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### **IAG Working Group on Geomorphosites, period 2009-2013**

In Zaragoza, the IAG general assembly kindly accepted that the WG on Geomorphosites – created in 2001 in Tokyo – could continue its activities for a new 4-year period. During this time, we put to energy on several directions:

- Networking with other associations and working groups, both at international and national levels;
- Education of Master and PhD students, through the organisation of four intensive summer courses;
- Publication of results through four special issues of international journals and the edition of a thematic book written by WG members and edited by the chair of the WG.

The General Assembly of the IAG held in Melbourne in July 2009 accepted that the activity of the WG Geomorphosites could continue for a new period of four years (2009-2013).

Focus of the activities will be put on the three following themes:

- Methodological improvements in the domain of **geoheritage mapping and visualisation** (development of mapping legends, connection with classical geomorphological mapping, use of new communication and visualisation technologies). The workshop organised in Lausanne in 2008 showed the gaps existing in this domain and the needs of research. Several PhD theses are currently in work on this issue.
- **Integration of geoheritage issues in territorial management dynamics.** Policies concerning geoheritage conservation are very different from one country to the other. It is not the objective of the WG to participate to policy elaboration at the national level. Nevertheless, we think that a scientific WG could develop methodologies aimed at better integrate scientific knowledge on geomorphological heritage in the Environmental assessment processes and other territorial management tools.
- **Education at the University and School level.** We plan to continue the current activity held at the university level and to develop new ways of education at the school level (promotion of education on geomorphology).

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