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He is Director at the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest since its foundation in 1995 with main duties regarding protection, research and promotion of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, a National Natural Monument. He is the Coordinator of the Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark.



Nickolas Zouros is one of the founders of the European Geoparks Network in 2000 and elected Coordinator since 2003. He organized several international conferences, meetings and workshops on Geoparks. Since 2004 works closely with UNESCO to promote and develop the Geoparks concept in Europe but, increasingly, in other parts of the world as a member of the Global Geoparks Bureau. He has evaluated Geoparks in many countries. He is President of the Global Geoparks Network Executive Board (since 2014).

He was coordinator and researcher in a series of research projects on seismic hazard in the Aegean islands and on neotectonic studies in Greece and abroad.

He is author of more than 100 scientific articles in international journals and conference proceedings. Many of his publications focus on geoparks, earthquake geology, neotectonics and geohazard awareness raising. He is author of 20 books on Geoparks, Geo-conservation and Geo-tourism. He is the editor of the European Geoparks magazine and co-editor of the European Geoparks book.

He is member of the Central Council of Antiquities in the Greek Ministry of Culture and the Seismotectonic Commission of the Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (EPPO) of Greece.