

10th

International
ProGEO
Symposium

**BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR
GLOBAL GEOCONSERVATION**

a fully online free event

7 - 10th June 2021

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X International ProGEO Symposium (2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged our model of face-to-face meetings. To adapt to the current situation initiated a year ago, the Organising Committee and the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGEO) have decided to transform the X International ProGEO Symposium (Spain, 2020) into a **fully online** and **totally free event**.

The online symposium will take place between **7-10 June 2021**. Online sessions will allow for live interaction, and will be available through the **X ProGEO 2021** Youtube channel. The symposium is still organized by the Instituto Geológico y Minero de España (IGME, the Geological Survey of Spain), and the online format will provide the opportunity to discuss the threats to the world's geological heritage and the challenges to geoconservation, while we protect the safety, health and well-being of all participants.

As already announced, the X International ProGEO Symposium will also be hosting several meetings. These include:

- a meeting of the International Commission on Geoheritage of IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences),
- the 2nd Workshop of the IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG),
- the 4th Meeting of ProGEO's southwest Europe Regional Working Group,
- the 9th Meeting of ProGEO's southeast Europe Regional Working Group,
- the 1st Workshop of EuroGeoSurveys Geoheritage Expert Group (EGS GhEG),
- a meeting of the Geoheritage Commission of the Association of Iberoamerican Geological and Mining Surveys (ASGMI).

The knowledge and experience acquired within ProGEO during the last decades at the national, European and global level project make this scientific organization as the international leader in geoconservation.

**We thank you in advance for your support in making the
Xth International ProGEO Symposium a success!**

SYMPOSIUM OFFICE

Website — <https://www.igme.es/patrimonio/Xprogeo2021/>

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You can look forward to:

- Live-streamed plenary conference
- Live-streamed Workshops
- Intensive short online course
- Pre-recorded presentations with live Q&A sessions
- ePoster presentations sessions

Important dates

2021

1st March

- Opening of on-line registration
- Opening of abstract submission

18th April

- Deadline for **abstract submission**
- Registration deadline for presenters

9th May

- Communication to presenters if abstract is accepted

23rd May

- Deadline for pre-recorded video submission

30th May

- Registration deadline for listeners
- Final programme

SYMPOSIUM

7th - 10th June

- Symposium online event

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS Webinars

- **Meeting of the International Commission on Geoheritage of IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences)**

This meeting has the purpose of building bridges with ProGEO and informing about the new launching of the Global Geosites project led by this Commission.

- **2nd Workshop on Key Geoheritage Areas of the IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG)**

The workshop is open to contributions on KGAs and Global Geosites.
A meeting of the GSG Steering Committee will also take place.

- **4th Meeting of ProGEO's SW Europe Regional Working Group**

This meeting attempts to coordinate efforts from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain, set strategies and plan actions for the future.

- **9th Meeting of ProGEO's SE Europe Regional Working Group**

This meeting attempts to coordinate planned activities and set strategies and action plans for the future.

- **1st Workshop of the EuroGeoSurveys Geoheritage Expert Group**

First meeting to coordinate efforts from European geological surveys (EuroGeosurveys), share experiences and plan strategies. Open to anyone interested.

- **Meeting of the Geoheritage Commission of the Association of Iberoamerican Geological and Mining Surveys (ASGMI)**

Meeting to update latest results and advances in geoconservation in Ibero-American countries.

- **The General Assembly of ProGEO will take place on the 10th June 2021.**

REGISTRATION

Free of charge



The **X International ProGEO online Symposium (2021)** will be free of charge for all registration modalities. Registration opens March 1st. Participation in the Symposium is confirmed by registering online at the symposium website:

<https://www.igme.es/patrimonio/Xprogeo2021/registration.aspx>

After registering, you will receive by email a confirmation message.

Registration Required

Registration modalities:

- ONLINE SYMPOSIUM PRESENTERS (presentation of abstract) until April 18th, 2021.
- ONLINE SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEES (no abstract submitted) until May 30th, 2021.

Oral presentations and eposter sessions

One-presentation rule - Due to the limited time for oral sessions, each person will be allowed to only one presentation, even if co-author in different abstracts.

Oral and poster presentation will be pre-recorded, and will later include a live Q&A session. The scientific committee will decide which abstracts of those received will be presented in normal (10 minutes) or short (3 minutes) format.

The time slot allocated for the abstracts presentation will be:

- 15 minutes for oral presentation (10 min talk and 5 min for discussion)
- 5 minutes for short/eposter presentation (3 min talk and 2 min for discussion)

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

VERY IMPORTANT: Due to the limited time available for oral sessions, each person will be allowed to **only one presentation**, even if co-author in different abstracts. There will be a limit of 200 abstracts that will be accepted on a first come first served basis, based on the order of arrival of the abstract files and their acceptance, and not on the order of registration, until the limit of 200 abstracts is reached.

FILE FORMAT: Available for download from the Symposium website

<https://www.igme.es/patrimonio/Xprogeo2021/>

SUBMISSION METHOD: The abstract must be submitted during the process of registration through the web portal.

DEADLINES:

- Abstract submission deadline: April 18th, 2021
- Final version deadline: May 9th, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS: In the heading of your abstract page please type your preferred mode of presentation (oral or eposter) and the suggested session.

ABSTRACT CONTENT: Abstracts should be short, clear, concise, and written in English with correct spelling and good sentence structure. Every abstract should be original and present a unique research.

Post-Symposium publication

- A special volume of the journal *Geoheritage* will be prepared with contributions selected by the Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts accepted at the Symposium will be published in a special digital issue.



Scientific Programme

The purpose of the symposium is to discuss about new challenges and opportunities involved in geoconservation and its gradual globalization. The scientific programme will include:

- three days of oral presentations and poster sessions (scientific sessions),
- an invited speaker for the plenary conference,
- specific sessions, group meetings and workshops.
- an intensive short course on BASIC CONCEPTS IN GEOCONSERVATION & GEOHERITAGE INVENTORIES.

Session themes

Themes for plenary sessions include:

Sessions themes

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1. Inventories and research
2. Management and conservation
3. Education and public outreach
4. Geotourism, UG Geoparks and local development
5. Geoconservation in protected areas
6. Moveable geoheritage
7. Geoheritage and cultural heritage



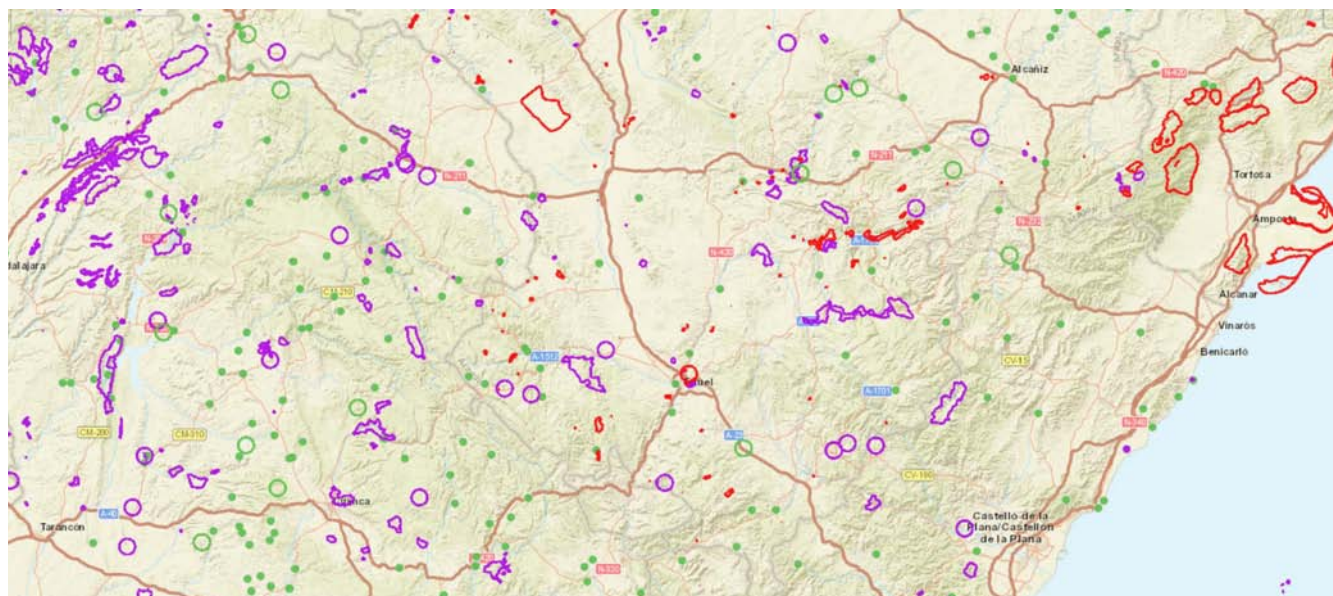
PLENARY CONFERENCE - ASIER HILARIO

GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE AND UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS MEMORY OF THE EARTH, FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE

Asier Hilario is a Ph.D. geologist in charge of the scientific management of the Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark. Recently he has been appointed as the president of the IUGS International Commission on Geoheritage and member of the scientific board of the International Geosciences program (IGCP). He is an active member of the GGN (Global Geoparks Network), belongs to the advisory Committee of the EGN (European Geoparks Network) and is one of the few senior evaluators of the UNESCO Global Geoparks program. He has been the coordinator of the Spanish geoparks forum (2016 - 2020). At present he is coordinating the new IUGS Global Geosite program as well as the Geoheritage Working Group for the IUGS desk-top assessment of the geological international significance for new aspiring geoparks. He has got a wide experience on geoheritage inventories, assessment, geoconservation and specially communication of Earth Sciences and geoparks. He has done more than 100 talks worldwide and has written several books, scientific papers and articles for the broad public.



Dr. Hilario will present a broad reflection about geoconservation based on his personal view and international experience. He will talk about the great opportunity of the renewed IUGS Global Geosites programme, and will explain the importance of UNESCO Global Geoparks as key actors for the visibility of geoconservation worldwide. The importance of an emotional communication, a real social engagement and a good capacity for empathy will also be critically analyzed as key topics for the future of geoconservation.



**INTENSIVE SHORT COURSE ON:
BASIC CONCEPTS IN GEOCONSERVATION
& GEOHERITAGE INVENTORIES**

Date:

Two sessions on alternate days

Course Chairperson:

Dr. Enrique Díaz Martínez



PhD in Geology from the University of Idaho (USA, 1994) and MSc in Management of Protected Areas from University of Madrid (Spain, 2006). Researcher with the Spanish National Research Council (1998 to 2003) and with the Geological Survey of Spain (IGME) since 2004, working on geoconservation projects including inventories, legislation, management and public outreach.

Positions related with geoconservation: member of the Spanish Commission on Geological Heritage (CPG) since 1994, vice-president 2006-2009, and president 2009-2017; Spanish representative to ProGEO (European Assoc. for the Conservation of Geological Heritage) in 2006-2017, vice-president 2010-2018, and executive secretary since 2018; founding member and deputy chair of the Geoheritage Specialist Group of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) since 2013; and expert scientist member of IUCN's WCPA since 2014.

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