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Geodiversity Workshop 4 Celebrating the International Geodiversity Day Geodiversity of Latin America & The Caribbean

To continue celebrating the International Geodiversity Day, our Association, with the support of IGD, International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks, Geoconservation Research and ProGEO, organised the Geodiversity Workshop 4 - Geodiversity of Latin America & The Caribbean on 28 May 2022 from 09:00 to 11:30 (UTC+8:00). We were very honoured to have four renowned speakers from Argentina, Brazil, Jamaica and Mexico to respectively present about the geodiversity of their area. The varied time zones did not deter the passion of our participants who came from different parts of the world.

We must give special thanks to our speakers who stayed very late at night or even until early next morning to share their interesting and insightful topics as well as their experience. The participants were very enthusiastic in asking questions which the speakers replied in great depth.

Due to the weak internet connections, Dr. Carles Canet was unable to answer the questions directly. Mr. Huangtao of Lushan UNESCO Global Geopark asked about the means, progress, and challenges of promoting geotourism in Mexico. Dr. Carles Canet replied *‘Geotourism is incipient in Mexico. During pandemics, Mexico became the 2nd most touristic country in the world, which, in part, could be explained by the lack of restrictions for visiting the country. Therefore, the "traditional" mass tourism model is very successful in Mexico for foreign visitors and, thus, alternative models such as that of geotourism are only minority and essentially for domestic (internal), highly-specialized tourism. However, the fact of being two UGGs (Comarca Minera and Mixteca Alta) in Mexico is triggering a new touristic approach. Mexican UGGs offer an alternative and promote a vocation change in small communities, offering an original model which progressively is being replicated.’*



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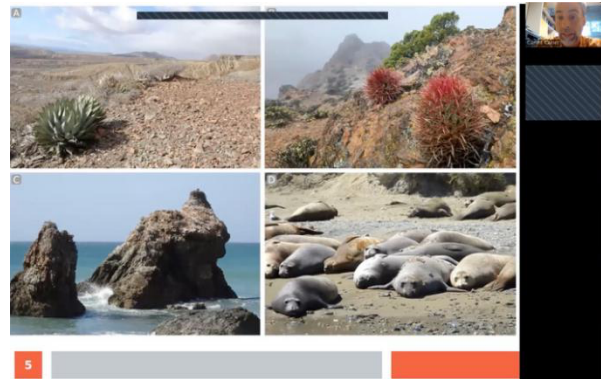
Prof. Andrea Coronato, National University of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, on **Geodiversity in Argentina, resources, state of the art and future**



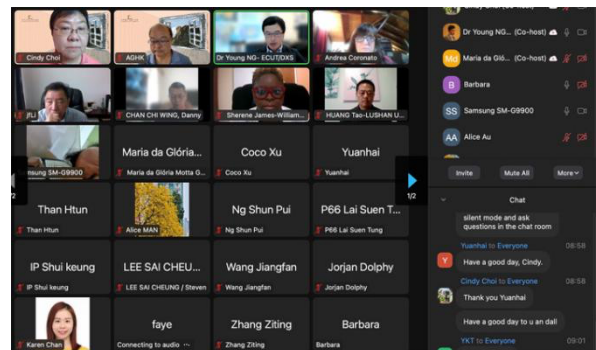
Dr. Maria da Gloria Garcia, University of São Paulo, Brazil, on **Geodiversity of Brazil**



Dr. Sherene James-Williamson, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, on **Geodiversity of the Caribbean**



Dr. Carles Canet, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico, on **Mexico, a mega (geo) diverse country: Learned lessons from the Comarca Minera UGGp**



Participants from different parts of the world.

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Our next online meeting will be in July, 2022 about Middle East and Arab's geodiversity. Details will be disseminated in due course. You are cordially invited to attend the workshop. Looking forward to your continual support.

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