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Dear Ms Marie-laure Faber

Subject: Submission of the IGCP National Committee

I refer to the subject above and I would like to inform you that Cyprus, has carried out the following activities during the 2017 that may concern the IGCP:

1. On 9 November 2017, the Cyprus Geological Survey Department, in collaboration with the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus Civil Defense have organized an event, open to the public, to celebrate the World Tsunami Awareness Day 2017.

The event included short films, videos, simulations and presentations and focused on the tsunami early warning system in the Mediterranean and tsunami hazard of Cyprus, as well as the necessary mitigation measures that need to be taken by the state.

The United Nations, in December 2015, designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day to promote a global culture of tsunami awareness. The World Tsunami Awareness Day aligns with the International Day for Disaster Reduction and the "Sendai Seven Campaign" and in 2017 has focused on Target B of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction which aims at reducing the number of affected people globally by disasters.

2. In the overall activities of PAFOS 2017 (European Capital of Culture), on 4 November 2017, the Cyprus Geological Survey Department, in collaboration with the Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus (Ministry of Education and Culture), Akamas Project, National Committee of UNESCO and the communities of Akamas organized an event, titled "Global Network of Geoparks: Benefits and Prospects for Sustainable Development – The role of Environmental Education".

The purpose of the event was to inform the public about the UNESCO World Geopark network, the benefits and prospects arising from the geoparks and the role that the environmental education in geoparks can play.



3. For European Minerals Day 2017, the Geological Survey Department between 22 and 24 September 2017, organized an open Day at the A. L. Botanical Garden and the Troodos Geopark Visitors Center and Amiantos Mine. The event welcomed 267 visitors and was organized in partnership with the Department of Forests and ANET Troodos.

The purpose of the event was to give the opportunity to the public to visit the Botanical Garden and the Troodos Geopark Visitors Center developed in the premises of the Asbestos mine and learn about the mineral resources of Cyprus. At the same time it was important to show the visitors the biodiversity of the area and show them the restoration works executed so far at the Amiantos (Asbestos) Mine. Relative information leaflets were distributed to the visitors.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

Best regards,



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