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Subject: new journal "Geoheritage"

Dear colleagues and friends,

I wrote to the majority of you earlier about the plan of ProGEO and a consortium of partner science, environmental and heritage organisations to create a new venture in geoconservation. That is, to start publication of a journal dedicated to geoheritage: to science and conservation, to geosites - their protection, management etc, etc.

This will be the first and only peer-reviewed journal of its kind dealing with these topics. For those of us interested in heritage and conservation, and its support for the Earth sciences, this could be, and should be, a major step forward, and could be the greatest aid to the work of heritage protection globally.

The consortium of partner organisations hopes that this journal will lead to a wider appreciation of geoheritage, and its place as an essential support to the geosciences and the history of science, and cultural heritage in general.

I write to you now, as a potential member of the international editorial network, and a partner in this enterprise, to tell you that plans to launch the new journal "Geoheritage" move forward. ProGEO and Springer Verlag have agreed that Geoheritage will be launched in 2008. And advertising of the launch will be begun by Springer in mid 2007. The hope is to publish a colour journal, with 4 issues per annum, at an individual subscription price of about 45 Euros.

The time has come to consider the essential issues of content, circulation and subscriptions. This letter is to consult you on two very important matters.

Firstly, to ask you to consider writing, or to ask involved colleagues to write, contributions to the journal. Before 2008, we are looking to have a significant number of papers ready for the journal – enough papers for the first eight issues. Clearly we want these to be weighty and interesting contributions to the topic, to induce enthusiasm for the journal. Do you have ideas for suitable contributions? It is important that the start we make is a good one, and that depends on the quality of the material.

My second question relates to subscriptions for Geoheritage. This is to invite you to subscribe to our new journal. Either in a personal capacity, for your official organisation or for an appropriate society or NGO. It is key to involve as many colleagues as possible as subscribers. A journal that does not sell is going nowhere!

So I ask you also to invite your colleagues (colleagues in your organisation, in your national committees and commissions etc) to subscribe to the journal: and you are asked to invite your library to subscribe also. All involved in heritage, conservation and science should take the journal!

You are asked to reply to these two key questions. You will appreciate that for our important enterprise to succeed, if we are to promote geoconservation and heritage around the world through this journal, it must begin well and must flower. To achieve this, we need both contributions and subscriptions.

I look forward to hearing from you, on your ideas for promoting "Geoheritage".

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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PS Attached is the prospectus for our new journal.

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Journal “*Geoheritage*”

Geoheritage, published by Springer Verlag, will be the official journal of a partnership consortium consisting of:

- ProGEO (the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage) and
- IUGS Commission on Geoscience for Environmental Management (GEM) with
- IUGS Commission on Stratigraphy (ICS) and subcommissions
- International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)
- International Association of Palaeontologists (IPA)
- INHIGEO (IUGS International Commission on History of Geological Sciences)
- AEGS, European Association of Geological Societies
- Geological Society of Africa (GSA)

DESCRIPTION

Geoheritage will be the first ever peer-reviewed journal dedicated to all aspects of inanimate natural heritage – geo(morpho)logical heritage – following rising awareness of these subjects in society, amongst conservationists, geoscientists and a growing public.

Geological heritage is here understood in a broad sense, integrating all subdisciplines such as geomorphological, stratigraphic, palaeontological, mineralogical and landscape heritage, amongst others, as well as the places and materials connected with geoscience and its progress. The journal will publish papers on scientifically important geosites, their characterisation and assessment. Key topics for papers also include geosites (at all scales), their science and conservation, interpretation and use, geodiversity, educational links, geotourism and geoparks

AIMS AND SCOPE

The *Geoheritage* journal is an international journal dedicated to promoting heritage conservation, and to discussing all aspects of our global geoheritage, both *in situ* and portable. The journal will invite all contributions on the conservation of sites and materials - use, protection and practical heritage management- as well as its interpretation through education, training and tourism.

The journal wishes to cover all aspects of geoheritage and its protection. Key topics are:

- Identification, characterisation and quantification of geoheritage;
- Definition, assessment and management of geosites - geological and geomorphological;
- On-site science, geological and geomorphological research;
- Global scientific heritage – key scientific geosites, GSSPs, stratotype conservation and management;
- Scientific research and education, and the promotion of the geosciences thereby;
- Conventions, statute and legal instruments, national and international;
- Integration of biodiversity and geodiversity in Nature Conservation policies;
- Geological heritage and Environmental Impact Assessment studies;
- Sustainable development, community action, practical initiatives, geoparks;
- Environmental issues, mineral resources and conservation, the built heritage, use of natural materials;
- Conservation in the natural world, Man-made and natural impacts, climate change;
- Geotourism definitions, methodologies, and case studies;

- International mechanisms for conservation and popularisation – World Heritage Sites, National Parks etc;
- Materials, data and people important in the history of science, museums, collections and all portable geoheritage;
- Interpretation, education, training and tourism;
- Pedagogical use of geological heritage - publications, teaching media, trails, centres, on-site museums;
- Linking the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) with geoconservation;

The journal will publish research papers, review articles and short notes, as well as comments on papers already published in this journal or elsewhere. Occasionally, concise meeting reports and news of interest to the scientific, geoconservation, environmental and educational community will be published. As the official journal of the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGEO) (and its national groups) and GEM and other partner organisations, *Geoheritage* will regularly publish the proceedings of the partner's international symposia.

TARGET GROUPS

The journal addresses geologists, biologists, geographers and landscape architects, environmental geologists, planners and officials dealing with nature conservation, museum workers, archivists and curators, science historians, specialists in town & country (spatial) planning, environmental impacts, geotourism, and secondary teaching, as well as faculty staff, graduate and post-graduate students

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