

Société Géologique de France - French National Committee of the International Geoscience Program – Annual Report 2016

The role of the SGF-IGGP is to:

- Support and encourage submission of French-led proposals to the IGCP Scientific Board;
- identify proposed IGCP projects of potential interest to France and encourage the emergence of a leader to coordinate French activities with respect to this IGCP;
- provide feedback on French geoscience issues and priorities to IGGP and UNESCO;
- be the official voice representing France to IGGP and to represent IGGP to French geoscientists;
- place French geoscience to be effective in interactions with UNESCO and other organizations worldwide.

The Vice-President for Foreign Affairs of the Société Géologique de France chairs the SGF-IGGP.

Current membership is as follows:

- François Baudin (Chair)
- Taniel Danelian (in charge of IGCP Projects)
- Patrick De Wever (in charge of Geopark and Geoheritages Projects)

2016 Activities report

1 – The IGCP project 653 started in 2016. This year thus served essentially to launch the programme, through different meetings (Durham in the U.K., Lille and Lyon in France), and through the opening of a webpage: www.igcp653.org.

Over 180 scientists have already joined this programme, led by Dr. Thomas Servais (Univ. Lille).

2 – Three new IGCP applications that involve French co-leaders were submitted for evaluation in 2016. These are entitled as follows:

- *"Improved regional seismotectonic map in Africa: a key component for the seismic hazard and risk assessment (SEISMOSHAF)"*
- *"Reading geologic time in Paleozoic sedimentary rocks: the need for an integrated stratigraphy"*
- *"Toarcian Oceanic Anoxic Event: impact on marine carbon cycle and ecosystems"*

A letter, endorsing and supporting the proposal, was provided by the SGF-IGGP.

3 – SGF participates in the "office report" evaluations for candidate Geoparks

Respectfully submitted by:

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