# **IGU-Commission on Geoheritage**



January,2018---December,2018 Commission on Geoheritage Dongying Wei, Chair

# **Work Report of Commission on Geoheritage**

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Since 2000, geographers and geologists have met on several occasions to discuss the pertinence of an interdisciplinary perspective on Geoparks, linking geo-conservation with endogenous local development. The latter has been one of the topics seriously undertaken by geographers during the last decades. The geographical perspective on Geoparks includes integrating landscape as its main concept; requires a holistic approach and trans-disciplinary research to promote multicultural participatory bridges, and links local knowledge and practice into the research-development agenda. It encourages solid scientific inter-union linkages and focuses on establishing Geoparks in the world. It also promotes the research relations in the world and the exchanges in developing countries and developed countries.

At the year of 2004, the IGU Executive Committee decided to launch the Geoparks task force on 30th IGC, an initiative that could bring a geographical perspective to a developed UNESCO program for the management and protection of the natural and cultural heritage. In 2008, the IGU Executive Committee decided to change the Geopark Task Force into Commission on Geoparks on 31st IGC. In 2012, new commission was set up and included new international members. In 2015, Commission was approved to change the name to Commission on Geoheritage. In 2016, the commission had the new executive board members.

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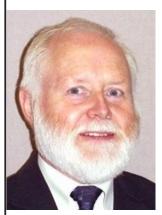
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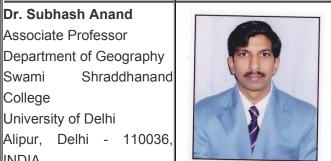
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### 2. MEETINGS

The Commission has had active work and organized some meetings and conferences; the report summarizes the international meetings held in 2018.

# **2.1** EC member meeting

On March 18-19th, 2018, the commission members, Dr. Dongying wei, and Dr. Theresa Coble and Dr. Yves Girault had EC meeting in Beijing and discussed about the publication of the International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks and the editing issues.

# 2.2 2018 Regional IGU conference in Quebec

On August 7th, Dr. Wei Dongying did the presentation titled Establishing the Evaluation Index System of Protection Effectiveness for Natural Relic Reserves in China and introduced International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks and the work IGU-COG has done. Dr. Wei Dongying met with and Prof. Yukio Himiyama, Prof. R.B Singn and Prof. Lynn Mooreman etc and talked about IGU-COG's recent situation and invited them to attend the International Forum on National Parks that would be held in Beijing from Oct 9th to 10th.

# 2.3 International Forum on National Parks

The theme of the forum is "Sustainable Development of National Parks", which follows the following objectives: We should firmly establish the concept of innovation, coordination, green, openness, and shared development, share the knowledge and experience of sustainable development of national parks, summarize the best cases, promote the implementation and improvement of policies. We should build a platform for political, enterprise and research cooperation in the field of national parks, and promote the establishment of a system of national parks with Chinese characteristics.

Beijing Normal University is one of the earliest universities in the China to study in national parks. Faculty of Geographical Science, School of Life Sciences, School of Environment and other related departments have conducted a series of special studies on national parks. Including ecological protection, regional planning, policies and regulations, technical standards, environmental management, and interpretation education, etc. We have successfully hosted many academic activities related to national parks, including national park seminars, "National Park Series Lectures", etc.

In February 2018, Beijing Normal University and National Forestry Administration jointly established the Northeast Tiger Leopard Monitoring and Research Center and the National Park Research Institute of Beijing Normal University. We established the world's largest tiger leopard positioning monitoring network. General Secretary Xi Jinping made important instructions on the "Advice on implementation options of 'China's wild Amur tiger and Northeast leopard protect and restore major ecological projects" prepared by the Center. The projects hosted and participated by the research team of Beijing Normal University include: National Development and Reform Commission "Research on National Park Publicity and Education Capacity Building" and "National Park Ecosystem and Natural Cultural Heritage Protection Measures and Suggestions", Ministry of Ecology and Environment "National Park System Research" and "Technical Specifications for Monitoring and Assessment of Ecological Environment in Nature Reserves", Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development "Scenic area management technical specification", national key research and development plan "Ecological protection and management technology of natural heritage sites", etc. Beijing Normal University also presided over the preparation of the "National Park Interpretation System Standard" as the responsible unit. The teachers, students and cooperative units of Beijing Normal University are contributing to the development of the national park.

The International Forum on National Parks gathered together national park administration, institutional pilot and creation unit, research think-tank institution, representative of international research institutions and many friends. We share the experience of sustainable development of national parks, discuss strategies suitable for the development of Chinese national parks, and realize the platform for building international and domestic cooperation in national parks, all of which play an

important role in the development of Chinese national parks.

# Agenda of International Forum on National Parks

	October 8, 2018Arrival and registration of participants			
Registration site: Beijing Normal UniversityJingshi Hotel				
	Morning Session, October 9, Jingshi Conference Hall of Jingshi Xuetang			
Mornin	ig session, O	Opening Ceremony:	Auetang	
Moder	ator: Dong V	Kiaobin, Professor and Executive Dean of Fa	eculty of	
Model	Ŭ	hical Science, Beijing Normal University	icuity of	
9:00—	Speeches	Dong Qi	The title is	
10:00	from	President of Beijing Normal University	to be	
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	Dedders	Wang An	The title is	
		President of China International	to be	
		Engineering Consulting Corporation;	confirmed	
		Member of Chinese Academy of		
		Engineering		
		Zhang Hongwen	The title is	
		Director-General of National Park Office,	to be	
		National Forestry and Grassland	confirmed	
		Administration		
		Marielza Oliveira		
		Director of UNESCO Beijing office		
10:00—	Group Phot	o and Tea Break		
10:30				
Keynote Sp				
	0.	ing Associate professor of Beijing Norma	d University,	
	r of Internat	ional Journal of Geoheritage and Parks		
10:30-11:00	Keynote	Fu Bojie	The title is	
	Speech A:	Dean of Faculty of Geographical Science,	to be	
		Beijing Normal University; Director of	confirmed	
		Academic Committee of Research Center		
		for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese		
		Academy of Sciences; Member of Chinese		
		Academy of Science		
11:00-11:30	Keynote	Peter Bobrowsky	The title is	
	Speech B:	Professor; President of International	to be	
		Consortium on Landslides; Scientist of	confirmed	
		Geological Survey of Canada; Former		
		Chairman of Geological Association of		
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11:30-12:00	Keynote	He Ping  Professor: Evacutive Director of Reijing	The title is	
	Speech C:	Professor; Executive Director of Beijing	to be	

		Ecological Technology Research Institute, CIECC	confirmed
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		f Geographical Science, Beijing Normal Uni	
13:30— 13:50	Keynote Speech 1:	Ouyang Zhiyun Director and Research Professor of Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences	The title is to be confirmed
13:50— 14:10	Keynote Speech 2:	Peng Fuwei Deputy Director-General of Department of Social Development, National	The title is to be confirmed
		Development and Reform Commission	
14:10— 14:30	Keynote Speech 3:	Yves Girault Professor of French National Nature & History Museum	The title is to be confirmed
14:30—	Keynote	He Qingcheng	The title is
14:50	Speech 4:	Professor; Vice President of Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences; Chairman of Asia Pacific Geoparks Network	to be confirmed
14:50— 15:10	Tea Break		
15:10— 15:30	Keynote Speech 5:	Chu Weidong Deputy Director-General of National Park Office, National Forestry and Grassland	The title is to be confirmed
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15:30— 15:50	Keynote Speech 6:	Mike Meadows Professor of Department of Environmental & Geographical Science, University of Cape Town	The title is to be confirmed
15:50— 16:10	Keynote Speech 7:	Yukio Himiyama President of International Geographical Union; Professor of Institute of Geography, Hokkaido University of Education	The title is to be confirmed
16:10— 16:30	Keynote Speech 8:	Wei Dongying Associate Professor of Faculty of	The title is to be

		Geographical Science, Beijing Normal University; President of Commission on	confirmed
		Geoheritage/Geoparks, International	
		Geographical Union	
Evening, October 9 Jingshi Hotel			
18:00—	Dinner		
20:00			
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Morning Session, October 10, Jingshi Conference Hall of Jingshi Xuetang Moderator of first part: Zhang Hequan, Deputy Director and Research Professor of Beijing Ecological Technology Research Institute, CIECC; State Council Expert for Special Allowance

Moderator of second part: Zhu Yanpeng, Associate Research Fellow of Research Center of National Parks, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences

9:00-9:20	Keynote	Li Junsheng	The title is
	Speech 9:	Research Professor of Chinese Research	to be
		Academy of Environmental Sciences	confirmed
9:20-9:40	Keynote	William Kyle	The title is
	Speech	Professor of University of Missouri-St.	to be
	10:	Louis	confirmed
9:40—	Keynote	Wang Bin	The title is
10:00	Speech	Director-General of National Marine	to be
	11:	Hazard Mitigation Service	confirmed
10:00—	Keynote	Subhash Anand	The title is
10:20	Speech	Associate Professor of Department of	to be
	12:	Geography, Delhi School of Economics,	confirmed
		University of Delhi	
10:20—	Tea Break		
10:40			
10:40—	Keynote	Wang Panyan	The title is
11:00	Speech	Vice-General Manager of China Urban	to be
	13:	Construction Design & Research Institute	confirmed
		Co., Ltd.; Professorate Senior Engineer;	
		Registered Urban Planner	
11:00—	Keynote	James B. Kracht	The title is
11:20	Speech	Professor of Department of Geography,	to be
	14:	Texas A&M University	confirmed
11:20—	Keynote	The Director of Shennongjia National	The title is
11:40	Speech	Park	to be
	15:		confirmed

11:40—	Keynote	Carole Murphy	The title is	
12:00	Speech	Professor of University of Missouri–St.	to be	
12.00	16:	Louis	confirmed	
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Afterno	oon Session,	October 10, Jingshi Conference Hall of Jing	shi Xuetang	
Moder	ator: Dr. Wu	Yupeng, Director-General of Research and	Consulting	
Off	fice, Beijing I	Ecological Technology Research Institute, C	CIECC	
13:30—	Keynote	Tian Junliang	The title is	
13:50	Speech	Deputy Director-General of Sanjiangyuan	to be	
	17:	National Park Administration	confirmed	
13:50—	Keynote	Liao Yongping	The title is	
14:10	Speech	Executive Deputy Director of Office of the	to be	
	18:	Leading Group for the National Park	confirmed	
		Establishment in Lishui; Director-General		
		of Lishui Forestry Administration		
14:10—	Keynote	Yu Zhenguo	The title is	
14:30	Speech	Director and Consultant of Research Lab	to be	
	19:	of Environmental Economics, Chinese	confirmed	
		Academy of Land & Resource Economics		
14:30—	Keynote	Dr. Habil. habil. Dávid Lóránt		
14:50	Speech	Dénes		
	20:	Professor of EötvösLoránd University,		
		Hungary		
14:50—		Zhang Hequan	The title is	
15:10		Deputy Director and Research Professor	to be	
		of Beijing Ecological Technology	confirmed	
		Research Institute, CIECC		
15:10—	Tea Break			
15:30				
15:30—	Round	Planning of National Parks		
16: 30	Table	Moderator: Wu Yupeng		
	Discussio	Special Guests:		
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15:30—	Round	Tourism and Popularization of Science of N	ational Parks	
16: 30	Table	Moderator: Wei Dongying		
	Discussio	Special Guests: Wang Xueyan, Li Zhen	peng (Senior	
	n 2	Engineers of Heritage Planning Center,		
		Housing and Urban-Rural Development)	·	
		Cai Jun (Professor of Beijing Forestry University)		
		Li Yuezheng (Professor of Liaoning Normal University)		
		Dong Ying (Senior Engineer of Environmental		
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# 3. NETWORKING

IGU-COG cooperated with UNESCO, IUCN etc. international organizations about geopark programs and also with some national government, like China Ministry of Land and Resources and Ministry of Housing and Rural and Urban Development, China Ministry of Environment Protection etc. to promote the education and protection of the geoparks. IGU-COG also cooperated with many local governments to promote the development of geoparks, like Xiuwu county in Henan Province, Shangrao City in Jiangxi Province, Taining county in Fujian province etc.

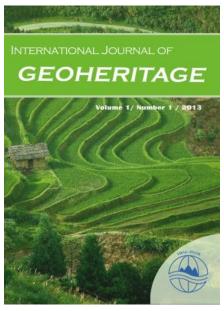
IGU-COG cooperated with Commission on Geography Education and Land Use and Coverage Commission in the past four years. IGU-CoG invited the members of Commission on Geography Education to attend the geopark meetings and conferences and discussed how to integrated Geography education in Geoparks. IGU-COG also has cooperated with LUCC on Environmental Map contest since 2004. IGU-COG encourages the middle school and high school students in China to participate in the environmental map contest organized by LUCC and gave some teachers training on it.

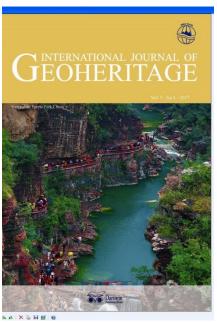
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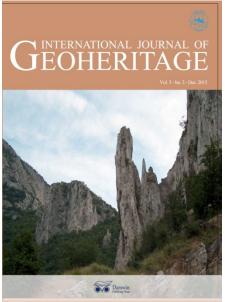
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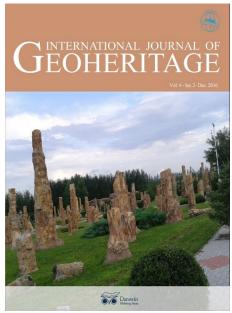
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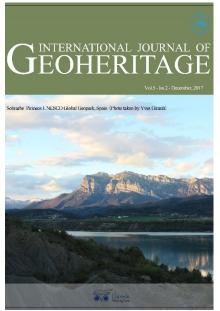














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- A. Name of the commission: Commission on Geoheritage.
- B. IGU-COG's mission: To promote the development of Geoheritage from the Geographical perspectives, and its detailed objectives are as following.

- (1) Communicate the role of Geoheritage as tools of education, recreation and nature conservation;
- (2) Further develop the concept of sustainability as applied to Geoheritage;
- (3) Communicate the importance of understanding a broad range of processes that affect the sustainable development of Geoheritage, including the natural environment, political, and socio-economic processes;
- (4) Communicate the results of the research by members of the Commission to various academic, industry and policy arenas in order to influence policy in an effective and appropriate manner.

#### C. WORK PLAN FOR 2019-2020

Commission (2016–2020) will continue to focus on the development of comparative studies on Geoheritage, tourism and corresponding social, economic, environmental and political change and will concentrate on the communication and transfer of research results in policy relevant terms to policy makers and industry as well as continuing the scientific publishing programme of the Commission. The Commission therefore seeks to continue its activities for the next four years as outlined in relation to its existing objectives. The planned activities are as the following.

All executive members are encouraged to participate in IGU congress in 2020.

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