

**Inaugural Global Geotourism Conference 2008**  
**PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**  
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<b>DAY ONE: REGISTRATION DAY SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2008</b>	
2.00pm	Registration Desk Opens
4.00pm	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> Welcome to Country by Indigenous Traditional Owners Introduction of Participants by Country
5.00pm	<b>WELCOME FROM HOSTS AND STAKEHOLDERS</b>
	Welcome to Conference Professor Ross Dowling, Conference Convenor
	Video Welcome to Australia and Official Opening of Conference The Hon Martin Ferguson AM MP Australian Minister of Tourism and Minister of Resources and Energy
	Welcome to Western Australia The Hon Sheila McHale MLA, Minister of Tourism
	Welcome from Edith Cowan University Professor Kerry Cox, Vice Chancellor
	Welcome from WA Department of Environment and Conservation Mr Keiran McNamara, Director General
	Welcome from Tourism Western Australia Ms Jennifer Duffecy, Executive Director Industry Development and Visitor Servicing
6.00pm	<b>Welcome Reception 6.00pm – 7.30pm</b>

<b>DAY TWO: MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2008</b>					
8.00am	Registration Desk Opens				
8.30am	<b>INTRODUCTION TO DAY TWO AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>		Convenor: Professor Ross Dowling		
8.45am	<b>SPECIAL ADDRESS</b>		<b>Geological Icons of Western Australia</b> Dr Phillip Playford, Geological Survey of Western Australia		
	<b>PLenary SESSION ONE: Managing Geotourism</b>				
9.15am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>		<b>Managing Landscapes</b> Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Tourism, New Zealand		
9.45am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>		<b>Lessons Learned from 100 years of Geotourism at Grand Canyon National Park</b> Mr Steve Martin, Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, USA		
10.15am	Morning Tea Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition				
11.00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION ONE</b>				
Theme	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Sustainability and Management</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Geoparks</b>	<b>Education and Interpretation</b>
11.00am	<i>Flinders Ranges Mountains of Memory geotourism project</i> <b>Lorraine Edmunds</b>	<i>Adding value to the geotourism experience on Kangaroo Island, Australia by using the heritage and tourism framework (HAT)</i> <b>Jane James</b>	<i>International Association for Geotourism</i> <b>Pavol Rybar and Tadeusz Slomka</b>	<i>The limestone coast and the mysterious sinkholes of the Kanawinka Geopark</i> <b>Ian Lewis</b>	<i>Integrating geology into ecotourism activities: enhancing the tourists' nature-based experience in the Kruger National Park, South Africa</i> <b>Vanessa Strydom</b>
11.20am	<i>Ediacara and Yea national heritage places: a case study of two national heritage listed fossil sites on different tenures</i> <b>Jane Ambrose</b>	<i>Pinnacles desert discovery - maintaining the magic of a Western Australian tourism icon</i> <b>George Watson</b>	<i>Marketing geotourism sustainably</i> <b>Angus M Robinson and David Roots</b>	<i>China's Mount Danxia Global geopark as a geotourism venue</i> <b>Young Ng</b>	<i>Interpretation - the key to making geology exciting</i> <b>Monica Yeung</b>

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11.40am	<i>Zonation of Iran's potential geotourism regions</i> <b>Bahram Nekuie-Sadry</b>	<i>Geotourism in Iceland</i> <b>Ross Dowling</b>	<i>Are we in danger of losing the 'geo' in geotourism? An assessment of the geological potential of selected sites in southern-central England</i> <b>Les James and Tom Hose</b>	<i>Takamatsu Crater for a locality as a national geopark in Japan</i> <b>Makoto Okamoto</b>	<i>Geotourism signage - the language problem</i> <b>C Rowl Twidale and Jennie Bourne</b>
12.00pm	<i>Lava tube cave tourism in Hawaii: two low impact models for visitation</i> <b>Lisa King</b>	<i>Building a sustainable tourism program on California Bureau of Land management Lands</i> <b>Danella George</b>	<i>Visiting show caves - Australia's oldest form of organised geotourism</i> <b>Steve Bourne</b>	<i>Australia's geological heritage: raising awareness at a national level</i> <b>Phil Creaser</b>	<i>Working hand in hand-geotourism site design and interpretation</i> <b>Gil Field and Tracy Churchill</b>
12.20pm	<i>Western Australian register of geoheritage sites</i> <b>F Ivor Roberts</b>	<i>Ultimate geotourism - rock climbers, scramblers and hill walkers</i> <b>John Watson</b>	<i>Maliau Basin in Sabah, Malaysia and its geotourism potential</i> <b>Felix Tongkul</b>	<i>Can geoparks be the tool for the future to bring protection for our geoheritage as well as a tool for public education?</i> <b>Mirjam Brohl and Bernie Joyce</b>	<i>Geological tours to meteorite impact sites -the Vredefort Dome and Tswaing Crater, South Africa</i> <b>Gavin Whitfield</b>
12.40pm	Lunch Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition Area				
<b>PLENARY SESSION TWO: Developing Geotourism</b>					
2.00pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>		<b>Public - Private Partnerships: A Solution for Geotourism</b> Mr Rob King, Managing Director, Stocks South Africa		
2.30pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>		<b>The Geology of Ireland: Providing a Catalyst for Sustainable Tourism Development</b> Mr Patrick Maher, Geologist, CSA, Ireland		
3.00pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>		<b>Geotourism in Oman</b> Mr Said bin Khalfan Al Musharfi, Director of the Product Development and Mr Andrew Lawrence, Adviser, Ministry of Tourism, Oman on behalf of His Excellency Mohammed Hamood Al-Tobi, Undersecretary of Tourism, Sultanate of Oman		
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition Area				
4.00pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION TWO</b>				
Theme	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Sustainability and Management</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Education and Interpretation</b>	
4.00pm	<i>Geotourism in Western Australia: a geological survey of Western Australia perspective</i> <b>Ian Tyler</b>	<i>Under the volcano - can sustainable tourism development be balanced with risk management?</i> <b>Jonathan Karkut</b>	<i>Geotourism in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia: an examination of the prospects for market development</i> <b>Aise Kyoung Jin Kim</b>	<i>Earthcaching: combining geotourism, learning and outdoor fun with the global positioning system and the internet</i> <b>Greg McNamara</b>	
4.20pm	<i>Geotourism - active geothermal and volcanic environments as tourist destinations</i> <b>Patricia Erfurt-Cooper</b>	<i>Managing tourists on the top of Australia: past, present and future challenges</i> <b>Catherine Pickering and Pascal Scherrer</b>	<i>The geotourism potential of South Africa - an overview</i> <b>Gavin Whitfield</b>	<i>Making Earth science relevant for students</i> <b>Morgan Foster</b>	
4.40pm	<i>Slovak Mining Road</i> <b>Pavol Rybar and Jacek Engel</b>	<i>Scope of geotourism in the Kaziranga National Park- Majuli-Digboi Circuit - the role of visitor management</i> <b>Pulama Deka</b>	<i>The Dawn of Life Trail - a geotourist window on early life in the Pilbara region of Western Australia</i> <b>Heidi Caldon</b>	<i>Network management: the case of the network history of the Earth</i> <b>Christof Pforr</b>	

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Theme	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Sustainability and Management</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Education and Interpretation</b>
5.00pm	<i>Geotourism in a small and remote rural community</i> <b>Andy Spate</b>	<i>Geotourism and nature conservation in the Slovak Republic</i> <b>Bartolomej Balaz and Pavol Rybar</b>	<i>Preparation of an applicable geotourism map for Firouzkouh region, Tehran, Iran</i> <b>Mohadeseh Majnoon</b>	<i>Caves and karst in Western Australia – fantastic geotourism sites</i> <b>Jay Anderson</b>
5.20pm	Close of Sessions – EVENING FREE			

**DAY THREE: TUESDAY 19 AUGUST 2008**

8.00am	Registration Desk Opens	
8.30am	<b>INTRODUCTION TO DAY THREE AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>	Convenor: Professor Ross Dowling
	<b>PLENARY SESSION THREE AND PANEL DISCUSSION: Geoparks</b>	
8.45am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>European and Global Geoparks Network</b> Dr Patrick McKeever, Principal Geologist, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland and Vice Coordinator, European Geoparks Network, UNESCO Global Geopark Network Bureau Member
9.20am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Australian Geoparks</b> Ms Joane McKnight, Chair, Kanawinka Geopark Board, and Coordinator, Australian National Network of Geoparks
9.45am	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Geoparks</b> Dr Patrick McKeever – Northern Ireland Ms Joane McKnight – Australia Professor Jiang Jianjun – China
10.15am	Morning Tea Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition	
	<b>PLENARY SESSION FOUR: Interpreting Landscapes</b>	
11.05am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Geotourism: Too Important to be Left in the Hands of Geologists</b> Professor Elerly Hamilton-Smith, Chair, Task Force on Caves and Karst, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, Australia
11.30am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Towards a History of Landscape Appreciation</b> Dr Thomas Hose, Principal Lecturer, School of Sport, Leisure and Travel, Buckinghamshire New University, England
12.00pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Interpreting Landscapes that Don't 'Speak to Us'</b> Dr David Newsome, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Science, Murdoch University, Western Australia
12.30pm	<b>Introduction to Field Trips and Conference Dinner</b>	Convenor: Professor Ross Dowling
12.45pm	<b>FIELD TRIPS DEPART</b>	
7.00pm	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	

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<b>DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2008</b>					
8.00am	Registration Desk Opens				
8.30am	<b>INTRODUCTION TO DAY FOUR</b>	Convenor: Professor Ross Dowling			
<b>PLENARY SESSION FIVE: Geotourism – Conservation and Development</b>					
8.45am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>What Price for our Geological Heritage?</b> Tom Perrigo, Chief Executive Officer, National Trust of Australia, Western Australia			
9.15am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Pictographs, Peaches and Jeep Tours: Navajo Lands and National Park Service Management at Canyon de Chelly National Monument, USA</b> Dr Cyd Martin, Director, Indian Affairs and American Culture, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, USA			
9.45am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	<b>Developing a World Class Geotourism Experience in the Outback</b> Mr Bram Collins, Managing Director, The Undara Experience, Queensland, Australia			
10.15am	Morning Tea Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition				
11.00am	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION THREE</b>				
Theme	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Resources, Sustainability and Management</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Widening the Scope of Geotourism</b>	<b>Education and Interpretation</b>
11.00am	<i>Rock of ages left for thee: a marathon leap backwards</i> <b>Marg Sprigg</b>	<i>Geotouristic potential of Poland</i> <b>Andrzej Solecki</b>	<i>Promoting geotourism in the national capital region of Canada</i> <b>Allan Donaldson</b>	<i>Prospects for linking geotourism with spiritual tourism - a case study from Assam, India</i> <b>Manjit Kumar Mazumdar</b>	<i>Role of small museums in geotourism and geoscience education</i> <b>Jennifer Bevan</b>
11.20am	<i>Volcanic environments of Australia as tourist destinations</i> <b>Patricia Erfurt-Cooper, Bruce Prideaux and Malcolm Cooper</b>	<i>The balancing act of mining and prospective geotourism in the banded ironstone formations of Midwest Western Australia</i> <b>Beth McKernan and Sue Hancock</b>	<i>Developing the geosites of the Kruger National Park, South Africa as a geotourism destination</i> <b>I C Schutte</b>	<i>Geoheritage and philosophy of Taoism in Longhushan Geopark, China</i> <b>Fang Ren</b>	<i>The essential role of interpretive guiding in ensuring understanding and conservation of sensitive geosites</i> <b>Daniel Cove</b>
11.40am	<i>Geo-wonderlands - mining, minerals and world heritage landscapes as assets for an innovative tourism offer in Tasmania's West Coast</i> <b>Mario Rimini</b>	<i>Tourism within the coastal limestone of Western Australia</i> <b>Jay Anderson and Anne Wood</b>	<i>Discovery trails to early earth - a travellers guide to the East Pilbara</i> <b>Martin Van Kranendonk</b>	<i>Rocks of ages - a visual presentation on the landforms of the Pilbara</i> <b>Cliff Winfield</b>	<i>Education of geotourism at the Technical University Kosice, Slovakia</i> <b>Pavol Rybar and Bartolomej Balaz</b>
12.00pm	<i>Geotourism in Kalgoorlie</i> <b>Norma Latchford</b>	<i>Recreational forests and geotourism in Peninsular Malaysia</i> <b>Mohd Shafeea Leman</b>	<i>Building on geology - a foundation for community tourism development</i> <b>Patrick Maher, Deirdre Lewis and Iain Copp</b>	<i>Geotourism, local geo-learning network and business opportunity: case study from Phrae Province, North Thailand</i> <b>Jarin Tulyatid</b>	<i>Linking dreaming, droving and driving in the centenary of the Canning Stock Route, Western Australia</i> <b>Ken Leighton</b>
12.20pm	<i>Geotourism potential in Vietnam</i> <b>La The Phuc</b>	<i>Sustainability of Geotourism</i> <b>Ashley de Vos</b>	<i>Yanchep National Park – a unique underground on Perth's doorstep</i> <b>Christie Mahony</b>	<i>Aesthetics in Geotourism</i> <b>Alireza Amrikazemi</b>	<i>"Fancy a swim in a warm tropical sea?" – well, it works for people in chilly damp England! A case study in interpreting 'boring grey rocks'.</i> <b>John Macadam</b>

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Day Four: Wednesday 20 August continues

12.45pm	Lunch Break and Poster Session in the Industry Exhibition Area			
2.00pm	<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>			
	<i>Geological heritage and the national heritage list</i> <b>Terry Bailey and Kirsty Douglas</b>	<i>Geosite interpretation</i> <b>Lorna Charlton</b>	<i>Assessing the efficacy of geological interpretation</i> <b>Dr Tom Hose</b>	<i>Geopark Development</i> <b>Dr Patrick McKeever and Joane McKnight</b>
2.45pm	<b>CONCURRENT SESSION FOUR</b>			
Theme	<b>Resources, Sustainability and Management</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Widening the Scope of Geotourism 1</b>	<b>Widening the Scope of Geotourism 2</b>
2.50pm	<i>Under the boardwalk tourism encounters with stromatolites: addressing the issues of stromatolite protection and visitor management</i> <b>Robert Burne and Rory Chapple</b>	<i>Riversleigh and beyond: geotourism in northwest Queensland</i> <b>Phil Creaser</b>	<i>Aspects of geotourism in South Korea</i> <b>Andy Spate</b>	<i>Rock tourism and the Black-Footed Rock Wallaby</i> <b>Alan Briggs</b>
3.10pm	<i>Volcanoes and human utilisation across the eastern Kanawinka Geopark</i> <b>Ian Lewis</b>	<i>Geological heritage resources of northern Sabah, Malaysia: potential for geotourism development</i> <b>Joanes Muda</b>	<i>Virtual geotourism: a satellite view of geological sites</i> <b>Angela Riganti</b>	<i>Wine on the rocks</i> <b>Peter Lane</b>
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Break and Poster Session - Industry Exhibition Area			
4.00pm	<b>SPECIAL ADDRESS</b>	<b>The International Association for Geotourism (IAGt)</b> Professor Pavol Rybar, Slovakia		
4.05pm	<b>OPEN FORUM - THE FUTURE OF GEOTOURISM</b>	A time for open discussion about Geotourism, its present status, current issues and future directions Chair: Professor Ross Dowling, Australia Dr Patrick McKeever, Northern Ireland with other panellists to be drawn from the conference		
5.00pm	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	Conference Overview Introduction to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Global Geotourism Conference 2010 Final Words – Convenor: Professor Ross Dowling		
6.15pm	<b>Farewell Drinks</b>			

Please note that the program is provisional and some changes can be expected as we draw closer to the conference.