of Geography, Mytilene
Natural History Museum of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, Sigri, Lesvos, Greece.

Access: Transportation from Mytilene airport by coaches will be arranged.

Application deadline: **June 30th, 2009**

Scientific direction: As. Prof. Nickolas Zouros, University of the Aegean

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Programme

Day 1 (Tuesday 29th September): Welcome Session; Lectures

Day 2 (Wednesday 30th September): Field trip in Lesvos Geopark

Day 3 (Thursday 1st October): Lectures

Day 4 (Friday 2nd October): Field work in the Petrified Forest Park

Day 5 (Saturday 3rd October): Workshops

Registration

All participants are kindly requested to complete the [Registration form](#) and submit it electronically or by fax to the Organising Committee, to the following address:

Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest
8th November 17, Mytilene, Lesvos Isl.,
GR- 81100, GREECE
Fax Number: +30 22510 47033
e-mail: lesvospf@otenet.gr

Registration Fee

Registration Fee: **€150** (including lessons by International staff, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS BOOK, didactic material, field trips during the course, meals during field trips, transportation from and to Mytilene airport).

Accommodation and Meals: **€280** (including 6 nights accommodation in a double room in a Hotel and 2 meals daily during the course).

The Registration Fee covers the right to attend the Course, including lessons by International staff, **EUROPEAN GEOPARKS BOOK**, didactic material, field trips during the course, meals during field trips, transportation from and to Mytilene airport, **but not the travel to Lesvos.**

All payments related with the workshop must be made to the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest. A written confirmation will be sent to all registered participants.

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Registration fees can be paid by Bank transfer:

Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest
Account number: IBAN GR03 0150 0580 0000 9800 3698 432,
SWIFT: GHBAGRAA

Name of the bank: Geniki Bank / Mytilene Branch

A copy of the bank transfer action must be sent to the Natural History Museum by mail or fax. Unless a copy of the bank transfer is sent, the registration will not be processed.

General Information

Transportation

Arrival by air: Ulysses Elytis International Airport of Lesvos Island (airport code MJT) has several daily connections to Athens and Thessaloniki.

Charter flights from the UK, Germany and other countries can be also used.

Delegates are strongly recommended to book air travel as early as possible, since

Greece is a busy tourist destination.

There is a regular public bus connection between the airport and the Mytilene city centre, which is located 8 km to the north of the airport.

Arrival by boat: Ferries to Mytilene depart from Piraeus Port (daily), Thessaloniki, Alexandroupolis and Kavala.

Sigri village, where the Natural History Museum of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos is, is located on the west side of Lesvos Island, 96 km from Mytilene.

Climate : The weather is usually mild in September, but it can occasionally be wet. Temperatures may reach well above 25° C. Sunny days with high humidity and perhaps cool nights should be expected.

Useful addresses

Some Internet addresses that might be of use to the participants:

Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest

<http://www.lesvosmuseum.gr>

Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark

<http://www.petrifiedforest.gr>

The Friends of the Lesvos Petrified Forest Association

<http://www.petrifiedforest.gr/filoi>

European Geoparks Network

<http://www.europeangeoparks.org>