

8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 2018

The 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks “Geoparks and sustainable development” will take place at the Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Trentino Province, Italy, 11–14 September 2018. The conference will be held at the Palacampiglio Conference Centre in Madonna di Campiglio at the heart of the Geopark.

It will be an unique opportunity for all participants to share their experiences, networking and exchange innovative and best local practices.

Beside the conference sessions, thematic workshops will be organised in collaboration with the relevant GGN working groups. As usual, in the course of the conference, one day is dedicated to the mid-conference field trip: participants can choose one of six available options to become familiar with the specific geological, natural and cultural characteristics of the Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark.

For further information, the programme and the registration form please visit : www.campigliodolomiti.it/ggn2018

New research concept for the Swiss National Park and the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Engiadina Val Müstair

In a new research concept, the Research Council of the Swiss National Park (FOK-SNP) has defined thematic priorities and priority tasks for the next approx. 10 years. The five priority topics are:

- influence of climate and substance entries;
- ecology of natural communities;
- changes in land use and landscape;
- social demands on ecosystems and landscapes;
- parks and protected areas in the context of regional development.

These priorities also include themes from the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Engiadina Val Müstair and Park Research Switzerland. The research concept was approved by all five concerned and responsible bodies in December 2017.

The current research concept as well as all previous ones are available on the FOK-SNP portal:

https://naturwissenschaften.ch/organisations/fok-snp/research_projects/forschungskonzept

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Abbreviations: BR – Biosphere Reserve; LTSER – Long-Term Socio-Ecological Research; p. – page

