



Gea Norvegica Geopark

## The 10<sup>th</sup> European Geoparks Conference

### Sustainability through Knowledge Communicating Geoparks

16. - 20. September  
Langesund, Norway

2<sup>nd</sup> CIRCULAR

[www.geanor.no](http://www.geanor.no)



The EGN conference in Norway is approaching, and it is time for some more practical information. Since the first program was published we have been forced to make some changes. As you will see the number of field trips is now four, please read more below.

An updated program will be found on our website. There will be minor changes; all presenters must update information about their presentation. At the moment the program “at a glance” is like this:

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	16.00-20.00	Registration
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	From 9.00	Registration
	10.00-12.00	Guided tour to Langøya, voluntary
	12.00-13.00	Lunch
	13.00-14.30	Session 1 Keynote session
	14.45-15.00	Music
	15.00-17.00	Official Opening
	17.30	Departures for Steinvika
	18.00-19.00	Official opening of Geopark Site Steinvika (outdoor)
	From 20.00	Dinner buffet at the hotel
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-10.30	Session 2 Keynote session
	10.30-11.15	Coffee and poster session
	11.15-13.00	Parallel sessions 3-6
	13.00-14.30	Lunch
	14.30-16.30	Parallel sessions 7-10
	16.30-17.00	Coffee and poster session
	17.00-18.00	Parallel sessions 11-14
	20.00	Conference dinner. Announcements of new GGN and EGN memberships and revalidations
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-10.30	Session 15 Keynote session
	10.30-11.15	Coffee and poster session
	11.15 -13.00	Parallel sessions 16-19
	12.30-14.00	Lunch
	14.00-15.30	Parallel sessions 20-23
	16.00-16.30	Coffee
	16.30	Closing ceremony
	20.00 -	Buffet dinner at the hotel
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Departures Field trip M1 and M2
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Departures Field trip T1 and T2

## **Oral presentations**

Keynote presentations will be given 30 minutes, including discussion. Other presentations will be 20 minutes, including discussion. The presentation format will be Power Point. If presenters need special equipment, please inform on beforehand. If a presentation is cancelled during the conference, it will be a break. This will make it easier for all participants to plan their attendance.

## **Poster presentations**

Poster format: max 88 x 117 cm. The walls are supposed to be soft covered.

## **Field trips**

All field trips will be full day excursions. Participants have to register for one field trip Monday and one field trip on Tuesday (if they are participating both days). Please check the webpage for more details. All trips will be a mix of geology/nature and cultural history, and you will be served local food during the trips.

### *Monday 19<sup>th</sup>:*

M1: Boat trip along the Telemark Canal. Visit at Ulefoss and the Fen Carbonatite Volcanic area. Culture and history along the trip.

M2: Boat trip along the coast to Jomfruland. Walk at Jomfruland island, the post glacial Ra-Moraine. Visit in Kragerø City Center.

### *Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>:*

T1: Roundtrip in the Precambrian and the Cambro-Silurian succession in Gea Norvegica Geopark. Cultural stops in Skien and visit to Porsgrund Porselen (china factory).

T2: Roundtrip in the southern part of the Oslo Rift; the Larvikite, the post glacial Ra-morain at Mølen, the Lågen valley and Siljan. Cultural stop at Kjærra Fossepark.

## **Travel to Norway and transfer from airport to venue.**

The venue for the conference is Langesund, about 2,5 hours drive from Oslo-Gardermoen airport. Most of you will arrive at this airport or Torp-Sandefjord (sometimes called Oslo Torp) airport. From Sandefjord to Langesund it is about 50 minutes drive. Normally we have a direct train service from both airports into the Geopark. Unfortunately due to construction work along the line just this September, we expect some problems. We will organize bus transfer for those of you that will arrive or depart during these problems. Depending on when you'll arrive you must expect to wait for some time at the airport. It will still be possible to use the train parts of the day, we will provide a schedule when we have travel information from all of you. There will be Geopark people at the airports to assist you. We still need flight information from some delegates to plan the transport, if you haven't sent your flight schedule, please do so as soon as possible to [mette@grenland.no](mailto:mette@grenland.no).

## **Weather in Norway in September – what to bring**

September may be warm and sunny, with chilly evenings. But it can also be very wet and quite cold, but it is normally way too early for snow! For outdoor activity we recommend a light jacket for rain and wind and some warmer clothes. To bring good shoes which can resist some rain is a good idea. Friday night we are having an outdoor event and to this event we will have to walk about 15 minutes. All the fieldtrips will also include short walks and time outdoor.

You can check the weather forecast on

<http://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Telemark/Bamble/Langesund/>

In case of problems with this link go to [www.yr.no](http://www.yr.no), search for Langesund in Bamble, Telemark.

## **Miscellaneous**

Norway is outside EU and certain regulations are due here. You are allowed to buy tax free when you arrive at the airports, before passing Customs. Please read more:

[http://www.toll.no/templates\\_TAD/Article.aspx?id=195294&epslanguage=EN](http://www.toll.no/templates_TAD/Article.aspx?id=195294&epslanguage=EN)

Cash machines/ATM can be found at the airports and in the center of Langesund. There will also be bank services and a few shops in Langesund. Walking distance from the conference venue is 15-20 minutes.

Smoking inside the hotel and conference venue is not allowed, according to Norwegian law. Please note that penalties for smoking in your rooms are quite high!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Gea Norvegica Geopark!

Greetings from Organizing Committee