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Nickolas C Zouros graduated with a PhD in Geology from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1993.

His main research interests are Physical Geography, Geodynamics, Structural Geology - Neotectonics, Mapping, Applied and Environmental Geology, Geological and Geomorphological Heritage – Geosites and Geoparks, Natural heritage management and sustainable local development.

He is Professor of the Department of Geography and he has teaching experience for more than 25 years at the undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

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He is Director at the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest since it's foundation in 1995.

He works for the management of the Lesvos Petrified Forest protected area, and the development of geo-conservation, as well as geo-education with special emphasis on geohazard awareness raising and sustainable local development.

Since 2004 works closely with UNESCO to promote and develop the Geopark concept in Europe but, increasingly, in other parts of the world as a member of the Bureau of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN for the period 2005-2015) and as non voting member of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council for the period 2016-2025).

He has carried out more than 50 Geopark evaluation missions in many countries.

He served as President of the Global Geoparks Network (2014-2025).

He was coordinator and researcher in a series of research projects on seismic hazard in the Aegean islands and neotectonic studies in Greece and abroad.

He is author of more than 100 scientific articles in international journals and conferences proceedings. Many of his publications focus on geoparks, earthquake geology, neotectonics and geohazard awareness raising.

He is Member of the Seismotectonic Commission and the Social Anti-Seismic Defense Commission of the Earthquake Planning and Protection Organization (EPPO) of Greece since 2012.

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