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GEOPARK NATURTEJO DA MESETA MERIDIONAL-EUROPEAN AND GLOBAL GEOPARK - MONTHLY REPORT

In this issue: – 34th Meeting of the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee – Geopark in the All-Terrain international calendar – Women Orienteering at the Geopark – Public disclosure of the Annual Project and the game “Discovering Almourão”...and more!



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Geo-histories of our places and people: Sobral

“The vigorous relief, with rounded summits rushing themselves in the steep slopes, grooved by the water streams, creating alternate sequences of valleys and watershed ridges. (...) In higher grounds, the sight over the rivers, especially in the Zêzere case, becomes confused and unclear; each section seems to belong to a different river, with different orientations and running in opposite ways with the contiguous sections. The river fitting is, sometimes, fierce, with steep and craggy slopes.”

Portugal Património (2007)

In the ridges that drop to the Zêzere valley, from 900 to the 300m high, in this emblematic Naturtejo Geopark geomonument in the Oleiros landscape, 14 white villages and places standing from the monotonous green find their balance: this is the universe of Sobral. In an area of 18,2 km² live 160 people spread in a wide and torturous landscape, where converge the deep valleys of Madeirã, Galdim and Plinzim. It's a modern and simple land; do not expect to find here some monuments worth mentioning. Sobral was raised to parish in 1804 two years later the mother church was built. From the original, only left the bell tower and the entrance arch, enclosing the main festival square. In the area limit, a new church dates from 1969 and it is simple and functional, with a harmonious black façade of local schist and white in the joints plaster. Land with farming traditions in flax, olive oil, Chestnut and corn, nowadays the forest prevails as almost exclusive economic activity. Sobral was and always will be the forest! The Great Zêzere Trail crosses Sobral, creating an axis with touristic potential that follows the imposing valley. After all, the mills, presses and places in ruins are what remains and populate this, just like any other space in the geopark, waiting for new employments and new memories, from housing to tourism, so they could not be lost.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH



3 to 4 September – 34th Meeting of the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee, in Germany. The Meeting of the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee was properly hosted by the Geopark Harz-Braunschweiger Land – Ostfalen, in the historical city of Wernigerode. Around 100 European Geopark delegates participated in the meeting, among them Carlos Neto de Carvalho, representing Naturtejo Geopark. This semester meeting focused on planning of the formal relation with UNESCO and on defining the statutes of incorporation of the new association of global geoparks. The completion of the work with UNESCO will be developed until the next month of April, so it can be put to vote in the next General Conference of UNESCO, in October of 2015. Decisions have been voted by the European geoparks that will be presented for voting in September, in the Global Geoparks Network Meeting. Were yet discussed evaluations of the new geoparks and 10 revalidations in progress. The European Geoparks Network embodies today 64 territories. Two geoparks were warned with a “yellow card”. At the dinner in Fürstlicher Marstall, the delegates were received by the Chairman of the Geopark Harz, by the Secretary of State for Sciences and Economy of Saxónia-Anhalt, by the Chairman of UNESCO German National Committee, by the European Geoparks Network Coordinator and by the UNESCO representative.



10 September – Discovering the Biodiversity in Castelo Branco. 25 children and 5 monitors from the ATL of Idanha-a-Nova went to Castelo Branco, to the Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Mércules, where they assisted and patronised the release of a Black-winged kite recovered in CERAS (Wild Animals Recovery Centre) from the Regional Centre of Quercus, at Castelo Branco.

They visited the plants nursery and the Botanic Park of the School of Agriculture from the Polytechnic Institute of Castelo Branco, where they acknowledged the characteristics and biological importance of the different plant species. They could explore interactively the biodiversity and geodiversity of the International Tagus Natural Park, through the equipment of the Environmental Interpretation Centre of Castelo Branco. The monitors were Hugo Oliveira and Rodrigo Leitão (Biologist who made a 3 weeks voluntary internship in September, at Naturtejo Geopark).

12 to 13 September - Baja TT of Idanha-a-Nova The Baja TT of Idanha-a-Nova marked the return of the Portuguese All-Terrain Championship to the roads, after the usual Summer pause. Miguel Barbosa arrived to Beira Baixa with the awareness that he needed nothing less than a victory to keep the hope for renewing the title. And the Mitsubishi Lancer pilot gave the example by being the fastest. Fantastic to say the least was the result of Alexandre Franco who won the T2 and ended fifth in the main standings. Shortly after stayed the two best T8, with César Sequeira beating Rui Marques. Finally, highlight to the race of the pair Manuel Mello Breyner/Emídio Guerreiro respectively Chair of the Portuguese Racing and Karting Federation and Secretary of State for Sports and Youth, who reached the second place among the T2 before they had a mechanical issue that forced them to stop few kilometres before the Finish line. On two wheels, António Maio, the Yamaha pilot won the special, Mário Patrão arrived in second and once more Luís Teixeira closed the podium, also having won the TT3 class. Sebastian Buhler was fourth and the first among the TT1 pilots. Ruben Faria was sixth and Hélder Rodrigues eighth. Among them stayed Fausto Mota who was the best in the European. Between the World Championship pilots Alex Zanotti was the fastest. Out of the "top ten" stayed Sebastião Brion who won in the Promotion. In Quads Roberto Borrego triumphed. Bruno Ferreira was fourth and won in the Promotion. On the other hand Abílio Monteiro was the strongest among the Stocks, reaching the sixth place in the main standings. Being no exception, also in the UTV/Buggys the decision was kept to the last kilometres. Jorge Monteiro benefited from the withdrawal of Roberto Gallart and reached the finish line as winner.

This Baja TT of Idanha-a-Nova edition counted for the Baja FIM World Cup, Bajas European Championship, TT Iberian Cup 2014, TT National Championship and Total Mazda Challenge and was attended by hundreds of people who came to the borderland landscapes of the Geopark. This important sport event was supported by Naturtejo Geopark.



15 September - Institute for nature Conservation disclosure meetings concerning the application proposal for Biosphere Reserve of the International Tejo/Tajo. It was presented in Idanha-a-Nova, Castelo Branco and Vila Velha de Ródão the application project of the International Tagus Cross-border Natural Park to UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, by the Nature and Forests Conservation Institute and by the respective municipalities. The aim is to distinguish the region with an international seal of quality, a sustainability brand granted by UNESCO, what could recognize this region biodiversity values, as already happens nearby in the National Park of Monfrague, in Extremadura (Spain). Armindo Jacinto was the host of this meeting in Idanha-a-Nova, counting as well with Cristina Prego and Joana Rodrigues, representing Naturtejo.



19 to 21 September – Program in the Geopark Naturtejo. Spanish operator Arawak brought 32 tourists to hike in some of the most beautiful trails of Naturtejo Geopark. Our associated companies Geo-Guest House Casa do Forno and Incentivos Outdoor provided good guidance to the group in the Invasions Trail, between the Tagus and the Portas de Rodão Natural Monument, in the Boulders Trail of Monsanto and in the Fossils Trail, right in the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia. The group had yet the opportunity to have a kayak ride in the Tagus River, in Vila Velha de Ródão.



25 to 26 September – Award Ilídio Pinho to the Primary School of Idanha-a-Nova and works exhibit in Aveiro. As the participant school with a project (counting with the partnership of the Naturtejo Geopark) in the contest promoted by the Foundation Ilídio Pinho, the EB1 Primary School of Idanha-a-Nova attended with a booth (where the project was presented, disclosed the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, Naturtejo Geopark, the School Grouping José Silvestre Ribeiro and the company “Aromas do Valado”) and the exhibit of the applicants to the referred contest, in a exhibition where around 114 projects were represented. In the Aveiro Exhibition Centre attended some of the students and professors who took part of the project “Small Pharmacists”, which had several stages and the final product was the bar-shaped Shampoo “Adufe” to receive by the hands of the Portuguese Prime Minister and the Minister of Science and Education the 1st Prize for the 2nd level, winning a check of 10000 euros that will be applied in the project continuity and also in new initiatives in the field of sciences, to be energized in the School.



26 September – Public disclosure of the Annual Project and game “Discovering Almourão”. During the school year of 2013/2014 took place the Educational Program “Anim'a Rocha” with students from the 11thA grade of the São Tiago Institute of Sobreira Formosa. In the scope of this Educational Program was developed the Project “Discovering Almourão” intended for studying the area of the Portas de Almourão Geomonument, with the following stages: a class in school, two field classes and development/construction of the board game “Discovering Almourão”. This game includes questions about biodiversity, geodiversity and geoconservation and was laboured by the students coordinated by their Biology and Geology teacher supported by Manuela Catana. The project and its final product were presented by the class students, publicly, during the session of the “Certificate Day – Value and Excellency Table”. In the attendance were around 150 people, students and student' parents, students from the Senior University of Sobreira Formosa, the Mayor of Proença-a-Nova Municipality and the School Board. Several copies of the game were made and they are available in the School Library, at the Bar and to be used in Biology and Geology classes. This is an educational game that the Geopark has now available for using in its educational programs activities.

27 to 28 September – 22th Iberian Women Orienteering Championship. Counting for the Portuguese Cup Ranking and for the National Club Ranking, this was another fine bet for the development of the Orienteering modality in this region with the support of Naturtejo Geopark, especially dedicated for Women. Divided in medium distance course, sprint course and long distance course, the participants had as scenery the breath-taking landscapes of Monsanto.

28 September – 1st MTB Ride “Rota do Pego”. In this sunny morning dozens of participants made 40 km on bicycle through the rural paths that surround Penha Garcia. The proposed goal was to reach the liquid space of the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia, on the gorge of the Ponsul River. This initiative took place with the support from the Parish of Penha Garcia, the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova and the Voluntary Fire Brigade of Penha Garcia, with patronage of local and regional companies, and Naturtejo Geopark.



30 September - Joint Meeting with the Geoparks and Portuguese Biosphere Reserves, in Lisbon, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting presided by the Chairman of UNESCO National Committee, the Ambassador Ana Martinho, with representatives from the 7 Biosphere Reserves and the 4 Portuguese Geoparks, occurred under the “research of the real value of UNESCO stamp”. This research is being developed by a research team from the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro lead by the Professor João Rebelo, through information made available by some management teams of the territory. The aim is to determine the economic value of the connection to UNESCO networks. It is predicted that the research will be finished in the beginning of 2015. Naturtejo Geopark was represented in the meeting by Manuela Catana.

IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA



Newspaper & www

25 July (www.aqtour.com.cn) - Mountain Tianzhu and Naturtejo in Portugal develop twinning partnerships

September (Oleiros Magazine) – Pinewood Fair was an enormous success

September (Oleiros Magazine) – Municipality of Oleiros and Naturtejo involved in the organization – Trans-Pangaea Challenge, 1000 Km running between Canada and Portugal

September (Oleiros Magazine) - Via Ferrata is well underway

9 September (Povo da Beira) – Diggings show a tumulus with great size

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11 September (Reconquista) - II International Field Camp brings some news - Diggings show a tumulus with great size

17 September (Gazeta do Interior) - Idanha-a-Velha hosts Casqueiro – Traditional Bread Festival

17 September (www.aqw.cc/html/20140917/1053.html) – Tianzhu Mountain and Naturtejo in Portugal develop twinning partnerships

18 September (China National Tourism Administration – www.cnta.gov.cn) – Tianzhu Mountain and Naturtejo in Portugal develop twinning partnerships

18 September (Anhui Provincial Tourism Administration – www.ahta.com) Tianzhu Mountain and Naturtejo in Portugal develop twinning partnerships

19 September (Reconquista) - Idanha-a-Velha – Casqueiro with festival between 3 and 5 October

19 September (blog.sina.com.cn/s/blog_5df611f60102v5bn.html) - Tianzhu Mountain and Naturtejo in Portugal develop twinning partnerships

23 September (Povo da Beira) – International Tagus – Application to UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

24 September (Gazeta do Interior) – To the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve – Castelo Branco and Extremadura present the application

24 September (Gazeta do Interior) – Classification as Biosphere Reserve – Municipality takes part in the application of the International Tagus to Reserve

25 September (Reconquista) – Iberian application to UNESCO in progress – Biosphere Reserve unites Portugal and Spain

25 September (Reconquista) – Casqueiro Festival excite the weekend

30 September (Povo da Beira) – Castelo Branco and Extremadura United in cross-border application to UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve

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PROMOTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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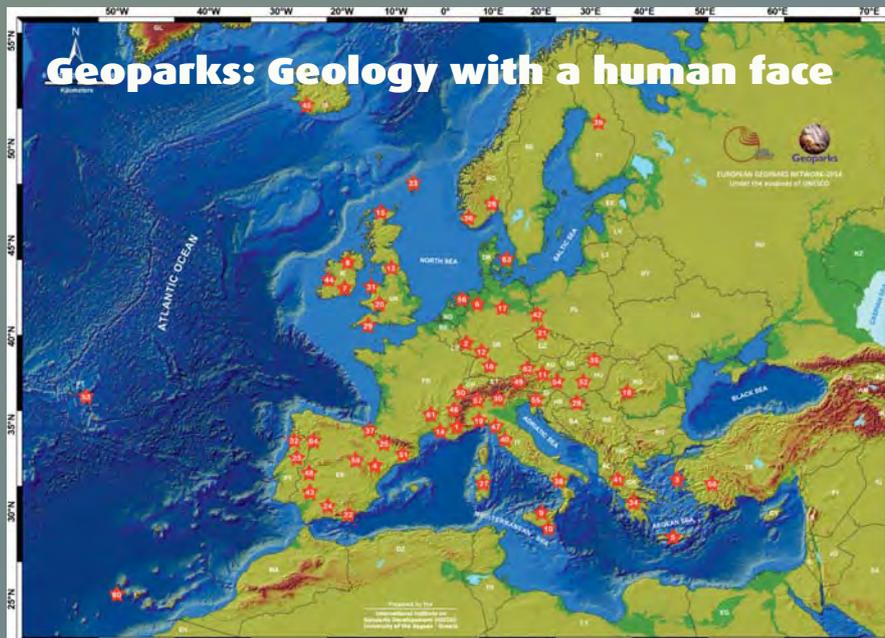
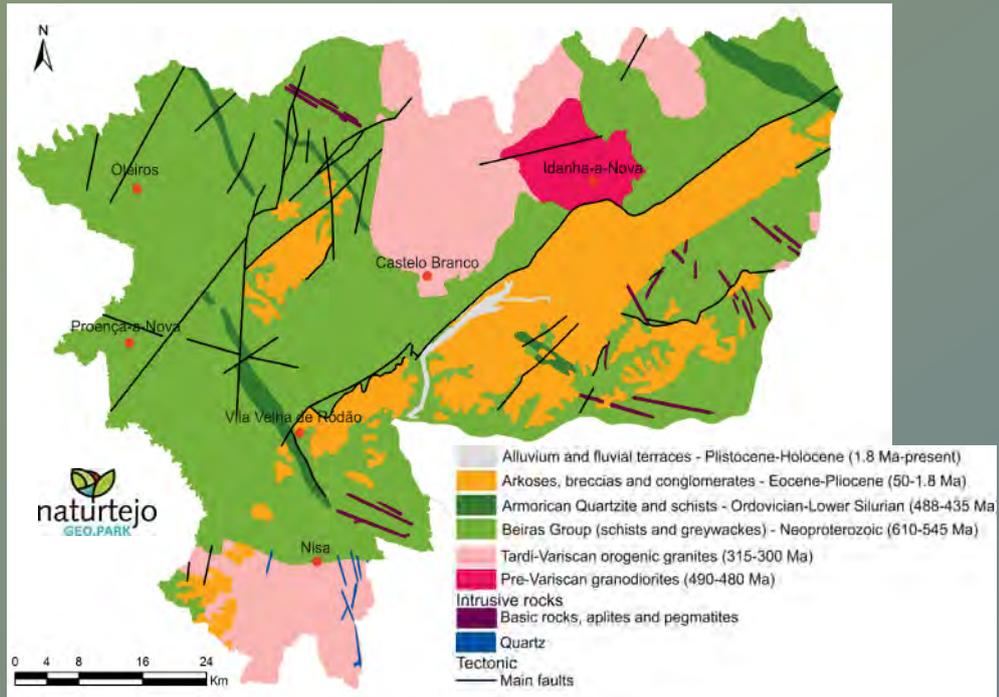
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PROGRAMA:
21:00 Recepção dos participantes (Junta de Freguesia de Estreito)
08:30 Início do passeio em caravana e track GPS, com visita aos Geossítios da Serra do Moradal e apresentação do Trilho Internacional dos Apalaches.
13:30 Almoço no Parque de Merendas do Mosqueiro (oferta da Junta de Freguesia de Orvalho)
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