

GEODIVERSITY AND TOURISM IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

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The main objective of the research was to systematize part of the world scientific production about geodiversity in tourism context published in online journals between 2007 and 2016. Bibliometric methods were used as an instrument to organize and understand 37 articles analysis results. They show that most of these studies are published by the area of Geosciences and therefore tourism is only tangentially approached as a shaping element of tourist attraction. The analysis concentrates in nine articles in which the concepts appear more outstanding. As a conclusion, it is clear there is still a gap in the studies that would allow discussing tourist and geodiversity relation contributing to tourist destinations planning by increasing the integration / interaction with travellers.

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