

The Workshop on “GLOBAL UNESCO Geoparks» organized by the Region of Epirus in cooperation with the Vikos – Aios Geopark and Epirus S.A was completed

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Completed Conference:

“Global Geoparks Unesco», organized by the Region of Epirus in cooperation with the Geopark Vikos – Aios and Epirus SA

Ioannina 6.14.16 – With great success the conference organized by the Region of Epirus in cooperation with the Geopark Vikos – Aios and Epirus SA entitled “Global Geoparks Unesco». The event was held Friday, June 10, 2016 at Hotel Du Lac Ioannina.

The event, which was attended by many people and several representatives of local and regional bodies, short speeches were given as follows: the Zagoria Mayor. Spiros, Deputy Mayor Konitsa Mr. Kallinteri, the Head of the Regional Unit Epirus IGME Mr. Nicholas and President Management Agency National Parks of Vikos – Aios and Pindos, Mr. pullover.

Followed by the President of the Greek National Commission for UNESCO greetings, Ms Catherine Marias- Papachristopoulou-Tzitzikosta and the Region of Epirus, Mr. Kachrimanis.

The first part of the event was sealed with the signing of a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding and Cooperation between the Region of Epirus and the Greek National Commission for UNESCO. The signing of the Memorandum was made by the Regional

Director Mr. Alexander Kachrimanis and the President of the Greek National Commission for UNESCO Ms. Maria- Catherine Papachristopoulou- Tzitzikosta.

The purpose of the MoU is to strengthen the conditions for promotion of the region as politistikou- tourist destination through the projection-promoting Geopark Vikos-Aoos and all cultural monuments and features of Epirus. The Region of Epirus, is the second region, after Attica, signed a memorandum of cooperation with Unesco.

Followed by a speech by Mr. Zourou, Professor of the Aegean University and President of Geoparks Global Network on the European and Global Geoparks Network and the new «Unesco Global Geoparks» program, which are introduced from November 2015 all existing Geoparks are members of over Network.

The second part of the event began with the presentation of the unique geological features and designated geotopes of Vikos Aoos Geopark by IGME geologist Mr. Easter. The speech by Mr. Peraki for the fledgling Geopark Sitia, Ms Koumoutsou for Geopark Chel mou- Vouraikos and Mr. Zourou for Geopark of Lesvos. The event ended with the presentation of actions for the promotion of Vikos Aoos Geopark, which took place in recent years through the development of thematic routes of executives Epirus SA- Mr. And Mrs. Papaioannou Kitsakis followed by constructive discussion active public participation.

At the end of the event-tour visited Mr. Zourou, escort representatives of the Geopark in the Vikos-Aoos Geopark Information Center of Papigo and in selected thematic routes, in order to learn about the recent promotion actions of the Geopark area.