

## Geoheritage NL

Geoheritage NL has similar objectives as ProGEO and was established in 1998. It has a Platform in which more than thirty organisations participate, that meets twice a year. In working groups products, events or discussions are prepared. Geoheritage NL is the Dutch representative of ProGEO in the Netherlands and keeps close contact with other European and international organisations on geoheritage and geodiversity. At the moment Geoheritage NL is coordinator of the EP on Soil Protection and Geological Heritage of the European Federation of Geologists.

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## Province of Drenthe

The province of Drenthe is responsible for many aspects in the field of spatial planning, the environment, landscape and nature, traffic and transport, the economy, welfare, health and culture.

The province co-operates with the two other northern provinces, Groningen and Frysân, in the Northern Netherlands Assembly (Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland, SNN). Furthermore, in conjunction with other Dutch and foreign governmental authorities, the province is engaged in various other partnerships that are oriented towards encouraging economic activities.

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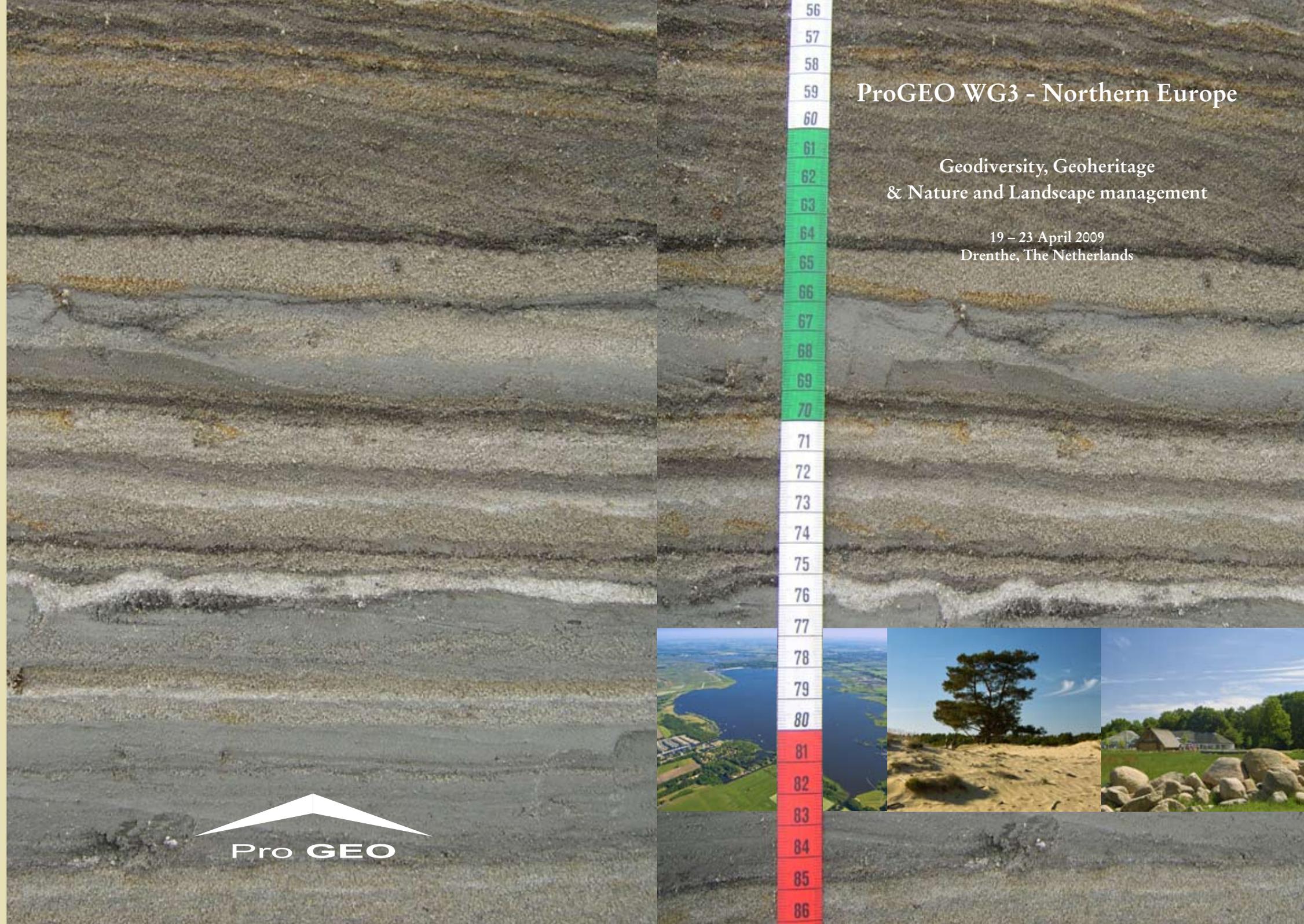
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## ProGEO WG3 - Northern Europe

Geodiversity, Geoheritage  
& Nature and Landscape management

19 – 23 April 2009  
Drenthe, The Netherlands



## Theme 1

### Climate change and nature development, peat-land and water management: challenges for geoheritage and geodiversity

Geoheritage is not only about conservation of our past Earth heritage and history but also about using the opportunities available to create new geoheritage and geodiversity, and its related biodiversity and landscapes.

## Theme 2

### Geodiversity - Biodiversity

The interactions between geology, geomorphology, soil and biodiversity are still poorly understood and a limited amount of research has ever been done into these interactions. Earth sciences for nature management purposes need further development.

## Theme 3

### Geoheritage, archeological and cultural heritage

Generally these heritage gems are geological, archaeological and cultural heritage are found together but recorded and presented in separate reports by scientists of these disciplines.

## Theme 4

### Geodiversity, landscape & spatial planning

The application of earth-science knowledge in spatial planning could be improved on in many European countries. A part of this session will be reserved for a discussion on the issue of professional certification and standardisation of procedures.

## Theme 5

### Geoheritage and geodiversity, education and tourism

Good, bad and interesting new examples of presenting geological heritage and geodiversity for the general public and children are presented and discussed in this session.

## Theme 6

### Geoheritage, geodiversity, cross-border and regional cooperation

In modern society communication with the region and stimulating cross-border cooperation are key issues. We are looking for interesting examples on cross-border and regional cooperation.

## Theme 7

### Geoconservation in lakes, seas and subsurface

Few people have studied geoconservation in lakes and seas and the geoheritage values of the subsurface. Geodiversity is probably as important for managing lakes, seas and oceans as it is on-shore.



## ProGEO, the European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage

### Invitation

The objective of the April 2009 ProGEO WG3 meeting and workshop is to promote national and combined activities related to the conservation of geoheritage and to sustainable management of geodiversity. The meeting will focus on seven themes. Persons or teams who have generated ideas or worked out plans related to these themes are invited to submit abstracts for oral presentations or posters. A selection of the presentations will be asked to write a paper for a Special Issue of the Journal Geological Heritage.

### Registration, abstract submission and other information

For registration, more information on meeting and themes, abstract submission and accommodation, see [www.progeo2009.drenthe.nl](http://www.progeo2009.drenthe.nl)

### Deadlines

Deadline for abstract submission is December 7, 2008, abstracts will be reviewed in January.

Early registration also closes on December 7, 2008.

### Workshops

There will be seven workshops, the themes are given on the opposite page.

### Provisional programme

Day 1 opening, thematic sessions, regional field trip 1, official welcome by the City of Assen; Day 2 thematic sessions, regional field trip 2;

Day 3 visit to Wadden Island Ameland; geoheritage, nature and coastal zone management;

Day 4 thematic sessions, presentations, business meeting, closing party.

### Post-conference field trips

Field trip 1: Dune and coastal peatland management, coastal geosites, Stelling van Amsterdam (fortification);

Field trip 2: River management and climate change, reactivation of drift sands for nature management, Veluwe geosites.

### ProGEO

ProGEO, the European association for the conservation of the geological heritage, was established as a formal European organisation in 1993. ProGEO has four working groups.

The objectives of ProGEO are:

- to promote the conservation of Europe's rich heritage of landscape, rock, fossil and mineral sites;
- to inform a wider public of the importance of this heritage, and of its relevance to modern society;
- to advise, in our countries and in Europe as a whole, those responsible for protecting our Earth heritage;
- to organise and participate in research into all aspects of planning, science, management and interpretation that are relevant to geoconservation;
- to involve all countries in Europe, into an exchange of ideas and information in an open forum, and contribute to conservation in a global setting, including the formulation of conventions and legislation;
- to work towards an integrated European listing of outstanding geoscience sites, thus enabling full support to be given to the work of other international bodies, as well as to national initiatives towards site protection;
- to achieve an integrated approach to nature conservation, promoting a holistic approach to the conservation of biological and physical phenomena.

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