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The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest on Saturday, June 29, 2019 organized an informative event on Lesvos Geopark for secondary education teachers from Athens entitled "Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark and Lesvos Petrified Forest – Education for the environment and sustainability". The event was held at the courtyard of the Archaeological Collection of Eressos in Skala of Eressos and was organized by the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest and the Eressos Tourism Association. At the event participated 33 secondary education teachers from 23 schools of Athens.

During the event, the teachers were trained on issues related to UNESCO Global Geoparks and were introduced to the opportunities offered by Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark for the educational visits. The teachers got familiar with the geological and natural environment of Lesvos, the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, the rocks, gastronomy, culture and archaeological monuments of Lesvos but also for the natural phenomena such as volcanism, geothermal energy, earthquakes, which can be used for the implementation of thematic educational programs in Lesvos by school students.

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Prof. Nikolaos Zouros, Director of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest and Mr Panagiotis Mantzoros, President of Eressos Tourism Association during the event



The secondary school teachers during the event at Skala Eressos

Presentation by Professor Nikolaos Zouros

During the event Prof. Nikolaos Zouros, Director of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest presented to the teachers the RURITAGE program and its actions, the Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark and its rich natural and cultural heritage. He also presented them different examples of how they can utilize the unique geological, natural and cultural richness of Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark for their educational purposes.

Then, Mrs. Barbara Petridou, chief of the Environmental Education Office of the 2nd Directorate of Athens made a presentation entitled "Environmental Education at UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece in 21st Century" and then the teachers participated in educational games.

To the participants during the event were also provided educational and informative material as well as maps of Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark prepared by the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest.



Presentation of the RURITAGE program and its actions in Lesvos by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros to the secondary school teachers from Athens



Presentation of Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark by Prof. Nikolaos Zouros



Presentation by Mrs Barbara Petridou during the event

The teachers had also the opportunity to visit the Sigrí Petrified Forest open air park, the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest but also important geological and cultural monuments of Lesvos. The event was very successful and the secondary school teachers were looking forward for the new school year in order to implement all their new knowledge and make activities with their school students but also to organise educational school visits in Lesvos.



Discussion with the secondary school teachers during the event



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