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**Report of participation in the  
International Colloquium: Geomorphosites, lever of local socio-economic development:  
From European experiences to Maghrebian and African projects**

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Being geographer, geomorphologist at the Faculty of arts and Human sciences of Sousse (University of Sousse), holder of a doctorate in physical geography of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of Tunis (University of Tunis) and member of Geomorphologic laboratory of Settings, Environments and Dynamic's Cartography (CGMED) (University of Tunis), I'am interested, within the framework of my current researches, in the study of geosites and geomorphosites in the South of Tunisia. My proposal to participate in the colloquium of Beni Mellal by an oral communication, and to attend the intensive courses on geomorphosites, was accepted as well as my application for the grant offered by the International Association of Geomorphologists. I seize this opportunity to thank it very much.

My participation in the workshop and in the colloquium of Beni Mellal was particularly beneficial for me on several plans. Indeed, my training of geomorphologist allowed me to follow well the scientific contents of the works maintained during the workshop as well as the various oral communications presented during the colloquium.

These works and presentations allowed me to make more clear my knowledge and readings on the topic " Geomorphosites". Techniques and varied scientific methods used by the various researchers were clearly explained and presented. They allowed me to widen my knowledge on the various questions (Assessment, identification, classification, valuation, mapping...).

This participation was beneficial for me as well as the atmosphere in which took place the colloquium was very encouraging to begin scientific discussions with several researchers. These discussions did not take place only during the sessions of presentations but also during the spare times. In this respect I discussed with several researchers of varied universities and countries (Switzerland, Italy, Morocco, France, Germany, Spain, Canada). Discussions allowed me to establish contacts with many colleagues. We exchanged ideas, points of view and experiences of researches on applied aspects of geomorphology notably the researches on the topic "geomorphosites" and their scientific, educational and socio-economic valuation. We, also, approached the possible collaborations between our university and research laboratories. This shall allow, and it is the point of view of all the colleagues, to exchange experiences, to multiply and vary the research projects and to offer the opportunities to organize scientific manifestations which turn around "geomorphosites".

One month after the colloquium, my contacts with several colleagues, strengthen and ideas of collaborations begin to develop.