



**Geoparks Forum Ireland  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual Forum**

**AGENDA**  
**GSI, Dublin, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Afternoon**

**Chair : Dr. Peadar McArdle, Director GSI**

- 14.00 Geoparks – A Status Report: *Dr. Patrick McKeever (GSNI)*
- What are they?
  - What purpose do they serve?
  - What is UNESCO, its role?
  - Who are the Network Members?
  - What are the key membership criteria and application issues?
- 14.40 GSI Funding Support for Irish Applicants: *Dr. Patrick O'Connor (GSI)*
- 15.00 The Copper Coast Geopark: *Dr. Mike Sweeney (CCG)*
- 15.20 The Marble Arch Geopark: *Mr. Richard Watson (FDC)*
- 15.40 The Burren - Cliffs of Moher aspirant Geopark: *Ms. Carol Gleeson (CCC)*
- 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.20 Cooley - Mourne - Gullion aspirant Geopark: *Mr. Martin Carey (MHT) /  
Mr. Ron Murray (RoSA)*
- 16.40 Kerry aspirant Geopark: *Claire Blake Bohm / Mike Smith (KGL)*

**Chair: Dr. Garth Earls, Director GSNI**

- 17.00 Open Forum Discussion
- 18.00 Close of Forum