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### ***Education:***

- ◆ Ph.D. in Geology and Geoparks Development  
University of Tras-OS-Mondes E Alto Douro, Portugal. ongoing
- ◆ Master of Science - Geography and Regional Tourism Planning  
University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran  
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- ◆ Bachelor of Science - Geology  
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran  
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### ***Careers and Positions:***

- ◆ **National**
  - Chair, Iranian Global Geoparks Network
  - Scientific Coordinator, Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark (since 2023)
  - Director, Qeshm Island UNESCO Global Geopark (2016-2023)
  - Chair, National Iranian Geoparks Network (NIGN) (since 2018)
  - Head, Geoheritage and Geopark Department, Geological Survey of Iran (2001-2016)
  - Vice-Chairperson, IGGP Committee, National Commission for UNESCO
  - Senior Advisor, Aras Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark (since 2017)
  - Senior Advisor, Tabas Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark (since 2018)
  - Member, Scientific Committee of the Lut Desert World Heritage Site
- ◆ **International**
  - Member, UNESCO Global Geoparks Council (2016-2018 and 2022-2026)
  - Senior Evaluator for UNESCO Global Geoparks
  - Member of APGN Advisory Committee (Since 2016)
  - Member of GGN Advisory Committee (Since 2016)
  - Member of the International Advisory Board for the Australian Geopark Network
  - Reviewer, Geoheritage Journal (Springer)
  - Member of the Editorial Board, Geoconservation Journal

### ***Work Highlights:***

- ◆ Pioneer of Geoheritage and Geopark Studies in Iran and the Middle East (since 2000)
- ◆ Founder and Project Manager of 3 UNESCO Global Geoparks in Iran (Qeshm Island, Aras & Tabas)
- ◆ Author and presenter of two successful applications for the IUGS 100 Geoheritage Sites of Iran, Zumaia, Spain, 2022

- ◆ Scientific Chair of 4 national and 2 international geoheritage and geoparks conferences, geological survey of Iran, Qeshm Island UGGp (2010-2017)
- ◆ Senior Advisor and project manager in 3 ongoing geoparks projects in Iran (Maku, Yazd, Sabzevar)

#### **Books:**

- ◆ ***Geotourism Atlas of Qeshm Island***, Geological Survey of Iran & National Geosciences Database of Iran, 2004
- ◆ Co-Author: ***Geotourism***, Ross Dowling & David Newsome, Elsevier Publication, 2006
- ◆ ***Atlas of Geopark and Geotourism Resources of Iran***, Geological Survey of Iran, 2010 (selected as the " book of the year 2010" by the Geological Society of Iran)
- ◆ ***Geoheritage Atlas of Iran***, Geological Survey of Iran, 2012
- ◆ Co-author: ***Volcanic Tourist Destinations***, Patricia Erfurt, Springer Publications, Australia, 2014
- ◆ ***UNESCO Global Geoparks and Iran's Outlook***, Geological Survey of Iran, 2017
- ◆ ***Geoconservation with emphasis on Iran***, Geological Survey of Iran, 2021
- ◆ Co-author: ***Geotourism of Middle East***, Springer, 2023
- ◆ Several books on geotourism and geopark in **Persian**

#### **Courses:**

- ◆ IOC-ICSU-IAEA-EU (UNESCO) Training Course on Marine Geological and Geophysical Data Management, Gelendzhik, Russia, 1997
- ◆ Intensive Course on Geodiversity and Geological Heritage Assessment, University of Minho, Portugal, 2009
- ◆ Intensive Course on Geopark Management, University of Aegean, Lesvos, Greece, 2011

#### **Expeditions:**

- ◆ UNESCO Evaluation Mission, Yangantao Aspiring Geopark, **Russia (2018)**
- ◆ UNESCO Revalidation Mission, Donhuang UGGp, **China (2019)**
- ◆ Networking Mission, Kula-Salihli Geopark, **Turkey (2019)**
- ◆ Lecturer, International Workshop on Capacity Building for UNESCO Global Geoparks, Khorat Aspiring Geopark, **Thailand (2018)**
- ◆ Lecturer, International Conference and Workshop on UNESCO Global Geopark, Caobang UGGp, **Vietnam (2019)**
- ◆ Keynote Speaker in the seminar: Capacity Building in Central Asia, Tashkent, **Uzbekistan (2021)**
- ◆ Evaluation Mission, Ida Madra, **Turkey (2022)**
- ◆ UNESCO Evaluation Mission, Merangin Jambi, **Indonesia (2022)**
- ◆ UNESCO Evaluation Mission, Raja Ampat, **Indonesia (2022)**
- ◆ Lecturer, Regional Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Langkawi, **Malaysia (2022)**
- ◆ Keynote Speaker, Round Table: UNESCO Global Geoparks, Opportunities & Potential in the Kyrgyz Republic, Tashkent, **Kyrgyzstan (2023)**
- ◆ Keynote Speaker, International Workshop on Geopark Management, Zonguldak, **Turkey (2023)**
- ◆ UNESCO Revalidation Mission, Muskau Arc UGGp, **Germany & Poland (2023)**
- ◆ UNESCO Evaluation Mission, Mount Changbaishan AUGGp, **China (2023)**
- ◆ UNESCO Evaluation Mission, Undoria UGGp, **Russia (2023)**
- ◆ UNESCO Revalidation Mission, Huangshan UGGp, **China (2024)**
- ◆ UNESCO Revalidation Mission, Leiqiong UGGp, **China (2024)**
- ◆ Lecturer, International Training Course in UNESCO Global Geoparks, Lesvos, **Greece (2024)**

- ◆ Keynote Speaker, UNESCO Global Geoparks Capacity Building Workshop, New Delhi, **India (2024)**
- ◆ Lecturer, The 8<sup>th</sup> International Training Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Xiangxi, **China (2024)**
- ◆ Lecturer, International Geoforum on UNESCO Geoparks for Sustainable Development and Cooperation, Almaty, **Kazakhstan (2024)**

### **Conference Presentations:**

- ◆ The 10<sup>th</sup> International Ecotourism Conference, Cairns, **Australia, 2002**
- ◆ The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Geological Congress **2004**, Florence, **Italy**
- ◆ GEOTOUR**2005** conference, Krakow, **Poland**
- ◆ The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference on Asia Pacific Geoparks, Langkawi, **Malaysia, 2007**
- ◆ The 3<sup>rd</sup> International UNESCO conference on Geoparks, Osnabruck, **Germany, 2008**
- ◆ The first Global Geotourism Conference, Fremantle, **Australia, 2008**
- ◆ The 4<sup>th</sup> International UNESCO conference on Geoparks, Langkawi, **Malaysia, 2010**
- ◆ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Geotourism Conference, Muscat, **Oman, 2011**
- ◆ The 5<sup>th</sup> International UNESCO Conference on Geoparks, Shimabara, **Japan, 2012**
- ◆ The 35th International Geological Congress, Brisbane, **Australia, 2012**
- ◆ The 13<sup>th</sup> European Geoparks Conference, Oulu, **Finland, 2015**
- ◆ The VIII International ProGEO Symposium, Reykjavik, **Iceland, 2015**
- ◆ The 14<sup>th</sup> European Geoparks Conference, Azores, **Portugal, 2017**
- ◆ The 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium, Zhiyindong, **China, 2017**
- ◆ The 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Adamello Brenta, **Italy, 2018**
- ◆ The 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Geoparks Network Symposium, Rinjani-Lombok, **Indonesia, 2019**
- ◆ The 7<sup>th</sup> APGN Symposium, Satun, **Thailand, 2022** (member of the scientific committee)
- ◆ The 16<sup>th</sup> European Geoparks Conference, Verbania, **Italy, 2022** (member of scientific committee)
- ◆ The 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Marrakesh, **Morocco, 2023**
- ◆ The 8<sup>th</sup> APGN Symposium, Caobang, **Vietnam, 2024** (member of the scientific committee)