



Geoheritage and Geodiversity: Conceptual Developments, Extended Geographical Focus, and Practical Implications

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The research in geological and geomorphological heritage, its conservation and tourism exploitation has accelerated since the mid-2000s. The ideas of geodiversity and geopark networks have become widely-accepted, although still strongly-debated. A lot of theoretical developments, methodological advances, and case studies have been undertaken, with hundreds of papers published in scientific journals on regular basis. However, much work is yet to be done. For instance, geoheritage classifications have to be improved, broad agreement of what is geodiversity should be reached, geoheritage inventory in many countries needs initiation or intensification, etc. These are important perspectives for current and future investigations that will trigger permanent increase in the number of articles. Moreover, geoheritage is not only about peculiar minerals, fossils, and landforms. Ancient cultures and artefacts, soils and organisms, and human activity are also in the focus of geoheritage investigations.





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