

10th

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ProGEO
Symposium

BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR GLOBAL GEOCONSERVATION

1st Circular

Segovia, Spain
8-11th June 2020

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On behalf of the Organising Committee and the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage (ProGEO), we are pleased to invite you to take part in the Xth International ProGEO Symposium. The meeting is organised by the Instituto Geológico y Minero de España (IGME, the Geological Survey of Spain) and will take place in Segovia (Spain) from 8th to 11th of June 2020.

This symposium is an international event open to scientists, students, educators, professionals, decision-makers and anyone involved in geoconservation. The symposium is organized in conjunction with several geoconservation organizations also hosting their meetings in Segovia during the same dates.

These include:

- a Workshop of the IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG),
- the 1st Workshop on Geoheritage of Volcanic Islands,
- the 4th Meeting of ProGEO's Southwest Europe Regional Working Group,
- a meeting of the African Geoconservation Group of the EU-funded PanAfGeo project, and
- a meeting of the Geoheritage Commission of the Association of Iberoamerican Geological and Mining Surveys (ASGMI).

The Symposium will provide the opportunity to discuss the new challenges and threats in global geoconservation. The knowledge and experience acquired within ProGEO during the last decades at national, European and global levels projects this scientific organization as the international leader in geoconservation. Recent developments include issues such as methodologies for the inventory of Geological Sites of Interest, geoconservation in natural protected areas, benefits and impact of rural development and geotourism in geoparks, legislation and management in a global conservation framework. The Symposium will promote communication and collaboration amongst the different stakeholders and actors in modern geoheritage conservation from all over the world present at the various joint meetings taking place at Segovia.

Further information

Congress website — <http://www.igme.es/patrimonio/Xprogeo2020>

Congress secretariat e-mail — progeo2020@igme.es

Postal address — X International ProGEO Symposium 2020
Instituto Geológico y Minero de España
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Calle de Ríos Rosas, 23
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Important dates

2019

- 15th October**
- Opening of on-line registration
 - Opening of abstract submission

2020

- 15th February**
- Deadline for payment of early registration fees with reduced rates
 - Publication of 2nd circular

- 1st March**
- Deadline for abstract submission

- 15th May**
- Deadline for on-line registration and regular payment of registration fees

SYMPOSIUM

- 6th - 8th June**
- Pre-symposium fieldtrips (optional)

- 8th June**
- Intensive course on Geoheritage Interpretation (optional)
 - Registration and icebreaker party

- 9th - 11th June**
- Technical sessions
 - 10th June ■ Half-day intra-meeting itinerary:
Urban geoheritage in Segovia
 - 11th June ■ ProGEO General Assembly
 - Farewell dinner (optional)

- 12th - 14th June**
- Post-symposium fieldtrip (optional)



The symposium will be held in the breathtaking city of Segovia. This popular tourist destination is rich in cultural heritage, attractions and events. Its historical evolution as Celtiberian fortified village, Roman fortress and town, and Medieval walled village and city, head of a vast territory, has left an impressive cultural and artistic legacy. It was declared a World Heritage cultural site by UNESCO in 1985, and is a first-rate focus of attraction and reception of tourists nationally and internationally for its rich and varied tourist offer, including historical monuments, gastronomy and traditions. It is an ideal place for holding the Symposium enjoying its vibrant culture and academic atmosphere.

Segovia is located at an altitude of 1000 m above sea level in the northern flank of the Guadarrama Range (Iberian Central System) and at the edge of the Duero river Cenozoic sedimentary basin. Due to its diverse geology resulting from an interesting geological history, Segovia also has an extraordinary geological heritage, with almost a hundred cataloged geosites just within the city and its surrounding municipality, which are properly inventoried, assessed and legally protected. Geotourism activities have been extensively adopted by the local (municipal and provincial) governments of Segovia, and there are already significant infrastructures, outreach publications, and itineraries designed for the general public, initiatives on citizen stewardship for geoconservation, together with many other activities that take advantage of new technologies (see www.geologiadesegovia.info/en/).

Travel to Segovia and accommodation

Segovia is located in central Spain, just 90 km northwest of Madrid and its international airport (Madrid Barajas – Adolfo Suárez Airport, MAD). It is well connected to Madrid by high speed train (AVE, 28 minutes from Chamartin Station), by inter-city bus (60 minutes) and by road (about one hour and a half ride).

As a charming little city, Segovia offers different types of accommodation and restaurants, most of them in a walking distance from the venue and the monuments of the city. Detailed information on accommodation in Segovia city, transport timetables, connections and attendees special prices will be provided in the 2nd circular and in the website.

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 (9-11th June) of oral presentations and poster sessions, including a half-day intra-meeting itinerary (Urban geoheritage in Segovia). During these days (9-11th June), specific session group meetings and workshops will be carried out in Segovia (with the exception of the 1st Workshop on Geoheritage of Volcanic Islands; see below for more information). The General Assembly of ProGEO will take place during the evening of Thursday 11th June 2020.

The Symposium will complete the scientific programme with an optional pre-symposium (8th June) intensive short course on Geoheritage Interpretation. Participants will get an overview of the most innovative and effective techniques used for this public outreach technique, based on the well-proven principles of Freeman Tilden.

Session themes

Themes for plenary sessions include:

Sessions themes

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

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Post-Symposium publication

- A special volume of the journal Geoheritage will be prepared with contributions selected by the Scientific Committee.
- Abstracts accepted but not presented at the Symposium may be published in a special issue of ProGEO News

Fieldtrips

Three optional fieldtrips are planned:

PRE-SYMPOSIUM FIELDTRIPS

Geoconservation and public outreach in Molina-Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark

Convener: Luis Carcavilla Urqui. Researcher at Spanish Geological Survey (IGME)

Geoheritage in protected areas of central Spain

Convener: Enrique Díaz-Martínez. Researcher at Spanish Geological Survey (IGME)

POST-SYMPOSIUM FIELDTRIP

Flysch & Karst experience in Geoparkea/Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark.

Convener: Asier Hilario, scientific director of the Geoparkea/Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark.

Symposium fees

	ProGEO members	GSG, SGE & SEDPGYM*	Other Participants	Students	Accompanying persons
Early payment Before 16/02/20	100 €	130 €	160 €	75 €	50 €
Late payment After 15/02/20	150 €	190 €	230 €	90 €	60 €

* GSG, IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group; SGE, Sociedad Geológica de España; SEDPGYM, Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico y Minero

Registration fees include the right to attend the meeting, abstract book and other documents (except for accompanying persons), ice-breaker party, coffee breaks, intra-meeting urban geoheritage itinerary and participation in the different lateral events and meetings of working groups. A cultural tour will also be available for accompanying persons.

Bank account details for payments will be provided in the 2nd circular and in the Symposium website.



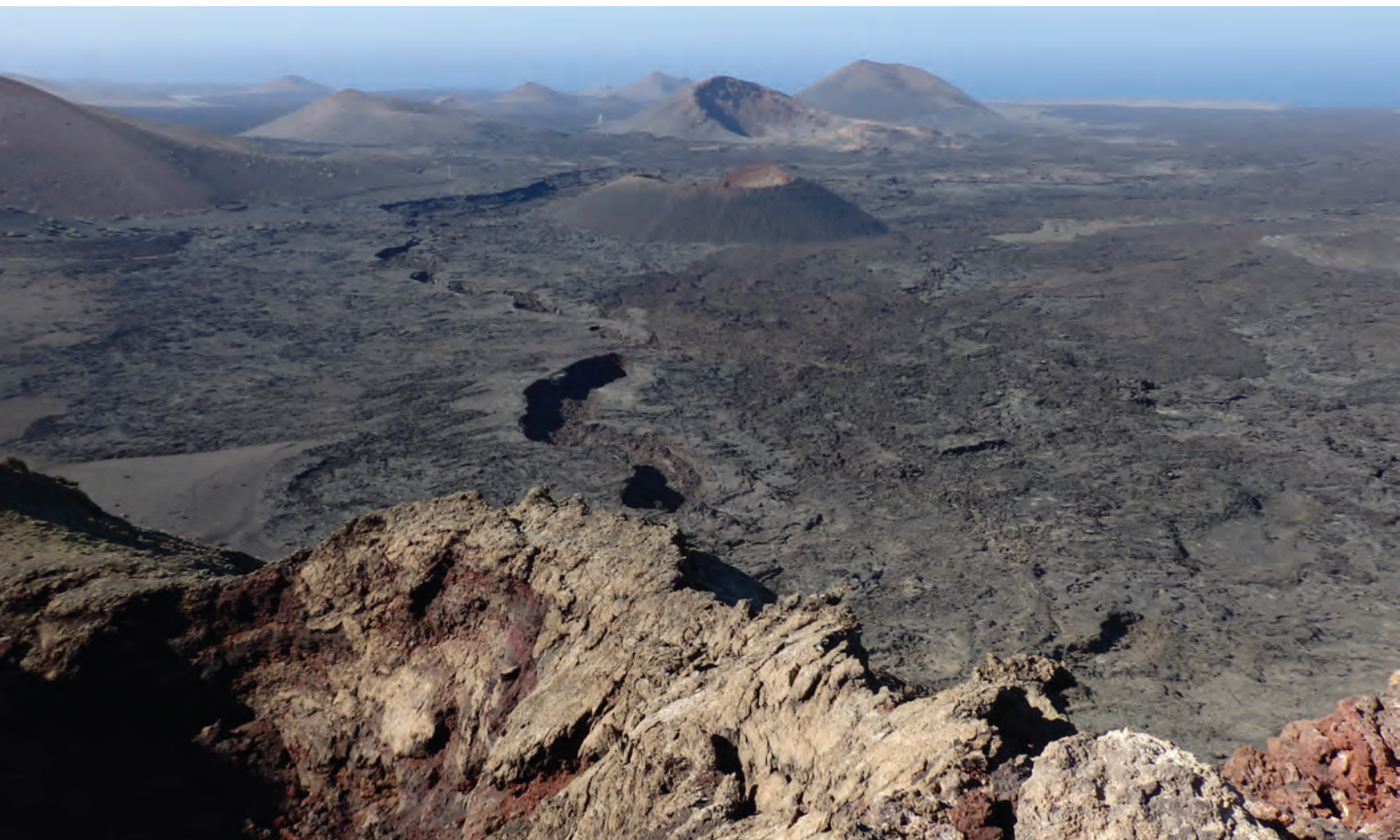
1st Workshop on Geoheritage of Volcanic Islands

Within the frame of the X International ProGEO Symposium, this workshop will be organized to present and discuss the final results and conclusions of LIGCANARIAS project with the scientific community. The workshop will take place in Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark (Canary Islands) from June 12th to 15th, with the aim of sharing experiences and knowledge on geoheritage with other volcanic territories.

The main objective of the LIGCANARIAS project is to inventory the geosites of the Canary Islands following the national official methodology of the Spanish Inventory of Geosites, as well as its outreach to the society.

<http://www.igme.es/LIGcanarias/>

More information will be displayed in the 2nd circular and in the symposium website.



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