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To Associate Professor Nickolas Zouros
Head of the Department of Geography
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Dear Mr Zouros,

First of all let me wish you a happy and productive New Year.

I hope that 2012 will provide you with new energy and creative ideas in order to promote environmental understanding and sustainable development which lie at the heart of UNESCO.

Further to the proposal to extend the existing Geopark to the whole island of Lesvos, I am addressing this letter to you in order to firmly support your application.

Taking into account the excellent collaboration, during the last years, between the Greek National Commission of UNESCO and the Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark, the progress and success of its activities and the commitment to the protection and promotion of the geological heritage and geopark development in Greece, we would like to welcome the initiative of extending the existing Petrified Forest European and Global Geopark to include the whole Lesvos island.

We believe that the proposed Lesvos Geopark will work under the same principals and quality standards as the existing geopark and therefore, the Hellenic National Commission of UNESCO wishes to hereby endorse the application of the Lesvos Geopark for membership in the European and Global Geoparks Network.

I firmly believe that the proposed extended Geopark will further the geological heritage protection, promotion and support of local development.

Best regards

Ekaterini Tzifzikosta

President