

## Special Issue

### Selected Papers from the “14th European Geoparks Conference”

#### Guest Editors:

**Prof. Dr. João Carlos Nunes**

Departamento de Geociências,  
Faculdade de Ciências e  
Tecnologia, Universidade dos  
Açores, Rua Mãe de Deus,  
9501-801 Ponta Delgada,  
Azores, Portugal

joao.cc.nunes@uac.pt

**Prof. Ross Dowling**

School of Business and Law,  
Edith Cowan University, 270  
Joondalup Drive, Joondalup  
WA 6027, Australia

r.dowling@ecu.edu.au

**Prof. Dr. Maria Helena  
Henriques**

Departamento de Ciências da  
Terra, Faculdade de Ciências e  
Tecnologia (Polo II),  
Universidade de Coimbra, Rua  
Sílvio Lima, 3039-790 Coimbra,  
Portugal

hhenriq@dct.uc.pt

*Deadline for manuscript  
submissions:*

**31 March 2018**

#### Message from the Guest Editors

The 14th European Geoparks Conference (EGNAZORES2017) will take place at the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark ([www.azoresgeopark.com](http://www.azoresgeopark.com)), 7–9 September, 2017, with the theme “Geoparks: Pathways of Sustainable Tourism for Development” ([www.egnazores2017.com](http://www.egnazores2017.com)). The conference is deeply engaged with the United Nations declaration of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development; thus, contributing to promoting the UNESCO Global Geoparks, collectively, as sustainable tourism destinations, build new links between geoscientists from all over the world developing research on geoconservation with the international tourism market, and raising the profile and visibility of the UNESCO Global Geoparks among the main players in the tourism industry. The topics to be addressed in the EGNAZORES2017 include:

Geoparks and sustainable tourism  
Conservation, science and research  
Education, public awareness and communication  
Good practices in geoparks  
Engaging communities and networking  
Aspiring geoparks

#### Author Benefits

**Open Access:** free for readers, with article processing charges (APC) paid by authors or their institutions.

**High visibility:** Indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI - Web of Science), Scopus and other databases.

**Rapid publication:** manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision provided to authors approximately 26 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 6 days (median values for papers published in this journal in first half of 2017).