

2016 Cyprus National Committee of the International Geoscience Program Report

The Cyprus Geological Survey Department (GSD) as it is the representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the National Committee of the IGCP, provides feedback to the IGCP projects as well as to the Unesco Global Geoparks (UGG), the Global Geoparks Network (GGN), the European Geoparks Network (EGN) and the Troodos Unesco Global Geopark.

Activities during 2016:

- The GSD co-organized with the IGCP-649 project leadership, the workshop with title "Probing the Oceanic Mantle: Troodos Ophiolite as a case study", which was held in Agros village (Cyprus), between 14th – 20th May, 2016.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the GSD and the project IGCP-649 leadership, to co-operate on various scientific studies in the Troodos ophiolite and especially the crust and the upper mantle units.
- Constantly support to the Troodos Unesco Global Geopark:
 1. Payment of the annual and promotional fees of the Geopark to the UGG and EGN respectively.
 2. Participation of the geoscientist of the Troodos Geopark to the meetings of the EGN (Basque Coast UGG 16th - 19th March, 2016) and the GGN (English Riviera UGG 26th September, 2016) and the conference of the UGG (English Riviera UGG 27th – 30th September, 2016).
 3. Submission to the UGG, GGN and EGN, of two progress reports for the Troodos Geopark with the contribution of the Troodos Geopark Operator (Troodos District Development Company).
 4. During 2016, various guiding and informational signs within the Geopark area have been constructed and installed to increase the visibility of the Troodos UGG.
 5. The Troodos Geopark is participating to the EGN magazine for the 2016, with an article with title "THE VISIBILITY PROJECT OF THE TROODOS GEOPARK" by Dr Efthymios Tsiolakis, geoscientist of the Troodos UGG.
 6. During 2016 the "Geoparks Corner" inside the Troodos UGG Visitor Centre and the translation of the Geopark movie in German, French and Russian languages regarding the genesis of the Troodos ophiolite and the natural and cultural heritage of the area, have been prepared.

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